

**Lake Ripley Management District
Budget Hearing Minutes
August 29, 2009**

The Lake Ripley Management District budget hearing was called to order by Chairman Molinaro at 9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall. Board members in attendance: John Molinaro, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Mike Sabella, Dennis McCarthy, Gene Kapsner, Jane Jacobsen-Brown and Walt Christensen. Also in attendance: Paul Dearlove (Lake Manager), Gary Zibell (Cambridge Cable TV 12), Bill Ratzberg (harvester operator), Ann Molinaro, Kent Brown, Chuck Seeley and Dorothy Seeley.

The 2010 proposed budget was distributed to those in attendance (see attached). At Molinaro's request, Treasurer Sabella presented the budget and explained how it was developed. Sabella said the budget committee—consisting of Molinaro, Dearlove and himself—met on July 10th to go over the District's actual and projected revenues and expenses for purposes of developing the budget. He reviewed the committee's methodology, the nature of each budget and restricted fund category, and how the numbers for each line item were derived. It was explained that the requested budget for 2010 was \$116,888, which included a tax levy of \$112,888 and a \$4,000 carry-over from the current fiscal year. This translated into a tax levy increase of 2.1%. The hearing was then opened to questions and comments from those in attendance.

Chuck Seeley suggested showing the prior budget as a column on the presentation summary. Sabella replied that the format and content of the budget presentation is stipulated by Wisconsin State Statute reporting requirements. Sabella also felt it was more prudent to show the current year's actual revenues and expenses in relation to next year's budget. For comparison purposes, Molinaro noted that the prior budget approved for the current fiscal year could be found in last year's Annual Meeting minutes. These minutes were available to the attendees as a handout.

Bill Ratzberg requested that consideration be given to raising the wage rate given to the harvester operators for specialized mechanical repairs. He asked for the wage rate to be increased from \$15/hour to up to \$20/hour, depending on the particular employee's base wage rate. Following Board discussion on the matter, Molinaro agreed to put the issue on next month's meeting agenda. If an increase is later approved, it was the budget committee's opinion that the proposed harvesting budget would be able to absorb those extra costs, and that contingency funds can be used as a backup. Kapsner recommended separately tracking wages that go toward repairs and those that go toward routine cutting operations. No action was taken since the request would not likely require an amendment to the proposed budget.

Kapsner asked if there was money in the budget for gully repair at the Preserve. Molinaro responded that the money could come from the \$3,000 budgeted for Preserve maintenance, and/or from the expected farm rental income. Sabella said the expense, like the purchase of a new welcome sign, could also be considered part of our land-acquisition costs and covered through capital reserve funds.

Sabella moved to adjourn the public hearing at 9:50 a.m. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Jacobsen-Brown, Secretary

Date

Recorder: PDD

LAKE RIPLEY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
2010 BUDGET

	2008 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2009 JAN-JUNE <u>ACTUAL</u>	2009 JAN-DEC <u>ESTIMATED</u>	2010 PROPOSED <u>BUDGET</u>
Revenues:				
Real Estate Tax Levy	\$ 110,211	\$ 71,608	\$ 110,517	\$ 112,888
Grants	240,830	-	75,000	-
Interest Income	5,695	337	837	-
Carry-over	2,700	1,572	1,572	4,000
Other	1,107	2,048	4,006	-
Restricted Funds Transferred	<u>117,523</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>10,250</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	<u>478,066</u>	<u>85,815</u>	<u>202,182</u>	<u>116,888</u>
Projects:				
Staff Payroll/Fringes/Taxes	60,448	31,679	63,359	64,598
Landowner Cost Sharing	7,304	13,635	28,635	10,000
Weed Harvesting	6,749	1,506	5,314	5,775
Lake District Preserve	1,710	50	2,000	3,000
Special Programs	72	33	250	250
Conservation Easements	-	-	-	-
Grant Expenses	6,595	-	-	-
Preserve Restoration/Development	-	2,800	2,800	-
Insurance:				
General Liability	1,879	-	1,956	2,000
Marine & Truck	1,053	-	1,149	1,300
Worker's Compensation	923	918	918	950
Operations:				
Legal Counsel	574	-	-	3,000
Dues & Conferences	501	80	510	1,400
Office & Community Outreach	6,897	1,532	5,424	6,415
Contingency	1,000	-	1,500	1,500
Commissioner Stipends	4,700	2,450	4,900	4,900
Rent	1,800	1,050	1,800	1,800
Capital Reserve, Land/Equipment Acquisition	<u>408,254</u>	<u>674</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>510,459</u>	<u>56,407</u>	<u>130,515</u>	<u>116,888</u>
Balance	<u>\$ (32,393)</u>	<u>\$ 29,408</u>	<u>\$ 71,667</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Non-lapsible Fund:	Capital Reserve, Land & Equipment Acquisition	F.K. Elson Memorial	Friends of the Preserve	Floodplain Study	Lake Planning Grant	Preserve Restoration & Development
Est. Balance (12/31/08)	\$ 120,045	\$ 198	\$ 1,792	\$ 82	\$ 12,722	
Add. 2008 activity:						
Increase	288,209	5				
Decrease	-408,254			-82	-3	
Final Balance (12/31/08)	0	203	1,792	0	12,719	
2009 Est. Additions	92,250					\$ 3,000
2009 Est. Interest	50	1	9			
2009 Est. Expenditures	-42,524				-12,719	-2,800
Est. Balance (12/31/09):	\$ 49,776	\$ 204	\$ 1,801	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200