

**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2015**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on June 20, 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, Jane Jacobsen-Brown and Jimmy DeGidio. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Rick and Debra Kutz, and Kent Brown.

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 May 16th meeting was reviewed. *Christensen moved to approve the May 16, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Sabella. Motion carried 7-0.*

IV. Treasurer’s Report

Sabella distributed to the Board copies of his treasurer’s report. The report consisted of the one month period ending May 31, 2015. Receipts for the period amount to \$2060.51 and include interest of \$44.20, and real estate taxes \$2,016.31. Disbursements for the period amounted to \$11,835.16. The majority of the amount was due to the final payment of for the woodland burn for \$3,555.00 and \$1,030.00 payment for the Ripples. The balance in the checking account is \$91,790.00. *DeGidio moved to accept the treasurer’s report and enter it into the record. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 7-0.*

VI. Lake Manager’s Report

- Drain Campaign (June12-14)
- Submitted DNR permit for the TOA request for an additional buoy
- Kyle Whalley intern projects:
 - Residential vs non-residential lakeshore properties
 - Remap preserve trails/duck boxes/ kiosks
 - Additional projects
 - Phragmites mapping
 - Easement/cost share properties

Total Homes	Resident	Non-resident
141	58	83
	41%	59%

- Search for replacement district truck with assistance from Walt Christensen (5 test drives)
- Monitoring
 - Stream monitoring training for 2 interns and volunteer held May 27
 - Lake Monitoring training with Craig May 27
 - Volunteers through RRC will monitor outlet each month
- Grants and Awards
 - Weed harvesting reimbursement equipment grant submitted
 - Post-Watershed-Restoration Stream Evaluation reimbursement submitted/awaiting data analysis

- Outreach
 - Lianna Spencer (CBCW intern) press release Cambridge News June 4th
 - 10 welcome letters sent
- Preserve
 - Dr. Tippery of UW-Whitewater hosted a class in the preserve identifying native plants
 - Contracted with Midwest Prairies for 2015 items
 - 2016 bid costs collected
 - Removed fallen trees on woodland path with Jimmy DeGidio (June 11)
 - Firebreaks, woodland path, and trails mowed
- Cost-share
 - Gabion Project (agenda item)
- Weed harvesting
 - Reviewed plant condition on June 5 and June 18-curly leaf pondweed present at surface.
 - Access to shore conveyor and remaining equipment moved June 16
 - Possible cutting to start week of June 29 depending on conditions

Near-Term Plans

- Preconstruction meeting for riprap project with contractor and DATCP (Sleepy Hollow Road)(June 19th)
- Garlic Pull in Woodland 1
- Continue efforts in truck replacement
- Weed harvesting coordination
- Aquatic Plant ID workshop July 14th-LuLu Lake
- Landing Blitz (July 2-6th) volunteers and intern at launch handing out towels and left over icepacks
- Coordination tour of the Lake for Town of Oakland and LRMD Board commissioners and shoreline taping
- Spring/Summer edition *Ripples*: Ripley reward projects follow up, Healthy Lakes promotion, cost-share project information, preserve sightings, results from 2014-2015 stream monitoring.

Correspondence/Announcements

- Email from Susan Graham: Critical Habitat designation efforts this summer.

VI. Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action on Trapping Permit Application/Program amendments

Griffin provided modifications to the trapping application. A review of the changes made including the request for information to calculate trapping effort. Molinaro commented that the trapping community would like to have the \$50.00 fee lowered. Also discussed was the time, effort, and cost of doing a wildlife survey which was determined would not be sought at this time. *DeGidio moved to accept the rules as amended. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 7-0.*

VII. New Business

A. Discussion and possible action on Treefall in East/Milwaukee Bay

Molinaro discussed the issue of two treefalls LRMD installed off the Scout Camp peninsula were captured in the ice and moved off during ice off. One has been removed and the other is located in Milwaukee Bay. Griffin commented that the Gill's Crane Service attempted to move it, but would disrupt spawning beds if moved in the spring. Molinaro commented the lily pad area will encompass the treefall area by fall. Additional comments were made about marking this as a hazard during wet and ice conditions. Molinaro commented on the increase in liability should the District choose to mark hazards. A review of conditions during winter may be sought.

