

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Lake Ripley Informational Tour for Oakland Town Board**  
**(Hosted by Lake Ripley Management District)**  
**July 29, 2003**

**I. Call to Order**

The informational tour was noticed and conducted according to Open Meetings Law. John Molinaro, Chair of the Lake Ripley Management District (LRMD), called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Lake District Preserve parking lot. Tour participants included John Molinaro (LRMD), Paul Dearlove (LRMD), Dennis McCarthy (LRMD), Ray Kisow (Town of Oakland), Lynn Anderson (Town of Oakland), Vern Davis (Town of Oakland), Linda Dieckhoff (Town of Oakland), Mike Cross (DNR Warden), Marian Korth and Dave Wolfram.

**II. General Overview of Watershed Management Goals, Projects & Challenges**

Dearlove and Molinaro led a half-hour tour of the Lake District Preserve, and provided a general overview of the LRMD's past and ongoing watershed-management activities. Topics included: prairie and wetland restorations, public access improvements at the preserve, the Lake Ripley Priority Lake Project, pollution-control and wildlife habitat enhancement efforts, and construction site erosion control, among others. No debate or action was taken on any discussion item.

**III. Drive to Public Landing and Board Boat for Lake Tour**

At 6:55 p.m., participants carpooled to the public boat landing and boarded a pontoon boat for a tour of the lake.

**IV. General Overview of Lake Management Goals, Projects & Challenges**

The boat tour of Lake Ripley started at 7:05 p.m. McCarthy operated the pontoon boat while Dearlove and Molinaro conducted the tour. Topics included: lake dynamics and scientific principals, weed harvesting, environmentally sensitive areas, existing lake rules, shoreline protection projects, conservation easements, recreational impacts to habitat and water quality, and lake-use concerns, among others. No debate or action was taken on any discussion item.

**V. Return to Public Landing for Tour Summary**

The tour concluded at 8:15 p.m., and participants were returned to the public boat landing. A summary was deemed unnecessary as there was sufficient boat space to accommodate all interested participants.

**VI. Adjournment**

Molinaro adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. at the public pier.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Paul D. Dearlove, Recorder

Date