



**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
February 15, 2020
9:00 A.M. at Oakland Town Hall
N4450 County Road A, Cambridge WI 53523**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Jimmy DeGidio, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Board members present: Deb Kutz, Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Craig Kempel, Doug Maurer, and Walt Christensen. Absent: Keith Kolb, excused. Also present: Beth Gehred, Lake Manager. In audience Dave DeGidio, Jon Tilp and Roger Rude.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Approve Minutes of January 18, 2020 meeting

Maurer moved to approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Board on Jan 18, 2020, Second by Christensen. Passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Kutz distributed to the Board copies of the Treasurer's Report ending January 31, 2020. As of that date checking account balance was \$129,700. Income for the month was \$43,576.22 Town of Oakland tax payment #1 (of 3). An \$1100 Healthy Lakes Grant from DNR, CBCW advance payment of \$769.88, \$350.04 Village of Cambridge tax payment, a \$376 donation from Georgia Gomez-Ibanez to cover the costs of upgrades to Preserve signage and to pay for her registration at the Wisconsin Wetlands Conference and a \$30 reimbursement for cost share expenses from Shore Place. There was also \$104.39 in interest. Expenses were Kisow cost-share final payment, operational expenses for the District, and professional membership renewals that amounted to \$16,492. Kutz explained that she intends to pay office rent twice annually instead of monthly, for efficiency. There will be no fiscal impact for that change. Board indicated a good idea. End of year reports are not available this month due to health and weather causing delays with her training.

Gómez-Ibáñez moved to accept the treasurer's report and enter it into record. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried.

V. Lake Manager's Report and Correspondence –

Gehred highlighted activities as outlined in her written Lake Manager's Report. Most notable were the research into the watershed boundaries and make-up, and the mailing of Vol 27 I of Ripples. Other highlighted activities were the posting of the Field Tech position, updates to the District website, and the receipt of a draft Critical Habitat Designation report from Susan Graham as well as news that we'd been awarded our 2020 Large-Scale Lake Management Grant. This sets in motion the posting of jobs that will now be grant-funded, and will pay for this year's twice-monthly water monitoring, and studies.

VI. New Business

a. Lake Management Plan Update

Gehred summarized the work advancing the Plan Update. In addition to the District being named a recipient of a grant, Gehred handed out an ambitious timeline for getting written drafts to the Board for review. Gehred said that amendments may be necessary if the deadlines cannot be met; this was a best-case scenario outline.

- b. Discussion and possible action to work with Village of Cambridge economic development committee
After discussion, it was decided that some of the ways in which the District works best with the Village economic development committee are to continue with outreach and education, and to offer to show the Village how to run a native plant sale of its own with Agrecol, in order to help the Lower Koshkonong Creek watershed.

VII. Old Business

- a. Update on Legislative Action Alerts
Lake Manager reported out on the Clean Water Lobby Day at the State Capitol on January 30. Also updated the board on the Town of Oakland planning meeting taking place 7 pm, Mar 3 to advise the Town of Oakland whether to approve Conditional Use Permits for a non-metallic mine and asphalt plant to go on A-1 agricultural land on the northeast side of the watershed between Hope Lake Road and Bigelow Road. The District's role will be to educate the planning meeting and the Oakland Town board of effects this may have on Lake Ripley.
- b. Discussion and possible action on land purchase
Christensen moved to enter closed session for agenda items VI. (e) VII (b). Seconded by Gòmez-Ibàñez. At 10:00 am there was a roll call vote to enter closed session. Carried unanimously.

The meeting re-opened at 10:40 am.

- c. Discussion and possible action on closed session items.
None taken.

Adjournment

Christensen moved to adjourn. Second by Kempel. Meeting adjourned at 10:40 am.

Next meeting: March 21, 2020, with start time of 9 am, at the Oakland Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgia Gòmez-Ibàñez, Secretary
Recorder: Beth Gehred

Date February 15, 2020