



**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
November 17, 2018  
9:00 A.M. at Oakland Town Hall**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

At 9:00 am Georgia Gomez-Ibanez noted the presence of a quorum. Present were Keith Kolb, Mike Doman, Mike Sabella, and Walt Christensen. Absent and excused were Jimmy DeGidio and Craig Kempel. Gomez-Ibanez asked for nominations for someone to preside as temporary chairperson. **Christensen nominated Doman to be temporary chairperson, Sabella seconded. Motion passed.** Also, in attendance: Andrew Sabai (LRMD Lake Manager), Debbie and Rick Kutz, Roger Rude.

**II. Public Comment** There were no comments

**III. Approval of October 20, 2018 minutes. Motion Gomez-Ibanez to approve October minutes, second by Sabella motion passed.**

**IV. Treasurer's Report. Report for the month ending October 31<sup>st</sup>. Receipts for the month were \$60, total disbursements \$8,337. Unusual for October was the first bill for accounting services \$457 dating back to 2017, and \$338 to repair the pickup truck. We also paid Bruce Crump for summer weed harvest, enlarging the gate at the scout camp and brush cutter. Cash position is strong at \$122,168. **Kolb to approve Treasure's Report second Christensen, motion passed.** Sabella also stated that he reached out to our local bank and set up a meeting to discuss interest on the Districts accounts.**

**V. Lake Manager's Report**

- A. Sabai stated that stream monitoring continued with reduced frequency
- B. Lake planning continues and takes up a large portion of Sabai's time.
- C. Additional trail cameras have been purchased and placed the preserve. There are many deer, squirrels, and racoons photographed. Also of note were a badger, weasels, and a possible flying squirrel.
- D. Sabai noted that there have been several complaints about dog feces on the trail, and to a lesser extent otter feces on the boardwalk. He cleaned up the feces and installed a station that dispenses clean up bags and has a receptacle for feces. Sabella recalled that this had been a previous agenda item and was positive that the board had decided not to put up a garbage can. He asked who would empty the garbage. Sabai said that for now he had the responsibility and then discussed some alternatives to dog feces problem. Doman stated he thought that we should promote use of the preserve and that would include allowing people to bring their dogs. Sabella said that in previous discussion board members expressed concern about potential abuse of the facilities and arrange for emptying of the trash. He did not think it right to purchase and install without bringing it to the board. Kolb made a motion to leave the station as is, but Christensen noted that it was not an actionable item, because it was not on the agenda. Several board members stated the issue should be put on the next agenda.
- E. Sabai purchased a brush cutter noted that it worked very well. Safety equipment was also purchased that also be adequate for use with a chainsaw. Sabai and Christensen looked at an area of the preserve where a significant amount of cutting needs to occur. Christensen said that his walk behind mower would be able to cut some of it, but trees in the area had grown too big for that machine.
- F. Short term plans include: a wood cutting day Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, grant applications, and wetland planning
- G. Long-term plans include: updating the management plan, and wetland restoration

**Correspondence:** Roger Rude sent a note apologizing to the board and manager for words used at the October meeting. Sabai commented that he could tell Roger was frustrated, and was never out of line with his comments, but thanked him for the note.

Dale Namio and Rick Axzom stopped into the office to discuss protecting their properties from future development. Sabai discussed several options including purchase, donation, and conservation easements. Namio and Axzom are concerned about road construction if the properties are eventually sold and developed.

Sabai gave Sumner Matteson, DNR avian biologist, a tour of the preserve and discussed creating nesting habitat for endangered terns, and migrating shorebirds.

## VI. Old Business

### A. **Discussion and possible action on Lake District Preserve management fall/winter 2018**

Sabai presented information on endangered birds, common and Forster's Terns. These species are endangered in the state of Wisconsin due to a lack of nesting habitat. He showed examples of a previous project he started that provided Common Tern nesting habitat on retrofitted pontoon boats. He said that something similar could be done on the pond at the Lake District Preserve with Forster's Terns. We would make a deck-like structure out of wood and dock floats. The plan would be to purchase materials under the 2018 preserve budget and build the structure on the ice sometime this winter. Sabella asked about the size of the rafts, and what the floats would be made from. Sabai said that the raft could be 8x8 to 12x12, the floats would be the type made for floating docks, but old plastic barrels could also be used. **Motion Christensen that Sabai be approved to purchase materials to construct tern nesting habitat, second Gomez-Ibanez, motion passed.** Kolb. Kolb mentioned it would be better to use boards instead of plywood and would like to help if he is available.

## VII. New Business

### A. **Discussion and possible action on application for Wisconsin DNR Large-scale Lake**

**Planning Grant** Sabai noted that he had discussed this project at previous meetings and recapped that we would be seeking funds to gather data and distribute information and surveys for updating the Lake Ripley Improvement Plan. The goal is to finish the plan Dec 2019 to be eligible for a lake protection grant in Feb 2020. That is an optimistic timeline, so the grant period will run through Dec 2020 to allow for any delay. The grant would pay for additional water quality monitoring on the lake and stream, a user survey to taxpayers, and printing of the management plan. Sabella mentioned that we should get the survey out to everyone in the District. Doman asked what the survey consist of. Sabai said the survey would ask about the general opinion about Lake Ripley in regards to lake use and ecology. Christensen asked if the survey would be used to make management decisions. Sabai replied the survey is broadly used to determine management priorities. The grant requires a 33% match, which will be made up largely by the Lake Manager's time. Sabai estimated the total project would be approximately \$23,000 **Kolb motioned to approve the resolution (attached) approving an application for a state of Wisconsin Large-Scale Planning grant, seconded by Sabella. Resolution passed.**

### B. **Discussion and possible action on application for the Wisconsin Wetland Conservation**

**Trust Grant.** Sabai presented information on what a wetland/stream restoration project would look like, by showing examples of similar work. The goal of the project would be to modify the District's wetland in order to reduce the nutrient load of the inlet creek, thus improving the water quality of the inlet stream and therefore Lake Ripley. This stage of the grant would be a general first request for proposal, and would not cost the Lake District any funds. The next step would be for the state to invite us for a second request for proposal. That would be a detailed plan that would again require approval by the board, and may require the District some money to collect data or permits. This type of grant requires no match. The cost of the project depends on how much cooperation we can get from our neighbors. Doman asked if we will be testing after the project is completed. Sabai replied that we have been testing and that will continue during and after the project is completed. **Kolb motion for the lake manager to apply for the WI Wetland Conservation Trust Grant, second Gomez-Ibanez. Motion passed.**

**VIII. Adjournment: Christensen moved to adjourn, Gomez-Ibanez seconded, motion passed.**

Next meeting: December 15, 2018 (9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall).

Respectfully Submitted,

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Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Secretary                      Date  
Recorder: Andrew Sabai

**Large-Scale Lake Planning Grant Authorizing Resolution**

WHEREAS, the Lake Ripley Management District is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for the purpose of updating the Lake Ripley Improvement Plan (Lake Ripley Comprehensive Management Plan)

WHEREAS, the applicant attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations contained in the grant application;

WHEREAS, a grant agreement is requested to carry out the project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that

the Lake Ripley Management District will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the following officials or employees to submit the following documents to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources for financial assistance that may be available:

Task	Title of Authorized Representative	Email address and phone number if alternate is used
Sign and submit grant application	Lake Manager	<a href="mailto:ripley@oaklandtown.com">ripley@oaklandtown.com</a> 608-423-4537
Enter into grant agreement with the DNR	Lake Manager	<a href="mailto:ripley@oaklandtown.com">ripley@oaklandtown.com</a> 608-423-4537
Submit quarterly/or final reports to the DNR to satisfy the grant agreement, as appropriate	Lake Manager	<a href="mailto:ripley@oaklandtown.com">ripley@oaklandtown.com</a> 608-423-4537
Submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR no later than the date specified on the grant agreement.	Lake Manager	<a href="mailto:ripley@oaklandtown.com">ripley@oaklandtown.com</a> 608-423-4537
Sign and submit, other documents	Lake Manager	<a href="mailto:ripley@oaklandtown.com">ripley@oaklandtown.com</a> 608-423-4537

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that applicant will comply with all local, state and federal rules, regulations and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share agreement.

Adopted on 17th day of November 2018

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by Lake Ripley Management District at a legal meeting held on day of 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2018

Signature Georgia J. Gomez-Ibanez Date Certified November 17, 2018

Title: Lake Ripley Management District Secretary

