

**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting Minutes
August 25, 2012**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on August 25, 2012. Chairman Molinaro called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Gene Kapsner, Jane Jacobsen-Brown, Mike Sabella, John Molinaro and Dennis McCarthy. Walt Christensen and Paul Dearlove (lake manager) were absent. Also in attendance: Rick Kutz, Kent Brown, and Gary Zibel and Leah Garrison of Cambridge Cable TV 98.

II. Public Comment

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

III. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

Draft minutes from the prior meeting were reviewed. *Kapsner moved to approve the 07-21-12 minutes without additions or corrections. Motion seconded by Sabella. Motion carried 6-0.*

IV. Treasurer's Report

Sabella distributed and reviewed copies of the treasurer's report for the one-month period ending July 31, 2012. Receipts for the period amounted to \$217.19, consisting of \$67.19 in interest earned and a \$150.00 donation to the Friends of the Preserve Fund. Disbursements amounted to \$12,852.00, and were mostly related to staff payroll, general office expenses, new tires for the Dodge truck, and grant-related costs related to a nearshore fishery survey. A transaction listing was provided documenting individual disbursements. Asset balances at the end of the period included \$200.00 in petty cash and \$149,480.00 in the demand checking account. One other item of note was the receipt of \$34.00 in exempt computer state aid. *Jacobsen-Brown moved to accept the report and enter it into the record. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 6-0.*

V. Lake Manager's Report

Molinaro provided some brief updates in Dearlove's absence. Phone logs were previously distributed. It was reported that harvesting is continuing unabated, with over 100 loads of weeds harvested to date, breaking all previous records. Keeping up with all the growth was an uphill battle despite the significant increase in harvesting hours and intensity. Many people are frustrated by the low lake levels, extensive plant growth, and the floating weed fragments that wash up on shore. Some people are choosing to dispose of this material at the Town compost site. As for current water quality conditions, McCarthy reported taking a 13-ft. clarity reading on August 18th. He explained that the average summer clarity reading was typically around seven feet. Zebra mussels and the lack of runoff due to the drought were among the likely factors contributing to the higher water clarity.

VI. Old Business

- **Review final scope of work and contractor bids, and approve cost-share amount for W9172 Ripley Rd. lakeshore restoration**

Molinaro noted that the landowner, Steve Mar-Pohl, was not in attendance as had been requested. Given his absence, no action could be taken due to pending questions pertaining to scope of work and related permitting requirements.

VII. New Business

Sabella brought up the question of future meeting dates. For the remainder of 2012, it was confirmed that regular board meetings were scheduled for October 20th and November 17th (9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall). December would be taken off. For 2013, Molinaro asked the Board to tentatively plan for meetings on the third Saturday of every month, with the exception of February which is taken off.

VIII. Correspondence/Announcements

- A letter was received from Mike Rumpf proposing that he place one of his beehives out at the Preserve to help pollinate the prairie wildflowers. The idea did not prompt any objections from the board. Molinaro said he could add the item as a future agenda item for further consideration.
- Molinaro received a call from Mike Burrow inquiring about the District's use of unrestricted funds in the proposed 2013 budget. Burrow previously served on the Lake District Board as a county appointee. Upon hearing the explanation, no additional questions or concerns were raised.
- McCarthy asked if any additional correspondence had been received regarding the outlet dam. Molinaro replied that Dearlove was still planning to try to set up a meeting with the new landowner to discuss the situation.
- Molinaro informed the Board that he made the tough decision to resign, after 33 years, as president of the Shore Place Homeowners Association.
- Kapsner indicated that a local property owner (Namio) was seeking to apply for a driveway permit adjacent to the DNR wetlands and inlet. He provided some background information on the property and said it might be an issue that comes before the District.

IX. Closed Session [as per Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data relating to staff; and as per Wis. Stat. §19.85 (1)(g) to discuss legal strategy with respect to possible litigation]

McCarthy moved to go into closed session at 9:32 a.m. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

X. Return to Open Session and Adjournment

Kapsner moved to return to open session at 10:15 a.m. Motion seconded by McCarthy. Motion carried 6-0.

Kapsner then moved for adjournment. Motion seconded by McCarthy. Motion carried 6-0.

Next meeting: September 8, 2012, at the Oakland Town Hall (8:00 a.m. budget hearing; 9:00 a.m. Annual Meeting).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Jacobsen-Brown, Secretary

Date

Recorder: PDD