

**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting Minutes  
January 10, 2015**

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

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on January 10, 2015. Chairman Molinaro called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present at roll call: John Molinaro, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Walt Christensen, Craig Kempel, and Jimmy DeGidio. Jane Jacobsen-Brown and Mike Sabella were absent. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Jim Kelter, Dave DeGidio, Rick Kutz, Isaiah Fisher of Cambridge Cable TV 98, and Tristan McGough of Cambridge News.

**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 November 15th meeting was reviewed. *Christensen moved to approve the November 15, 2014 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 5-0.*

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Molinaro relayed that Sabella was absent due to medical reasons. A review of end of year and current budget items will be reviewed at the next scheduled meeting. Molinaro commented on historic conditions of Lake Ripley and the procedures required in the formation of the Lake District. Molinaro continued with historic information on properties that were annexed to the Village of Cambridge since the formation of the District and discrepancies of inclusion of said parcels within the Districts taxing jurisdiction. Molinaro reviewed current tax levy amounts and historic inclusion of Village of Cambridge properties in LRMD taxing jurisdiction. Molinaro stated that an open records request was received by Donn Trieloff. Molinaro concluded with a review of procedures required to request detachment from the district, the frequency of detachment requests, and reference of past detachment petitions.

**VI. Lake Manager's Report**

**Activity Highlights**

- 11 Welcome letters distributed to new area landowners
- Research on levy and detachment
- CBCW 2015 grant award \$2,025
- Phragmites RFP control completed and distributed
- Site visits with Phragmites RFP contractors
- Ripples Fall/Winter edition distributed
- Landowner contacts on Healthy Lakes Grant
- Riprap guidance for Porter Park 1<sup>st</sup> Edition easement area/permit submitted
- Trapping program amendments
- Contacts for the sale of weed harvesting equipment
- Obtained sign permit for Preserve signs from Jefferson County-no charge
- Water quality/Beach E.coli data entry and analysis
- Landowner Incentive Committee Meeting 1/05/2015

**Near-Term Plans**

- GHA implementation meeting Town of Oakland Jan 13 4-6 p.m.
- Follow up on preserve maintenance, winter burn schedule, inclusion of Willow removal in wetland 2.
- Prepare grant application of AIS control to address phragmites
- Continue outreach for Healthy Lakes Initiative and possible inclusion with Ripley Rewards

## VI. Old Business

### **A. Discussion and possible action on Board Member Retirement Recognition**

Molinaro requested that this item be addressed at the next scheduled meeting.

### **B. Discussion and possible action on Outreach Methods and Goals**

Griffin compiled information in regard to our outreach budget and other methods of promotion. Discussion continued on the need of color for the newsletter to help lower the cost. Molinaro requested that this item be addressed at the next scheduled meeting.

### **C. Discussion and possible action on Monogram Apparel**

Molinaro requested that this item be addressed at the next scheduled meeting.

### **D. Discussion and possible action on Trapping permit application/Program Amendments**

Griffin provided amendments to trapping guidance. Griffin relayed that many of these amendments were suggested by DNR Warden Ryan Ellifson and that other amendments were from prior board motions.

Molinaro informed the board of a dog and trap incident that resulted in Ellifson conducting a site visit to the preserve. Discussion continued on the frequency of checking traps and if any amendments were needed for item #6. Jim Kelter relayed his concerns of the LRMD Board governing the species to be trapped. *Christensen moved to postpone any decision until the next Board Meeting. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 5-0.*

## VII. New Business

### **A. Discussion and possible action on Preserve/Restoration Consulting Proposal**

Griffin presented a proposal provided by Jay Settersten of Settertech LLC in regard to consultation services for preserve upkeep and maintenance considerations. Molinaro request that we delay this consideration until we can confer with the treasurer on where these additional costs could be funded through.

### **B. Discussion and possible action on Phragmites RFP Bids**

Due to a commitment to go into closed session at 10:15 a.m. this item was addressed after the closed session. Griffin provided information on 3 bids received for control of phragmites. Griffin stated that all bids were responsible and responsive. Griffin also relayed that per state statute and DNR grant guidance, consideration to be taken to the lowest bidder. *Christensen moved to accept the bid from EC3 for \$7,091.33. Motion seconded by DeGidio. Motion carried 5-0.*

### **C. 10:15 a.m. Closed session[as per Wis. Statute §19.85 (1) (a) Deliberating concerning a detachment case which was the subject of any judicial or quasi-judicial trial or hearing before that governmental body; as per Wis. Statute §19.85 (1) (g) conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body]**

**Molinaro requested a roll call vote was taken to enter into closes session. All Board members present accepted to enter into closed session.**

Discussion included the review of prior detachment proceedings. Conference with William O'Conner, legal counsel, commenced via teleconference.

*Gomez-Ibanez motioned to return to open session. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 5-0.*

*Molinaro moved that William O'Conner draft a letter to Donn Trieloff. Motion seconded by DeGidio. Motion carried 5-0.*

## IX. Correspondence/Announcements

- 11/17/2014 Zoning and Land use permits for W9263 Ripley Road and W8849 Deer Run Trail.
- 12/01/2014 Generous donation received in memory of Marilyn Krenz from Dr. Robert Krenz, and James/Cathy McGaughey
- 12/01/2014 letter from Jane Malischke (WNDR) on award of 2015 CBCW grant request.
- 12/17/2014 Correspondence to Travis Olson
- 12/22/2014 Fall Electrofishing Summary Report 2014
- 12/23/2014 Correspondence to Lake Pointe Limited for Phragmites control
- 12/23/2014 Correspondence to Doug and Valerie Nelson for woodland burn

**X. Adjournment**

*Christensen moved for adjournment at 11:15 a.m. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 5-0.*

Next meeting: March 21, 2015 (9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall).

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jane Jacobsen-Brown, Secretary                      Date  
Recorder: LAG