

**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2016**

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

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on September 17, 2016. 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, Craig Kempel, Mike Doman, Walt Christensen and Jimmy DeGidio. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Gary Zibell, Rick and Debra Kutz and Amy Gebhart.

**II. Public Comment**

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

**III. Amend Minutes of June 18, 2016 Meeting**

Minutes from the June 18, 2016 meeting had an error in an address that was noticed after their approval at the July 16, 2016 meeting. *Sabella moved to accept the June 18, 2016 meeting minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 7-0.*

**IV. Approve Minutes of Lake Meeting (July 16, 2016)**

Draft minutes from the July 16, 2016 meeting was reviewed. *Gomez-Ibanez moved to approve the July 16, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by DeGidio.* Sabella requested that changes be made to the treasurer's report to include a more detailed breakdown of revenue, direct costs, and net revenue over direct costs. *DeGidio moved to approve the minutes as amended. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 7-0.*

**V. Election of Board Officers**

*Molinaro nominated Sabella for Treasurer. Motion seconded by DeGidio. Motion carried 7-0. Sabella nominated Gomez-Ibanez for Secretary. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 7-0. Gomez-Ibanez nominated Molinaro for Chairman. Motion seconded by DeGidio. Motion carried 7-0.*

**VI. Treasurer's Report**

Sabella distributed to the Board copies of the treasurer's reports. The report consisted of the two month period ending August 31, 2016 and included a Transaction Listing. Receipts for the period amounted to \$37,074.72 comprised of a Wisconsin Personal Property refund for computers, real estate taxes, a donation of \$2000.00 from Kent Brown and Jane Jacobsen-Brown, and interest. Disbursements for the period amounted to \$23,220.71 and consisted of legal fees, preserve work, office expenses, *Ripples* newsletter, rent, and staff wages. The asset balance at the month end consisted of \$131,100.00 in the checking account and \$200.00 in petty cash. Other items noted was a Workman's Compensation refund and a grant reimbursement for the Healthy Lakes Program. *Christensen moved to accept the treasurer's report and enter it into record. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 7-0.*

**VII. Lake Manager's Report**

- Outreach
  - CBCW ongoing
- Preserve
  - Control by ERC continues
  - Wetland work pending permit approval
  - Shattercane/ Johnsongrass in adjoining field
- Cost-share
  - Review of current cost-share sites
- Weed Harvesting
  - Weed Harvesting committee meeting 09/06/2016
  - Estimated loads -99

- Other
  - Monitoring continues on lake and inlet and outlet stream to include phosphorus
  - Boat Survey (Total 565: Pontoons 176, Runabouts 134, Fishing (motorized) 165, Paddle (non-motorized) 24, sail 10, PWC 56, Piers 185, Lifts 272)
  - Review of Ripley Reward shoreline projects and rain gardens
  - Response to management plan proposal in Conservation Easement area
  - Intern continuing on Blue Green Algae identification
  - Research and contacts for DNR possible DNR land for sale and potential partners
  - Research on sensitive areas, ASNRI, and impact to local regulations
  - Aquatic Plant Management Plan updates
  - Pontoon Classroom Preparation

#### Near-Term Plans

- Lake Leaders session 2-Kemp Station September 21-22
- Remove plant harvesting equipment-anticipated week of September 26
- Pontoon classroom September 26, rain date September 30
- Complete to plant management plan and submit to DNR for review
- CBCW grant reimbursement
- Cost-share committee meeting
- Fall/Winter Ripples

### VIII. Old Business

#### **A. Discussion and possible action on Town of Oakland Rain Garden Maintenance Agreement**

Griffin provided the Board copies of the amendments requested by the Town of Oakland for the Memorandum of Agreement for the rain garden. Items changed included the number of rain gardens and the size along with a timeline for possible review after 10 years. *Sabella moved to accept the changes to the Memorandum of Agreement for rain garden maintenance. Motion Seconded by DeGidio. Motion carried 7-0.*

### IX. New Business

#### **A. Discussion and possible action on Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Dates were set as follows: October 15, 2016, November 12, 2016, March 18, 2017, April 15, 2017

#### **B. Discussion and possible action on Truck Decals**

Griffin provided cost comparisons for vehicle signage. Discussion commenced on the most cost-efficient method and what should be displayed. Preference for permanent logo and phone number be placed on each door.

#### **C. Discussion and possible action on Weed Harvesting Committee**

A meeting of the weed harvesting committee convened on September 6, 2016. Kempel was elected Chairman. A tour of Lake Ripley commenced to assess plant growth and general lake conditions. Discussion included permit guidelines, operational procedures, and any additional needs of the crew. Griffin relayed that the current plant harvesting permit expires December 2016 and that she will be applying to harvest the same areas as the existing permit. A possible inclusion for cutting dense sago patches will be discussed with the DNR. Additional crew considerations were for the possible purchase of a GPS unit to assist in navigation. Discussion included the costs, capabilities, grant opportunities and need of the unit. *Doman moved to proceed in review of the unit as due diligence and report to the Board on the findings. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 7-0.*

#### **D. Discussion and possible action on Gebhart Restoration Plan**

Griffin discussed the plan provided by Larry and Amy Gebhart for the restoration of wetland areas held under conservation easement by the LRMD and WDNR which included invasive species removal and the placing of a pier. A map of the easement area was also provided. Griffin provided comments on the wetland plan. This was a review of comments sent to the DNR by Griffin and also to the Gebharts outlining some initial concerns on invasive species control and pier placement. Molinaro commented that he did not support placing the pier

and cited sensitive areas and plant communities. Sabella asked if alternate sites would be available but the homeowner indicated they did not want to pursue that avenue. As of the time of the meeting, Griffin was unable to reach Travis Schroeder of the WDNR to review the plan and propose any changes. Griffin requested that upon discussion of the plan with Schroeder she will provide this information to Amy for possible modifications. Molinaro requested that we continue to place this on the agenda.

**E. Discussion and possible action on Cost-share funding for Gebhart Wetland Restoration**

No action as no plan has been approved.

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

It was discussed that the Natural Resources Board will review this at their October meeting. Molinaro relayed historical information on the donation of the parcel to the DNR. He also discussed the possibility that the Oakland Conservation Club may include the LRMD as a successor of their land should they dissolve.

**G. 10:30 a.m. Closed Session [as per Wis. Statute §19.85 (1)(g) conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation of cost-share agreement violations]**

Molinaro read the reasons for entering into closed session. *Sabella moved to enter into closed session. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Roll call vote: 7 ayes, 0 nays.*

*Christensen moved to enter into open session. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 7-0.*

**X. Correspondence/Announcements**

- 07/15/2016 Information from Travis Schroeder (WDNR) in regard to wetland restoration and pier placement.
- 07/20/2016 Brantmeier Law office notice of mail receipt and corresponding documentation
- 07/20/2016 Revisions to the MOA between LRMD and TOA for rain garden maintenance
- 07/25/2016 Notice of Exempt Computer Aid Payment
- 08/01/2016 Receipt from Wisconsin Lakes on Membership renewal
- 08/01/2016 \$1000.00 Donation from The Jacobsen-Brown fund for board approved shoreline renovation, wetland renovation or stormwater control; a \$1000.00 donation from the Jacobsen-Brown fund for the Lake Ripley Protection Fund, Stormwater control Projects
- 08/05/2016 Letter from Badgerland Computer and Networking on business changes
- 08/29/2016 Trapping Application from Travis Olson
- 08/29/2016 Jefferson County Zoning Permit Extension for Willerup Bible Camp
- 09/06/2016 Special Assessment verification for N4177 Sleepy Hollow Rd.
- 09/08/2016 Healthy Lakes Grant Reimbursement Check

**XI. Adjournment**

*DeGidio moved for adjournment at 11:15a.m. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 7-0.*

Next meeting: October 15, 2016 (9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall).

Respectfully Submitted,

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Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Secretary                      Date  
Recorder: LAG