

## Portage Township Special Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2024 Approved Pat MacLachlan, Clerk

Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Supervisor Reed.

Pledge of Allegiance

Board members present: Reed, McKeage, MacLachlan, Abram and Holbrook.

14 members of the public were in attendance.

This Special Meeting was called to appoint a Portage Township board member to the Big Manistique Lake Delegated Authority.

Update given by Supervisor Reed as to the discussion and decisions made at the combined Luce County/Mackinac County Commissioners meeting held on Monday March 4, 2024 concerning the Big Manistique Lake Level and the creation of a Big Manistique Lake Delegated Authority. Clerk MacLachlan shared historical information about the previous Big Lake Dam Committee and special assessment district.

Public comments were heard.

-How will this affect the boat launches? Effect on South Manistique Lake?

-This is for the betterment of the area, but legal representation and decisions should be made at the local level.

-Dam appears to be in good shape, any repairs would not be expensive.

-The "Gordon Dam" on the South Lake was part of the old fish hatchery operation.

-The South Lake has issues with levels, too and should be addressed.

-Was anyone from EGLE at the Monday meeting?

**Motion Holbrook; support McKeage to appoint Don Reed as the Portage Township Board Member representative to the Big Manistique Lake Delegated Authority.**

**Holbrook-y, McKeage-y, Abram-y, MacLachlan-y, Reed-y**

**Motion carried.**

Motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m.