

**HEALTH OF HIGGINS LAKE
STEERING COMMITTEE – MEETING MINUTES
2997 E. HIGGINS LAKE DRIVE
ROSCOMMON, MI 48653**

WHEN: Tuesday, November 19, 2025
PLACE: Gerrish Township Municipal Center
PURPOSE: Regular Meeting

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Biggar present, Booser present, Teisen absent, Walker present, Ostling present, Chaney present

APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA

Motion by Walker, supported by Biggar that the agenda for the November 19, 2025 be approved.
The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF October 21, 2025 MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Biggar, supported by Walker that the minutes be approved as presented.
The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF October SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Motion by Booser, supported by Walker that the Sub-Committee Reports be approved.
The Sub-Committee Reports were unanimously approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND AGENDA ITEMS;

Old Business

No Comments.

New Business

1. Welcome Don Chaney to the Steering Committee.
2. **EGLE Grant Opportunity** – Ostling read the Grant Application document
APPROVAL to Authorize Interim Chairman Ostling to forward the Grant Application NPS Watershed Council/Capacity-Building RFP (FY 2026) to the Gerrish Township Board for their Action and Approval
Motion by Biggar, supported by Booser to Authorize Interim Chairman Ostling to forward the Grant Application NPS Watershed Council/Capacity-Building RFP (FY 2026) to the Gerrish Township Board for their Action and Approval.
The authorization was unanimously approved as presented.

Sub-Committee Reports

1. Science: Report was submitted. Ostling read the report.
2. Communication: Report was submitted. Gelderbloom read the report with an additional comment pertaining to their attendance at the Does Downtown event in Roscommon yielding additional contacts. Gelderbloom led a discussion about a possible survey in the future.
3. IT: Report was submitted. Panyard reports they are working a rolling funding resource calendar on NextCloud. Committee would like additional funding for projects that are not currently on the EGLE Grant estimate.
Funding: Report was submitted.

4. Roads: Report was submitted. O'Rourke reports that all the data has been collected for the Road Ends but suggested some of the parallel roads should be included in the report. It was decided to include them as an addendum. Committee would also like to see water testing at the road ends in the future. They will meet with Roscommon Road Commission to discuss future work on the road ends to mitigate erosion into the lake. They are in the process of digitizing the data collected.

5. Septic: Report was submitted. Ostling reports committee is in the process of drafting a septic ordinance. Once the draft is complete it will be forwarded to Gerrish Township Board. Once approved by the Board it will be forwarded to Planning Commission to make the formal ordinance.

Public Comments

Teresa Berde Korn asked if the request of \$40,000 from the EGLE grant was the maximum allowed. Ostling replied that the \$40,000 was the maximum allowed. Teresa Berde Korn asked if there is a plan for funding if we are denied the grant. Ostling replied we will keep looking for funding elsewhere.

Motion to Adjourn

Motion by Biggar, supported by Booser that the Board adjourn at 8:00 pm. The motion was unanimously approved.

Jim Ostling, Interim Chair