Meeting Minutes
Hess Lake Improvement Board
Organizational Meeting
May 18, 2026
10:30 A.M.

Board Members Present: Bart Calvi, Dale Twing, Mark Slocum, Grant Bryan, Lori Tubbergen-Clark
Board Members Absent:
Also Present: Steffani Clayton, Rick Buteyn, Katherin Farwell, Nancy Calvi

1. The meeting was called to order by Calvi at 10:32 a.m.

2. Election of Officers
Clayton asks if there are any nominations for Chair. Motion by Twing, seconded by Slocum to keep all officers the same as 2025. Clayton asks three times if there are any other nominations. There were none. All ayes, motion carried.
Chairperson- Bart Calvi
Vice Chair- Grant Bryan
Secretary/Treasurer- Dale Twing

3. Approval of Agenda
Motion by Twing, seconded by Slocum to approve the agenda. All ayes, motion carried.

4. Approval of 9/23/2025 Meeting Minutes
Motion by Twing, seconded by Calvi to approve the 9/23/2025 meeting minutes. All ayes, motion carried.

5. Public Comment 2 minutes
None

6. Treasurers Report
Motion by Calvi, seconded by Slocum to approve the financial report. All ayes, motion carried.

7. Progressive AE update
Buteyn adds a proposal document to the packet. Buteyn explains the best way to know what nuisance plants are in the lake is to survey. Catfish cannot be removed from the lake, but carp can be removed. Progressive can conduct a fish survey and pull the necessary EGLE permit. They will use nets to catch and identify fish. This will track stocking success by determining if the fish are reproducing. Slocum mentions that a lake resident posted on the association Facebook page that they are seeing lots of minnows. Twing to call DNR to see if they will conduct a fish study. Progressive will hold off on the fish study pending the DNR response.
Motion by Tubbergen-Clark, seconded by Twing, to accept the Progressive proposal with the amendment that fish management services may be added later. All ayes, motion carried. Buteyn will amend the proposal and send to the board chair for signature.

8. Old Business:
    a. Fish stocking- Calvi states Bluegill, Crappie, and Perch have been stocked in the lake. Calvi will obtain a quote to stock more fish.
    b. Shoreline restoration- Buteyn submitted an EGLE permit for fish sticks. Discussion amongst the board on applying for a grant through FACF to fund the installation of fish sticks. Clayton asks about the floating plant boxes. Buteyn states they cannot be attached to the lake bottom but may be able to be anchored to docks. One landowner pulled a permit to add fish sticks to their shoreline. Motion by Tubbergen-Clark, seconded by Slocum for the board to fund a fish stick demonstration project. Roll call vote, Bart Calvi- abstain, Dale Twing- aye, Mark Slocum- aye, Grant Bryan- abstain, Lori Tubbergen-Clark- aye.
    c. Dam updates- Twing states there has been no action with the lake level structure. The Drain Office Maintenance Foreman thinks the dam structure by the sediment basin needs to be replaced.
    d. Incentives- Calvi asks about the incentive the Diamond and Brooks Lake Board are doing, if it is working and if people are utilizing the incentive. Clayton explains that landowners are taking advantage of the rebate and the incentive is working. Motion by Slocum, seconded by Calvi, to initiate a pilot program this year for a $100 rebate septic incentive June 1 through September 30, a cap at one hundred residents, and landowners can only receive the rebate every other year. All ayes, motion carried. The board will discuss septic replacement incentives at the next meeting.

9. New Business:
    a. Contract for services- Motion by Slocum, seconded by Calvi to adopt the contract for services. All ayes, motion carried. Contract signed.

10. Correspondence/Bills
    Motion by Calvi, seconded by Slocum to pay routine bills. All ayes, motion carried.

11. Miscellaneous
    None

12. Public Comment 2 Minutes
    None

13. Adjournment
    Motion by Calvi, seconded by Slocum to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.