

**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2010**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Lake Ripley Management District Board met at the Oakland Town Hall on November 20, 2010. Chairman Molinaro called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: Walt Christensen, Dennis McCarthy, Mike Sabella, John Molinaro, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Jane Jacobsen-Brown, and Gene Kapsner. Also present: Paul Dearlove (LRMD Lake Manager), Rick Kutz, Kent Brown, Shirley Teske, and 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 10-16-10 meeting were previously distributed for Board review. *Sabella moved to approve the minutes without additions or corrections. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 7-0.*

IV. Treasurer's Report

Sabella distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report for the one-month period ending October 31, 2010. Total receipts for the period were \$2,025.65, consisting of \$60.65 in interest and \$1,965.00 in tenant-farming-rental income related to the Preserve. Disbursements for the period amounted to \$8,023.90, which were mostly related to staff payroll and general office-related expenses. A transaction listing was distributed that documented individual disbursements. Asset balances included \$136,415.91 in the bank checking account, and \$200.00 in office petty cash. Other items of note included: 1) Preserve rental was overpaid by \$7.50 and will be reimbursed to the renter; 2) \$51,750.00 in DNR Lake Protection Grant funds were received and issued as reimbursement to the Hoard-Curtis Scout Camp; and 3) a \$100.00 donation was received for the Friends of the Preserve. *McCarthy moved to accept the treasurer's report and enter it into the record. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 7-0.*

V. Lake Manager's Report

Dearlove presented year-end weed harvesting, fishery and water quality monitoring reports. For weed harvesting, a multi-year summary table was provided showing a number of annual tracking metrics (i.e. total hours, loads, costs, etc.). This and other program information was provided to DNR as part of the District's annual harvesting report. Quotes had been obtained for a new shore conveyor engine and belting. The replacement parts will be purchased after the first of the year for an estimated cost of \$3,000-3,500. For the fishery and water quality status reports, updated trend graphs were disseminated and reviewed. Water quality data collected over the summer showed above normal phosphorus and clarity readings, while chlorophyll values (an indicator of free-floating, planktonic algae) were about average. An assessment of fish-survey data, including long-term trends in individual species populations, showed that the overall fishery remains healthy and stable. With respect to carp, it was noted that State fisheries biologists had concluded that Lake Ripley does not have a problem warranting special management action. A report discussing the carp situation and recommended management priorities was distributed.

The status of several landowner cost-sharing projects was reviewed. Project updates included: 1) a riprap installation was completed along the Hilleshiem shoreline (not cost shared); 2) a \$51,750 DNR grant reimbursement was processed for the Hoard-Curtis Scout Camp, and work was scheduled for the final phase of restoration work; 3) additional planning information was received for the Hoiby rain gardens; 4) a cost-share contract was signed and construction plan prepared for the Mar-Pohl shoreline; and 5) a cost-share contract and construction plan were developed and awaiting signatures for the Lindelof shoreline project.

Other recent activities included the production and bulk mailing of the Ripples newsletter, and the installation of boundary markers along the north property line of the Preserve. Dearlove indicated that Charlie Kilian from DNR will be taking the lead in coordinating the seeding of the adjoining 26-acre field to prairie. He concluded his report by listing some project initiatives he anticipated for 2011.

