

MINUTES OF THE
VAN NORMAN LAKE IMPROVEMENT BOARD
HEARING OF PRACTICABILITY AND HEARING OF ASSESSMENT

Wednesday June 25, 2025

5:00 PM

Oakland County Water Resources Conference Room

Attendees

NAME	TITLE (IF APPLICABLE)	REPRESENTING	CONTACT NUMBER	E-mail
Karen Joliat	County Commissioner	Oakland County	248-807-4379	joliatk@yahoo.com
Steve Hallman	Chair	Riparian Representative	248-935-6133	shallman@gmail.com
Joel Kohn	Secretary	Oakland County Water Resources	248-535-7653	kohnj@oakgov.com
David Hayward	NA	Independence Township	248-623-0123	dhayward@indetwp.com
Kim Markee	NA	Waterford Township	248-674-6266	kmarkee@waterformi.gov

Also Present: Jared Laughlin, Progressive AE

Absent: none

Call to Order:

Mr. Kohn called the Van Norman Lake Board meeting to order at 5:01 PM. Mr. Kohn stated that the meeting will be held in three parts. General Board items, a Hearing of Practicability to approve the proposed lake improvements and a Hearing of Assessment to approve using existing special assessment funds that were collected for contingency items to pay for the project. There will be public comment for each part.

Presentation of Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was presented by Mr. Kohn

Resolution: A motion was made by Commissioner Joliat seconded by Mr. Kohn to approve the meeting agenda

ADOPTED: Yeas 5, Nays – 0

Approval of April 8, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Meeting minutes from April 8, 2025 were presented by Mr. Kohn.

Resolution: A motion was made by Mr. Hallman, seconded by Commissioner Joliat to approve the meeting minutes from April 8, 2025

ADPOTED: Yeas – 5, Nays-0

Approve bills for publication of legal ads in the Clarkston News for the Notice of Public Hearings on May 28th and June 11th.

Resolution: A motion was made by Mrs. Markee, seconded by Commissioner Joliat to approve the bills for publication

ADOPTED: Yeas – 5, Nays-0

Pre-Approve bills for publication of legal ads in the Oakland Press for Notice of Confirmation that will be published after the hearings.

Resolution: A motion we made by Mrs. Markee, seconded by Commissioner Joliat to preapprove the bills for publication.

ADOPTED: Yeas – 5, Nays – 0

Mr. Kohn opened up the Hearing of Practicability at 5:05 PM. Mr. Kohn stated the estimated annual cost of the project is \$59,000 for aquatic plant control, lake management consulting and project contingency.

Affidavits were received verifying publication of legal ads run in the Clarkston News on May 28th and June 11th. A first class mailing was sent to each individual property owner on May 22nd.

The project would begin in 2026 and continue through 2030

Public Comment was opened

There were no letters to the board.

Lakefront owners at the meeting who would like to remain anonymous were concerned with weeds around there docks. They were also concerned with mooring poles around the sand bar of the lake that the poles would be hit at night as they were not properly marked. They were also concerned with non property owners of the lake being on the lake.

Mr. Hallman to look into the mooring poles.

Public Comment was closed

Resolution by Board Members

Motion that the Van Norman Lake Improvement Board determines, that the proposed project consisting of aquatic plant control is practicable, determines to proceed with the project and approves the cost estimate of \$59,000 and authorizes Progressive on behalf of the lake improvement board to publish a Notice of Determination of Practicability of the

project in the Oakland Press as required by statute. Moved by Mr. Hallman and seconded by Commissioner Joliat.

ADOPTED – Yeas – 5 , Nays – 0

Hearing Closed at 5:20 PM

Hearing of Assessment was opened at 5:21 PM

Mr.Kohn stated the Hearing of Assessment is to approve the use of assessment funds collected for contingency items to pay for the project on Van Norman Lake, to receive/hear any protests to the use of the funds and to allow individuals to approach the Board about the use of the funds for this project.

Affidavits were received verifying publication of the legal ads ran on May 28th and June 11th in the Clarkston News. A first class mailing of each individual property owner was mailed on May 22nd. Records to reflect that no letters received at the time of meeting for incorrect address or no forwarding address.

Cost Breakdown 2025-2030 Assessment Units with Annual Assessment as follows:

Lakefront (1 unit) = \$250

Apartment Dwellings (.25 units) = \$62.50 each

Canal Front (.4 units) = \$100 each

Back Lots with Access (.2 units) = \$50 each

Public Comment Opened at 5:22 PM

General questions and comments on how the units were derived.

Public Comment Closed at 5:39 PM

Resolution by Board Members

Motion for the Van Norman Lake Improvement Board adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, this Lake Improvement Board has conducted a Public Hearing on Assessment to confirm using existing Special Assessment funds collected for contingency items to finance the Van Norman Lake project;

WHEREAS, Individual Assessment Notices were sent by first-class mail on May 22, 2025;

WHEREAS, the Hearing of Assessment was advertised in the Clarkston News on May 28, 2025 and June 11, 2025, in accordance with Michigan Public Act 451 of 1994 and a copy of the advertisement has been placed in the official record

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lake Improvement Board for Van Norman determines that:

The contingency assessment funds will be used to finance the widening of the narrows project, at a cost not to exceed \$59,000 without Board approval.

The Secretary will have the required Legal Notice published in the Oakland Press

Motion moved by Commissioner Joliat, seconded by Mr. Hayward

ADOPTED – Yeas – 5 , Nays – 0

Hearing Closed at 5:40 PM

New Business

Proposal from Progressive Services for continued services.

Motion moved by Mr. Hallman, seconded by Mr. Hayward

ADOPTED – Yeas – 5 , Nays – 0

Meeting Adjourned at 5:55 PM

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS:
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Minutes of the Lake Improvement Board for Van Norman Lake, Oakland County, Michigan, held on the 25th of June 2025 and that the said minutes are on file in the Office of the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner and are available to the public.

I further certify that notice of the meeting was posted at least 18 hours before the meeting at the Office of the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner, which is the principal office for the Lake Improvement Board for Van Norman Lake

Joe Wyle

Joel Kohn Secretary
Lake Improvement Board for Van Norman lake