

**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2008**

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Board of Directors of the Lake Ripley Management District (LRMD) convened its regular monthly meeting at the Oakland Town Hall on April 12, 2008. Chairman Molinaro called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: John Molinaro, Mike Burow, Dennis McCarthy, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez and Gene Kapsner. Jane Jacobsen-Brown and Mike Sabella were absent. Also present were Paul Dearlove (LRMD Lake Manager), Gary Zibell (Cambridge Cable TV 12), and Kent Brown and Pam Dollard (Friends of the Preserve).

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

III. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes from the last meeting were distributed to the Board for review. *Gomez-Ibanez moved to approve the 03/15/08 meeting minutes without any additions or corrections, and was seconded by Burow. Motion carried 5-0.*

IV. Treasurer's Report

Molinaro postponed the Treasurer's Report to the May 10th meeting due to Treasurer Sabella's absence.

V. Lake Manager's Report

Dearlove distributed copies of his Lake Manager Report, phone logs, and other handouts related to his activities since the last meeting. Brief summaries were provided on the following activities:

- *Land acquisition:* Prospective donors continue to be pursued in an effort to raise additional funds for the land purchase next to the Preserve. An updated summary was distributed, including a draft press release and fundraising recommendations from the Friends of the Preserve.
- *Rain garden workshops/Native plant sale:* Planning for the rain garden workshops and native plant sale this June is well underway. An E-bulletin was disseminated as part of a larger publicity effort that generated some initial sign-ups.
- *Wisconsin Lakes Convention:* Preparations are nearly complete for a half-day instructional workshop on how community-based social marketing can be used for lake-protection purposes. Dearlove will be hosting the workshop along with Rick Chenoweth (UW-Madison), Bret Shaw (UW-Extension) and Paul Heiberger (LRMD intern).
- *Cost-share projects:* The Rank shoreline-stabilization project was successfully completed. In addition, an implementation plan and cost-share agreement was prepared for the Andersen shoreline-restoration project. The cost-share review committee plans to meet on 4/22 to evaluate and score additional projects.
- *Ripples newsletter:* It was announced that article submissions are now being accepted for the spring Ripples. Tentative newsletter topics were reviewed. The expected newsletter distribution date was set for mid-May.
- *Other news:* The designation of "critical habitat areas" on Lake Ripley will take place this summer with DNR. Also, the staff gauge used to track lake levels was taken out by the ice and will need to be reattached. In relation to water levels, Molinaro updated the Board on a proposed change to the 100-year floodplain elevation from 838' to 840'. He said he was currently involved in an effort, along with county zoning, to challenge the proposed change.
- *Dates of upcoming events:* Wisconsin Lakes Convention (4/17-4/20); prescribed burn at the Preserve (4/28); 'Adopt-a-Site' Litter Cleanup (5/10); rain garden workshops (6/17 and 6/21); native plant sale (6/21)

VI. Old Business

• **Financial pledges for land acquisition next to Lake District Preserve**

Molinaro summarized the status of pledged donations that currently total \$37,000. Current commitments included \$25,000 from Cambridge Foundation, \$5,000 from Ducks Unlimited, \$3,500 from Oakland Conservation Club, and a

\$3,500 matching donation from an anonymous contributor. He noted that the donations would be contingent upon the LRMD receiving a grant from DNR. He said he expected to know how our grant applications scored by late June.

- **Adoption of weed-harvesting operations plan**

Kapsner moved to adopt the weed-harvesting operations plan that Dearlove presented at the last meeting. Motion was seconded by Burow. Motion approved 5-0.

VII. New Business

- **Service-learning proposal to school superintendent**

Copies of a service-learning proposal developed by Gomez-Ibanez were distributed. Gomez-Ibanez explained that the proposal would involve a partnership between the LRMD and Cambridge High School. If approved by Superintendent Ron Dayton, interested high school students would be able to work on certain stewardship projects around the lake under her supervision. Projects would initially include assisting with the spring litter cleanup, performing rain garden installations, and helping with shoreline restorations. She said the proposal had been submitted and she was now awaiting a decision.

VIII. Correspondence

Copies of a letter dated April 12, 2008, from Greg and Mary Shafer were distributed to the Board. The letter was in regards to the proposed public land acquisition, indicating their continued interest in obtaining land surrounding their property at N4341 CTH A. They asked that the Board consider their request as the land acquisition is pursued.

IX. Adjournment

Burow moved for adjournment at 9:40 a.m., and was seconded by McCarthy. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting: May 10, 2008.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Jacobsen-Brown, Secretary
Recorder: PDD

Date