

**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting Minutes  
May 16, 2015**

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

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on May 16, 2015. Chairman Molinaro called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present at roll call: John Molinaro, Mike Sabella, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Walt Christensen, Craig Kempel, and Jimmy DeGidio. Jane Jacobsen-Brown was absent. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Rick and Debra Kutz, Gary Zibell 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 April 18th meeting was reviewed. *Gomez-Ibanez moved to approve the April 18, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 6-0.*

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Sabella distributed to the Board copies of his treasurer's report. The report consisted of the one month period ending April 30, 2015. Receipts for the period amount to \$1,929.37 and include interest of \$89.41, a liability insurance refund of \$54.00, and an advance disbursement of \$1,785.96 from a DNR AIS control grant for phragmites removal. Disbursements for the period amounted to \$118,482.57. The majority of the amount was due to the final payment of weed harvesting equipment for \$113,245.00 and a \$2,000.00 payment for cut and removal of phragmites. The balance in the checking account is \$101,564.00. *Gomez-Ibanez moved to accept the treasurer's report and enter it into the record. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 6-0.*

**VI. Lake Manager's Report**

- New equipment delivered and training 05/04
- CBCW training at TOA Town Hall 05/06
- Lianna Spencer CBCW internship started 05/13
- Compiled warranty information on replacement vehicles
- Wisconsin Lakes Convention 04/23-25
- Monitoring
  - Tree fall conditions/suggestions from various partners
- Grants and Awards
  - Weed harvesting equipment grant complete
  - Post-Watershed-Restoration Stream Evaluation awaiting analysis
- Outreach
  - Ripples Spring edition 05/07/2015
- Preserve
  - Site visits for woodland burn, project bids, restoration recommendations
- Cost-share
  - Homeowner and DATCP partner contacts on gabion project (Ripley Road)
  - Janice Hoiby asked for maintenance assistance

**Near-Term Plans**

- Follow up on preserve maintenance
- Continue outreach for Healthy Lakes Initiative and possible inclusion with Ripley Rewards

- Cambridge Market 05/19/2015
- Coordination tour of the Lake for Town of Oakland and LRMD Board commissioners and shoreline taping
- Kyle Walley internship

Griffin discussed a communication sent by Tom Lorden requesting to move the buoy line in East (Milwaukee) Bay. It was recommended that enhancing enforcement in that area should be sought.

## **VI. Old Business**

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

Griffin provided a sample of shirts and design for consideration. Gold USA made shirts with no pocket, black lettering will be provided for the weed harvesting crew and volunteers. Asked for modifications of the design to include an outline and not filled in lake design. *DeGidio moved to purchase 12, gold colored, American made t-shirts without a pocket. Motion seconded by Sabella. Motion carried 6-0.*

### **B. Discussion and possible action on Trapping Permit Application/ Program Amendments**

Griffin relayed information provided to her by WDNR Wildlife biologist Mark Witecha on ways of quantifying populations in the preserve area. Mark suggested a method of gauging trapping effort could be used. However, this trapping effort does not take into account outside environmental pressure that could have impacted population size. Direction was given to Griffin to modify the form to include the number of traps to gauge trapping effort as an index and propose it to the DNR and to include dog proof traps.

### **C. Discussion and possible action on Board meeting frequency**

Discussion commenced on upcoming meeting dates. Future months that meetings will be held are March, April, May, June, July, August, October, and December. Dates scheduled through 2015 are: June 20, July 18, August 22 (Budget/ Annual), October 17, and December 5. December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting will primarily include planning for activities to be conducted during winter. *Sabella moved to accept the meeting schedule and future monthly frequency as discussed. Motion seconded by DeGidio. Motion carried 6-0.*

### **D. Discussion and possible action on Legal Representation**

A review of the status of legal representation and that current files are held with Westrick. A CV was provided by Brent Brantmeier for consideration. *Christensen moved to accept Ben Brantmeier as LRMD legal representation on an as needed basis. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 6-0.*

### **E. Discussion and possible action on Replacement of Dump Truck/Dodge Dakota**

A review of warranties and types of vehicles found for sale within the prior motion was discussed. Sabella commented that warranties seemed restrictive. Kempel suggested a review of the vehicle is needed prior to purchasing. Sabella review our financial status and funds available for a purchase price. *DeGidio moved to purchase a vehicle for up to \$20,000 to include a topper. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Discussion continued on the use of the necessity of a cab. DeGidio made an amendment to his original motion stating the vehicle purchased should be American made. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Discussion continued on the components of vehicles and places they are made. Motion carried 5-1 with Sabella opposed to priority of American made vehicles vs purchasing the best truck for money allotted regardless of brand.*

## **VII. New Business**

### **A. Discussion and possible action on Standing Committee Nominations**

A review of committee nominations was conducted. The weed harvesting committee will include Sabella and Jacobsen-Brown and add Craig Kempel in the open spot. Dave DeGidio and Walt Christensen also offered to their assistance. Sabella indicated that he would resign on this committee if others were interested in serving. Molinaro requested verification that Jacobsen-Brown is available to serve. Other standing committees remain unchanged.

### **B. Lakes Convention Report**

Molinaro relayed his experience of the Lakes Convention. He commented on plenary speakers and the tone of the conference, lake project funding, and potential legislative impacts to programs. Craig Kempel spoke of some of the discussion groups he attended and the learning opportunities. Griffin commented on networking potential and her ability to meet many of the partner participants she's worked with in her first year.

### **C. Lake District Preserve Tour**

The Board met in the Preserve parking lot to take a tour and discuss management objectives. Dave DeGidio provided logistical support via the use of his Gator.

**IX. Correspondence/Announcements**

- 05/11/2015 Email from Tom Lorden asking to move slow-no-wake buoys in east bay due to erosion
- 05/12/2015 Email from WDNR on priorities for water quality protection set through 2017.

**X. Adjournment**

*Sabella moved for adjournment at 12:00 p.m. Motion seconded by DeGidio. Motion carried 6-0.*

Next meeting: June 20, 2015 (9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall).

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jane Jacobsen-Brown, Secretary                      Date  
Recorder: LAG