

**Lake Ripley Management District  
Budget Hearing Minutes  
August 19, 2017**

(Draft until approved at 2018 Annual Meeting)

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, Michael Sabella, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Craig Kempel, Mike Doman, Jimmy DeGidio, and Walt Christensen. Also in attendance: Tom Hensel, Jack Spack, Marilyn Sabella, Jamiel Doman, Chris Parrinello-Peterson, Lisa Larson, Larry Gebhart, Mark Heynis, Rick and Debra Kutz, Adrion Larson, Michael Yankaitis, Curt and Jan Lumppp, Maureen Cacey, James Yackels, Mary Walter, Jane Renkes, Roger Rude, Ann Molinaro, Amy and Deke Dullere, Melissa Theur, Patrick Trainor, Liz and Ben Becker, Bob Gould, Charlie Haller, James Kocher, Janice Hoiby, Stephen and Melody Mar-Pohl, Craig and Mary Ellen Van Valin, Keith Zekind, Keith and Maureen Kolb, Maggie Kempel, Mary Heynis, Perry Thompson, Laura Thompson, Bill Trout, Gayle Rosbrough, Frank Roseborough, Richard Rumpf, Beverly Pieritz, Pat Gramme, Dilbert Whiting, Brian Halick, Lori Jensen, Nina Newpert, Robert Johnson, Katherine Gould, Polly Haller, Lawana Bowe and Judy Kocker.

The proposed 2018 budget was distributed to those in attendance (see attached). Molinaro noted that the budget committee met to draft the budget on July 10, 2017. The meeting had been noticed and was open to the public. Committee members consisted of Molinaro, Sabella and Griffin. Board Members Craig Kempel and Georgia Gomez-Ibanez were also in attendance. The proposed budget was reviewed by the Board on July 15, 2017, and then publicized via newsletter and a class II notice printed in the Cambridge News.

Sabella provided a detailed explanation of how the budget was constructed and presented. He reviewed how the numbers were derived as an estimate through the end of the year due to the timing requirements of the Annual Meeting. He reviewed the 2017 and 2018 amounts for each line item on the budget.

Sabella continued with detailed information on the increased budget needed in 2017 compared to 2016. An authorization to use \$10,000 of unrestricted funds was noted in the printed budget.

Seeing no other questions or comments, Molinaro adjourned the budget hearing at 9:55 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Secretary                      Date

Recorder: LAG

**Lake Ripley Management District  
Annual Meeting Minutes  
August 19, 2017**

**I. Call to order**

The Annual Meeting of the Lake Ripley Management District was called to order by Chairman John Molinaro at 9:56 a.m. on August 19, 2017, at the Oakland Town Hall. The meeting was preceded by a 9:00-9:55 a.m. budget hearing. Board members in attendance: John Molinaro, Michael Sabella, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Craig Kempel, Mike Doman, Jimmy DeGidio, and Walt Christensen. Also in attendance: Tom Hensel, Jack Spack, Marilyn Sabella, Jamiel Doman, Chris Parrinello-Peterson, Lisa Larson, Larry Gebhart, Mark Heynis, Rick and Debra Kutz., Adrion Larson, Michael Yankaitis, Curt and Jan Lumpp, Maureen Cacey, James Yackels, Mary Walter, Jane Renkes, Roger Rude, Ann Molinaro, Amy and Deke Dullere, Melissa Theur, Patrick Trainor, Liz and Ben Becker, Bob Gould, Charlie Haller, James Kocher, Janice Hoiby, Stephen and Melody Mar-Pohl, Craig and Mary Ellen Van Valin, Keith Zekind, Keith and Maureen Kolb, Maggie Kempel, Mary Heynis, Perry Thompson, Laura Thompson, Bill Trout, Gayle Rosbrough, Frank Roseborough, Richard Rumpf, Beverly Pieritz, Pat Gramme, Dilbert Whiting, Brian Halick, Lori Jensen, Nina Newpert, Robert Johnson, Katherine Gould, Polly Haller, Lawana Bowe and Judy Kocker.

A total of 62 eligible electors and property owners were present for voting purposes.

**II. Approval of 2015 Annual Meeting minutes**

Minutes of the August 20, 2016, Annual Meeting were distributed and reviewed by those in attendance. Molinaro asked for a motion from the floor to approve the minutes as written. ***Roger Rude moved to approve the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Mary Heynis. Motion carried unanimously.***

**III. Nomination of board candidates (names appearing on the ballot: Craig Kempel, incumbent, Mark Heynis and Keith Kolb)**

Molinaro asked if there were motions from the floor to nominate write-in candidates. No nominations were made. Ballots were distributed by Ann Molinaro, chair of the elections committee, for the purpose of filling two open positions. Additional space was provided on the ballot for write-in candidates. All eligible electors were asked to complete and submit their ballots to the elections committee so they could be tabulated.

**IV. Chairman's report**

Molinaro gave a description on the Lake District and his early work on the weed harvester prior and efforts to establish the Lake District. Molinaro continued on Lake Ripley's designation as a priority lake in Wisconsin. He commented on the purpose and management of the Lake District Preserve. He commented on the inlet stream and challenges faced. He mentioned the water quality testing and past studies conducted to gauge lake health and trends. He further relayed the education efforts conducted for an informed and engaged citizenry. Molinaro continued about adoption of ordinances and rules and the role in enforcement of these policies. He spoke of the formation of a volunteer monitoring group called Lake Watch who worked in partnership with the Town of Oakland Police.

Molinaro commented on the numerous partnerships that have been established to further Lake District goals. Special thanks was relayed to WDNR and UW-Extension offices. He thanked all residents, present and past Board Members, past and current staff, weed harvesting crews, and interns for their friendship and passion to protect Lake Ripley.

**V. Treasurer's report**

Sabella discussed his responsibilities as treasurer of the District which include paying expenses, issuing payroll and reporting requirements, and providing information on financial holdings during Board Meetings.

As per Section 33.29(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes, Sabella explained the Board's mandate to conduct an annual audit of the District's financial transactions. The audit can be performed either by an outside accounting firm or a chair-appointed citizen audit committee. A citizen audit was convened on July 10, 2017. Audit Committee members consisted of Debra Kutz (Chair) Jamiel Breit and Dave DeGidio. Sabella and Griffin were in attendance to present the accounting records and answer questions. Kutz was asked to read the audit meeting minutes and findings into the record (see attached). It was reported that the audit committee concluded that the financial records reflect properly, accurately and fairly the financial condition of the District for the year ended December 31, 2016. Sabella was commended on the thoroughness of the financial records and all his good work.

**VII. Discussion and possible action on other business that can be legally considered by the District**

Roger Rude commented that the July Town of Oakland meeting that touched on the difference between caring for the lake versus using the lake. He relayed concerns with the number of boats moored on piers and how to accommodate all the boats. Molinaro commented on the carrying capacity study that shows the lake routinely exceeds the carrying capacity. He continued that many times, lake users will self-regulate when recreational opportunities are stressed, but the Town of Oakland has enacted ordinances to help limit impacts to ecologically significant areas. He also referenced that this year hit a record of boats counted. Regulation of the number of boats allowed to enter the lake was also discussed.

Janice Hoiby raised concerns over the larger piers and mats that are being placed and questioned who regulates that. Hoiby also voiced concerns over erosion control issues with the Town of Oakland Road project. Molinaro commented on how the change in boat usage and types of craft found on the lake over time has changed the size of piers. He continued that the District relayed concerns to enforcement agencies, such as the DNR for further follow up. Molinaro also relayed how the District regularly informs the Town of resident concerns when issued to our office. Griffin followed up that discussion with the Town is ongoing and regular meetings are attended to remain informed of road progress.

**VIII. Approval of budget and tax levy**

Copies of the proposed 2018 budget were distributed (see attached). The budget was previously presented and discussed in detail during the preceding budget hearing. As currently proposed, the 2018 budget called for a \$122,916 tax levy. Molinaro requested any questions or comments on the proposed budget. No questions or comments rose from the floor. *Bill Trout moved to approve the budget in its entirety. Motion seconded by Jamiel Breit. Motion carried unanimously.*

**IX. Tabulation of vote and election of board members**

The ballots were tabulated by the elections committee. Upon completion of the tabulation, Ann Molinaro presented the findings to the chairman. There were a total of 62 completed ballots from eligible electors. Results indicated that 29 votes had been cast to Mark Heynis, 32 votes cast to elect Craig Kempel, 33 votes cast for Keith Kolb. Election results indicate Craig Kempel and Keith Kolb as Board Members.

**VIII. Adjournment**

*Molinaro moved to adjourn at 11:07 a.m. Motion seconded by Mike Sabella. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully Submitted,

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Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Secretary                      Date  
Recorder: LAG



**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
August 19, 2017**

**Immediately following Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting at Oakland Town Hall**

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

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on August 19, 2017 immediately following the Annual Meeting. Secretary Gomez-Ibanez called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. Board members present at roll call: Mike Sabella, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Craig Kempel, Mike Doman, Keith Kolb, Jimmy DeGidio and Walt Christensen. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Jameil Brie and Bill Trout.

**II. Election of Board Officers**

*Christensen nominated DeGidio for Chairman. Motion seconded by Sabella. Motion carried 7-0. DeGidio nominated Sabella for Treasurer. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 7-0. Sabella nominated Gomez-Ibanez for Secretary. Motion seconded by Doman. Motion carried 7-0.*

**III. Adjournment**

*Gomez-Ibanez motioned to adjourn at 11:15. Motion seconded by Kolb. Motion carried 7-0.*