

**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting Minutes  
May 19, 2012**

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

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on May 19, 2012. Chairman Molinaro called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Mike Sabella, Gene Kapsner, Jane Jacobsen-Brown, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, John Molinaro and Walt Christensen. Dennis McCarthy was absent. Also in attendance: Paul Dearlove (Lake Manager), Ed Grunden and Kent Brown.

**II. Public Comment**

There were no public comments concerning issues not already covered on the agenda.

**III. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting**

Draft minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed. *Gomez-Ibanez moved to approve the 04-21-12 minutes without additions or corrections. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 6-0.*

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Sabella distributed and reviewed copies of the financial report for the one-month period ending April 30, 2012. Receipts for the period amounted to \$11,206.38. They consisted of \$74.57 in interest income, \$687.13 for plant orders, a \$5,000.00 grant from Enbridge, a \$3,750 grant from Alliant Energy Foundation, and \$1,694.68 in real estate tax revenue. Disbursements totaled \$10,077.85, and generally consisted of staff wages, office and convention expenses, and contractor fees for Preserve-related planning work. A transaction listing was provided showing individual disbursements. Asset balances included \$200.00 in petty cash and \$183,254 in the demand checking account. *Gomez-Ibanez moved to accept the treasurer's report and enter it into the record. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 6-0.*

**V. Lake Manager's Report**

Dearlove summarized Lake District activities since the last meeting. Agrecol plant orders were received and distributed to participating residents. The orders went toward the creation of at least two new rain gardens and two shoreline restorations. Preparations were also made for the upcoming native plant sale hosted by LJ Reas Environmental Consulting. As for landowner cost sharing, letters were sent to 12 targeted property owners who were likely to qualify for federal wetland-restoration grants. The only currently active cost-share project was the Mar-Pohl shoreline. A landscaping plan and contractor bids would be brought to the June board meeting. Preliminary project proposals that may be the subject of committee review included three shorelines, two rain gardens, and one impervious surface (parking lot) removal.

The weed harvesting equipment was to be pulled out of storage next week. Cutting operations and on-the-water operator training would commence shortly thereafter. Ed Grunden and Sabella reported positively on the Aquarius training seminar, which Bruce Crump also attended. The training focused on plant identification, operational safety, and common repairs and preventative maintenance associated with the harvester. Sabella recommended that the weed committee be convened to discuss equipment needs.

Current and planned outreach efforts were reviewed. These included future educational seminars, doing 'Clean Boats, Clean Waters' outreach at the public boat landing, and plans for the summer Ripples newsletter. Other planned or upcoming projects included: 1) starting field work on the near-shore fishery assessment, 2) performing another shoreline inventory (piers, boats, condition assessments, etc.), 3) working with UW-Whitewater faculty to survey plant and animal communities at the Preserve, and 4) mowing and spot herbicide treatments to manage weed growth in the new prairie areas.

