

**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting Minutes  
April 22, 2017**

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

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on April 22, 2017. Chairman Molinaro called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Board members present at roll call: John Molinaro, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Craig Kempel, Mike Doman, Jimmy DeGidio, and Walt Christensen. Mike Sabella was absent. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Amy Gebhart, Debbie and Rich Kutz, and Jameil Breit.

**II. Public Comment**

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

**III. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting March 18, 2017**

Draft minutes from the March 18, 2017, meeting was reviewed. *DeGidio moved to approve the March 18, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 6-0.*

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

The Board was provided copies of the treasurer's report prior to the meeting. The reports consisted of a Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (balance sheet), a Statement of Revenues and Expenses, Actual-to-Budget/Budget-Remaining Statement, and a General Ledger through March 31, 2017. Molinaro requested that questions be forwarded on to the district office which can be relayed to the treasurer for any further clarification needed. Christensen inquired if the format for the financial reports are a requirement. Molinaro replied that this format has been used to conform to required annual meeting budget formats. Molinaro further commented on the praises received in the clarity of our financial records.

**VI. Lake Manager's Report**

Griffin relayed the release of the Spring 2017 Ripples, herbicide work performed in the preserve to combat invasive species, updates on cost-share projects and a meeting of the cost-share committee meeting. A call for the Clean Boats-Clean Waters internship has been made. Donations have been received for the DNR wetland purchase from Pheasants Forever and the Oakland Conservation club. Griffin relayed that we are still awaiting a response on the grant award for Healthy Lakes. Lake monitoring occurred for spring turnover and the fall 2016 sediment sample did not indicate any spiny water fleas present. The Aquatic mechanical harvesting permit was submitted to the DNR. Griffin also commented on her attendance to the Wisconsin Lakes Convention and information gathered. Mike Doman who also attended the Convention spoke of some components he learned while there. Molinaro relayed the need to burn the rain garden and asked for volunteers. DeGidio asked for further information on the lake elevation gauges and what kind of monitoring that could be done in regard to carp. Griffin also provided a Healthy Lakes Plaque for the establishment of their native garden.

**VI. Old Business**

**A. Discussion and possible action on Possible DNR Lands for Sale within the Watershed**

Molinaro discussed the grants and donations received thus far and other avenues towards financial support of this effort. He further discussed that we've raised over 50% of the purchase price through donations but this does not include any management needs, and that we'll continue to solicit for donations to help defray those costs. Contacts he's had with neighboring properties of this land have been supportive of our procurement of the property.

**B. Discussion and possible action on cost-share project scoring for prior cost-share projects**

Molinaro relayed that the cost-share committee met to review projects that requested cost-share consideration for a previously cost-shared project. In this instance there was not group consensus with the award for points to be issued. Direction was asked from the Board on how to allocate points to a previous cost-share project outside of requirement maintenance timeline for when the practice was implemented, and how to include this in the scoring process. DeGidio discussed the transition in the program from newly installed projects to review of projects for previously awarded cost-sharing.

- A. **Closed session: Discussion and possible action [as per Wis. Statute §19.85 (1)(g) conferring with legal counsel to review legal opinion concerning lake protection and the WDNR Waterway permit IP-SC-2016-28-04055] Doman moved to enter into closed session as per Wis. Statute §19.85 (1)(g) conferring with legal counsel to review legal opinion concerning lake protection and the WDNR Waterway permit IP-SC-2016-28-04055. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Roll call vote 6 ayes, 0 noes.**
- B. **Return to open session.**  
**DeGidio moved to enter into open session. Motion seconded by Christensen. Roll call vote 6 ayes, 0 noes.**
- C. **Discussion and possible action on WDNR Waterway Permit IP-SC-2016-28-04055.**  
Molinaro discussed the parameters of the pier permit application and location for the proposed pier. He further relayed the historic relevance of the area in regard to past litigation, Town of Oakland ordinance adoption and numerous studies conducted. He relayed the proposed date for the DNR public hearing to be May 3, 2017 at 1 p.m. at the Oakland Town Hall. Board Members Molinaro, Gomez-Ibanez, Christensen, Kempel, Doman and DeGidio all made comments in their concern of the impacts of this pier. DeGidio inquired if the property owners could access adjacent community piers? Property owners indicated a no to his questions. Further discussion occurred between the property owner and the Board on existing piers, their impact, and degree of fairness for existing versus new piers to be considered. Molinaro requested that Griffin read into record the opinion of Dave Marshall, retired DNR employee who conducted the sensitive area designation for this area, "What is the point of having designations if destructive activities are allowed. That's why I can't see a value in participating in a hearing that's designed to allow to fragment and destroy important habitat, especially in this case. Just because offshore property owners cannot cooperate in the use of an existing pier that was permitted to serve that development."

**IX. Correspondence/Announcements**

- 03/24/2017 Electrofishing summary for 2016-Travis Motl new WDNR fisheries biologist
- 04/02/2017 Submission of Trapper Harvest reporting form
- 04/03/2017 Travelers Insurance notice of policy non-renewal
- 04/04/2017 Notice from Cambridge Foundation of \$20,000 pledge
- 04/13/2017 Notice from Kempel to seek reelection on the Board for a second term

Molinaro announced that he had contacts with a property owner with concerns to the work conducted on the west side of Hwy A in the woodland areas.

**X. Adjournment**

*DeGidio moved for adjournment at 11:10 a.m. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 7-0.*

Quorum may be present at public hearing: May 3, 2017 (1 p.m. at the Oakland Town Hall)  
Next meeting: May 20, 2017 (9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall).

Respectfully Submitted,

-----  
Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Secretary                      Date  
Recorder: LAG