

**Lake Ripley Management District
Budget Hearing Minutes
September 4, 2010**

The Lake Ripley Management District budget hearing was called to order by Chairman Molinaro at 8:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall. Board members in attendance: John Molinaro, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Mike Sabella, Dennis McCarthy, Jane Jacobsen-Brown and Walt Christensen. Gene Kapsner was absent. Also in attendance: Paul Dearlove (Lake Manager), Kent Brown, Shirley Teske, Ted Teske, Debbie Kutz and Rick Kutz.

The 2011 proposed budget was distributed to those in attendance (see attached). At Molinaro's request, Treasurer Sabella presented the budget and explained how it was developed. Sabella said the budget committee—consisting of Molinaro, Dearlove and himself—met on July 16th to review the District's actual and projected revenues and expenses for purposes of developing a proposed budget. The meeting had been noticed and was open to the public. He reviewed the committee's methodology, the nature of each budget and restricted fund category, and how the numbers for each line item were derived.

The requested budget for 2011 was \$125,425, which included a projected tax levy of \$118,775 and a \$6,650 estimated carryover from the current fiscal year. Most of the carryover (about \$5,000) was from a DNR grant that was partially allocated to cover payroll costs. If approved at the Annual Meeting, the budget would require a tax levy increase of \$5,887, or 5.2%. Additional detail and explanation were provided for any "unusual" revenues and expenses as compared to the prior year. Items of note included:

1. \$62,682 DNR grant for the Hoard-Curtis Scout Camp lakeshore restoration. Monies would pass through the non-lapsable Capital Reserve, Land & Equipment Acquisition account in 2010 and 2011.
2. \$1,800 to replace a failing engine on the weed-harvesting shore conveyor. These funds would be taken out of the Capital Reserve account.
3. \$3,800 to re-route trails at the Lake District Preserve, and \$2,000 expense for boundary markers. These funds would be taken out of the Capital Reserve account.
4. \$2,677 increase in staff payroll, taxes and fringe benefits.
5. \$1,500 increase for the Lake District Preserve to help cover a prescribed prairie burn and the maintenance mowing of newly-seeded prairie areas.
6. \$1,375 increase for weed harvesting to reflect a more aggressive cutting schedule.
7. \$2,200 increase for contingency to cover unanticipated expenses. Any unused amount would be carried over to 2012 to offset the required tax levy.

No questions, comments or recommendations were received from those in attendance. Molinaro moved for adjournment at 8:20 a.m. Motion seconded by Jacobsen-Brown. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Jacobsen-Brown, Secretary

Date

Recorder: PDD

**LAKE RIPLEY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
2011 PROPOSED BUDGET**

	2009 <u>ACTUAL</u>	2010 JAN-JUNE <u>ACTUAL</u>	2010 JAN-DEC <u>ESTIMATED</u>	2011 PROPOSED <u>BUDGET</u>
Revenues:				
Real Estate Tax Levy	\$ 110,517	\$ 72,866	\$ 112,888	\$ 118,775
Grants		5,000	5,000	
Interest Income		374	750	
Carry-over	1,572	4,000	4,000	6,650
Other	<u>4,824</u>	<u>1,977</u>	<u>3,934</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	<u>116,913</u>	<u>84,217</u>	<u>126,572</u>	<u>125,425</u>
Projects:				
Staff Payroll/Fringes/Taxes	63,358	32,488	64,977	67,275
Landowner Cost Sharing	16,663	7,509	10,000	10,000
Weed Harvesting	6,456	2,310	7,156	7,150
Lake District Preserve	5,180	2,566	3,000	4,500
Special Programs	112	--	--	250
Insurance:				
General Liability	1,956	--	2,200	2,300
Marine & Truck	1,149	--	1,350	1,400
Worker's Compensation	918	919	950	950
Operations:				
Legal Counsel	--	--	3,000	3,000
Dues & Conferences	410	55	400	1,400
Office & Community Outreach	4,391	3,203	6,330	6,800
Contingency	1,097	162	1,500	3,700
Commissioner Stipends	4,650	2,400	4,800	4,900
Rent	1,800	1,050	1,800	1,800
Capital Reserve, Land/Equipment Acquisition	<u>10,000</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>10,000</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>118,140</u>	<u>52,662</u>	<u>117,463</u>	<u>125,425</u>
Balance	<u>\$ (1,227)</u>	<u>\$ 31,555</u>	<u>\$ 9,109</u>	<u>\$ --</u>

Non-lapsible Fund:	Capital Reserve, Land & Equipment Acquisition	F.K. Elson Memorial	Friends of the Preserve	Preserve Restoration & Development
Est. Balance (12/31/09)	\$ 49,776	\$ 204	\$ 1,801	\$ 200
Add'l. 2009 activity:				
Increase				
Decrease	(2,016)			(200)
Final Balance (12/31/09)	47,760	204	1,801	0
2010 Est. Additions	73,012			
2010 Est. Interest	225	1	9	
2010 Est. Expenditures	(63,012)			
Est. Balance (12/31/10)	\$ 57,985	\$ 205	\$ 1,810	\$ 0