

**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2016**

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

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on October 15, 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, Jimmy DeGidio, and Walt Christensen. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Debra and Rick Kutz, Marian Timmermann, and 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 September 17, 2016**

Draft minutes from the September 17th meeting was reviewed. *Sabella moved to approve the September 17, 2016 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by DeGidio. Motion carried 7-0.*

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Sabella distributed and reviewed financial reports for the end of the third quarter September 30, 2016 to include a Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Equity, a Statement of Revenue and Expenses, Actual Budget and Budget remaining, the General Ledger, and a transaction listing. As of September 30, asset balances included \$200 in petty cash and \$118,173.17 in the checking account. A total of \$11,546.06 is held in restricted funds, with a fund balance of \$69,730.27. The district's current year to date revenue over expenses is \$36,460.76. A statement of Revenues and Expenses showed the 3 month period and 9 month period. Revenue for the 3 month period was \$37,872.87 which consisted of property taxes, interest income, a donation from the Jacobsen-Brown Foundation and income earned from tax exempt property. Operating expenses were reviewed totaling to \$24,271.68 for the 3 month period which included insurance, weed harvesting and operations. Total revenue for the 9 month period was \$123,458.67. Total operating expenses for the 9 month period were \$65,830.10 which included insurance, weed harvesting and operations. Other income for the 3 month and 9 month period was \$0.00, whereas other expenses for the periods were \$8,695.73 and \$11,208.04, respectively. A transaction listing was presented showing the details of individual disbursements.

*Gomez-Ibanez 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**

Griffin discussed outreach efforts to include the completion of the 2016 Clean Boats Clean Waters program and the second year of a pontoon classroom. Preserve updates included continued invasive species work by ERC in the woodland areas and continued coordination for restoring hydrology to wetland areas in partnership with US Fish and Wildlife Service and Wisconsin Waterfowl Association. The weed harvester was pulled and winterized and is in winter storage. Monitoring efforts for phosphorus will conclude in October at the Hwy 18 site of the inlet stream. Additional information on past and upcoming Lake Leader Institute items were also discussed. Work continues with interns on mapping and blue green algae analysis. Completion of the draft Aquatic Plant Management Plan and the next edition of the *Ripples* newsletter, along with Clean Boat Clean Water grant reimbursement and 2017 grant request are also upcoming.

**VI. Old Business**

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

Molinaro updated the Board that the 40 acre parcel is scheduled to be reviewed by the Natural Resources Board on October 26th for sale consideration. It was noted that this parcel is slated for government sale only. At this time the cost for purchase has not been determined. Griffin commented on partners for potential financial and restoration support and corresponding timelines for grant submission.

**VII. New Business**

**A. Discussion and possible action on Gebhart Wetland Restoration Plan**

Griffin relayed her discussion with Travis Schroeder from the WDNR and the suggested points submitted to the Gebhart' for their consideration. Griffin relayed that Gebharts felt the points were restrictive but that reasoning for each point was discussed with the property owner for clarification. An amended plan has not been presented at this time.

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

No action because we have not received an amended plan from the Gebharts.

**C. Discussion and possible action on Cost-share funding considerations: W9107 Ripley Road, Sylvan Mounds II Park Area, W9437 Ripley Rd. and shoreline of parcel 022-0613-0821-020.**

The cost-share committee meeting met on October 4th and recommended 4 of the 5 parcels for consideration. W9107 Ripley Road with 75 foot of frontage was seeking assistance in planting native plants along the shoreline, project score 14. *DeGidio moved to approve cost-share assistance W9107 Ripley Rd. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 7-0.* Sylvan Mounds II Park Area with 176 feet of frontage was seeking assistance to remove invasive plants and stabilize steep slopes and eroded areas with native vegetation, Project score 16. *Gomez-Ibanez moved to approve cost-share assistance for the Sylvan Mounds Park Area. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 7-0.* Parcel 022-0613-0821-020 with 75 foot for frontage was recommended for placement of riprap as prior placement of coconut rolls are no longer present. Requirement of placement of a buffer was discussed. Project score without a buffer was 13 and including a buffer was 16. *DeGidio moved to approve the cost-share assistance. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez.* Discussion further continued whether a buffer should be required. *DeGidio moved to amend the prior motion to include riprap and to highly recommend a buffer. Motion seconded by Sabella. Motion carried 7-0.* W9437 Ripley Road has a seawall in disrepair with exposed rebar and netting on 62 foot of frontage. No current erosion is visible and shoreline is planted with lawn. Project score for replacement with riprap only 4 and with the inclusion of a buffer is 9. It was not known at the time of the meeting if the property owner would be willing to install a buffer. No action taken until further discussion with the property owner.

**D. Discussion and possible action on Healthy Lakes Grant Application**

Griffin discussed the prior Healthy Lakes Award that was received in 2016 and the project completed through the program. She read resolution 2016-1 during the meeting. Sabella indicated that he had not had an opportunity to review the resolution prior to the meeting and could not support the resolution without prior review. *Sabella moved to postpone action on resolution 2016-1 until the November meeting. Motion seconded by Doman. Motion carried 7-0.*

**E. Discussion and possible action on Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant Application**

Griffin relayed application considerations as a part of the grant application. Sabella requested a breakdown of our financial obligations for the grant. *Sabella moved to approve the Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant Application. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 7-0.*

**F. Discussion and possible action on Lake Protection Strategies**

Molinaro discussed current issues pertaining to lake protection strategies and how legislative action has undermined past progression towards lake protection efforts. A document was provided with the lake protection strategies listed under the current management plan. Board members were asked to review these strategies and consider additional recommendations. It was requested that this item be placed on future agendas for continued discussion.

**G. 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; as per Wis. Statute §19.85 (1)(e) negotiating the purchase of public properties]**

Molinaro read into record the reason for entering into closed session. *DeGidio moved to enter into closed session. Motion seconded by Kempel. Roll call vote 7 ayes, 0 noes. DeGidio moved to return to open session. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Roll call vote 7 ayes, 0 noes.*

**IX. Correspondence/Announcements**

- 09/30/2016- State of Wisconsin Notice of Value of Property exempt Computers
- 09/27/2016- Army Corps of Engineers letter on wetland project
- 10/03/2016- Information From Randall Aschbrenner in regard to land for sale
- 10/03/2016-Letter from Atty. Brantmeier to Atty. Harlowe
- 10/11/2016-Email from Town of Oakland on land use dispute for Cedar Shores area

**X. Adjournment**

*DeGidio moved for adjournment at 11:40 a.m. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 7-0.*

Next meeting: November 12, 2016 (9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall).

Respectfully Submitted,

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Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Secretary                      Date  
Recorder: LAG