

**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting Minutes
August 16, 2014
(Draft until approved at September 20, 2014 meeting)**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on August 16, 2014. Chairman Molinaro called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. Board members present at roll call: Jane Jacobsen-Brown, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Walt Christensen, Dennis McCarthy, Mike Sabella and John Molinaro. Jimmy DeGidio was absent during the call to order but joined the committee in closed session at 8:45. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Kent Brown, Rick Kutz, and Gary Ziebell of Cambridge Cable TV 98.

II. Closed Session [as per Wis. Statute §19.85 (1)(c) to consider staff-related employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data]

McCarthy moved to enter into closed session. Motion was seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. A roll call vote was taken by all members present agreed to enter into closed session.

Christensen moved to return the meeting to session. Motion was seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 7-0.

III. Discussion and possible action on Resolution 2014-4 seeking a 75/25% cost-share grant from the Wisconsin DNR for the control of a pioneer colony of non-native Phragmites (Phragmites australis ssp. australis)

Griffin commented the invasive plant characteristics and the impact it can have on wetland ecosystems. Griffin relayed information on the process of obtaining grant support for the phragmites stand located on Island Drive. Gomez-Ibanez inquired if cutting of the seed heads would occur this fall. Griffin indicated it was the first step and that possible herbicide application could also occur if permits and conditions are favorable. Sabella inquired on potential costs for this program. Initial assessment ranges costs from \$5,000 to \$10,000, but not all costs would be incurred this fall. More information on costs, timelines, and monitoring need to be finalized with a restoration consultant. Sabella questioned whether this stand was located on private land. Molinaro relayed that it is on private land, but the LRMD does hold an easement on it and further discussion is needed on a latter board meeting to discuss the particulars.

Gomez-Ibanez moved to approve the resolution seeking a 75/25% cost-share grant from the WDNR. Motion seconded by Jacobsen-Brown. Motion carried 7-0.

IX. Adjournment

Christensen moved for adjournment at 8:58 p.m. Motion seconded by McCarthy. Motion carried 7-0.

Next meeting: September 20 , 2014 (9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Jacobsen-Brown, Secretary Date
Recorder: LAG