

**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting Minutes
July 19, 2014
(Draft until approved at September 20, 2014 meeting)**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on July 19, 2014. Chairman Molinaro called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Board members present at roll call: Jimmy DeGidio, Jane Jacobsen-Brown, Dennis McCarthy, Mike Sabella and John Molinaro. Georgia Gomes-Ibanez and Walt Christensen were absent. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Debra and Rick Kutz, and Leah Garrison 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 last meeting were reviewed. *Sabella moved to approve the June 21, 2014 meeting minutes without additions or corrections. Motion seconded by McCarthy. Motion carried 5-0.*

IV. Treasurer's Report

Sabella distributed and reviewed financial reports for the end of the second quarter June 30, 2014 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 June 30, asset balances included \$200 in petty cash and \$170,962.43 in the checking account. Sabella relayed there are no liabilities. A total of \$90,962.52 is held in restricted funds, with a fund balance of \$30,624.18. The district holds revenue of \$49,575.73 mainly due to the lack of a full time Lake Manager in the second quarter. A statement of revenues and Expenses was showing the 3 month period ending and 6 month period. Revenue for the 3 month period was \$8,353.73 which includes a generous donation from the Jacobsen-Brown fund of \$4,000 which will be reclassified at year end as restricted funds. Expenses and insurance payments were reviewed totaling to \$15,329.02 for the 3 month period. Total revenue for the 6 month period was \$93,274.02. A transaction listing was presented showing the details of individual disbursements. Molinaro relayed to the board that signors of the charge card include Mike Sabella, John Molinaro, and Lisa Griffin. *DeGidio moved to accept the treasurer's report and enter it into the record. Motion seconded by Jacobsen-Brown. Motion carried 5-0.*

Additional forms were distributed on the upcoming proposed 2015 budget. Information was relayed as to the process of the determination funds given to each category and the proposed budget amounts. Proposed mill rate will decrease from 6.19 to 5.76, mainly due to lower expenses.

V. Lake Manager's Report

Griffin summarized Lake District activities since the last meeting. Handouts included the Lake Manager report, phone logs, and Ripley Reward totals and Lake Fair information. Highlights included the following:

- Ripley Rewards Lake Fair held July 5th
- Volunteers present at boat launch Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, and Sunday. Presence at launch Thursday most of the day and Sunday morning during the July 4th weekend. Miranda Heimstreet hired to complete paid hours at launch until August 20th
- Stream Monitoring with Dave Marshall continues
- Weed harvesting equipment moved to Scout Camp on July 1st and 2nd
- Phragmites stands located by Vasby's Channel awaiting genetic confirmation. Asked Dr. Tippery for information on 07/08/2014 and results timeline
- Dr. Tippery looking to continue on a plant inventory on the preserve area
- Third attempt to contact UW-W student and faculty advisor on progress of interactive web map through email. No response back. May look into possibility of an intern taking this task on if we choose to continue with this project
- Coordinated meeting with John Molinaro and Mike Sabella on upcoming budget analysis
- Milfoil sample obtained of possible Northern and Eurasian hybrid to be sent through DNR for analysis

- Lake Ripley beach has been added to the Wisconsin 2012 Impaired Waters List as of June 25, 2014 due to *E.coli* bacteria counts
- Site visit to Jack Spack property to note storm water runoff and elevated water levels
- UW-Whitewater faculty meeting on July 17th for possible research, outreach, and volunteer opportunities
- Shoreline and boat survey conducted on July 18th

Near-Term Plans

- Work with contractor, Town of Oakland Sanitary District, and property manager at Willerup camp for location and consultation for project and impact to sewer lines.
- Continue with weed harvesting coordination and staff scheduling
- Research and coordination of next steps, grant opportunities, and remediation effort for possible Phragmites stand.
- WWC meeting in Hayward Area on August 6th
- Coordinate meeting with Jay Settersten to review preserve management plan and discuss current year needs
- Coordinate meander survey for Upland prairie zone 1 with Ron Martin
- Release of next Ripples with 2015 budget and annual meeting information
- Lisa Reas plant sale on August 16th 8-10 a.m the day of our budget and annual meeting.

Sabella inquired on stream monitoring and types of data collected. Griffin was asked to follow up with Patricia Cicero on equipment needed and the cost of equipment.

Discussion commenced on the use of pontoon boats for educational purposes. Concerns on liability and cost associated with this outreach potential were mentioned and follow up should be provided as this progresses. It was recommended that an article be placed in the latest Ripples to call for volunteers.

Totals of latest boat tour were discussed.

Griffin relayed that the DNR is streamlining many of their grants and feedback has been asked for. They are also rolling out a new grant opportunity for the landowners in a 75/25% cost-share with the DNR.

Jacobsen-Brown asked for follow up on how to remove the Ripley Park Beach from the impaired waters list.

VI. Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action Ripley Rewards Program

Discussion on the lake fair was provided. Vouchers and prizes have been sent to pledge makers and coordination with partners continues for the implementation of those projects. Jacobsen-Brown showed her gratitude to board members present thought those that participated had a good time.

VII. New Business

A. Discussion and possible action on upcoming meeting dates:

Jacobsen-Brown requested that meetings continue to be held the third Saturday of every month. The dates have been set for September 20, October 18, November 15, no meeting in December, January 10, and no meeting in February. Future meeting dates will be reviewed on January 10.

B. Discussion and possible action on Weed harvesting program

Griffin relayed that weed harvesting started July 1 with cutting on July 14 with a total of 8 loads cut by the meeting. Staffing remains a challenge with only one person available to work on Thursdays and Fridays and we require that 2 staff harvest together for safety. Molinaro requested that we look for additional part-time harvesters. Issues with the aging work truck and dump truck were relayed to the board. It was stated to have the white truck serviced so it is drivable. Sabella reviewed the 2014 annual meeting notes to verify that it was decided to replace failing equipment.

C. Discussion and possible action on Wisconsin Lakes membership

The membership was up for renewal and have submitted \$330.00 to continue our membership

D. Discussion and possible action on Rock River Coalition membership

Discussion on the benefits of joining this group and the networking inclusion it offers. *DeGidio moved to join the Rock River Coalition. Motion seconded by McCarthy. Motion carried 5-0.*

VIII. Correspondence/Announcements

Sylvan Mounds II asked to be included in the slow no wake notification.

Jacobsen-Brown inquired on the length of time boat patrol spends on the water. Molinaro relayed that a set number of hours are allotted and scheduling goes through the town and the police chief.

IX. Adjournment

Jacobsen-Brown moved for adjournment 10:50 a.m. Motion seconded by DeGidio. Motion carried 5-0.

Next meeting: August 16, 2014 (8:30 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Jacobsen-Brown, Secretary

Date

Recorder: LAG