

**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2014**

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

The Lake Ripley Management District Board met at the Oakland Town Hall on January 18, 2014. Molinaro called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Board members present: Dennis McCarthy, Jane Jacobsen-Brown, Walt Christensen, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez and John Molinaro. Gene Kapsner and Mike Sabella were absent. Also in attendance: Paul Dearlove (LRMD Lake Manager), Lisa Griffin (LRMD Intern), Kent Brown, Debbie Kutz, Rick Kutz, and Leah Garrison of Cambridge Cable TV 98.

**II. Public Comment**

Lisa Griffin was introduced and welcomed as LRMD's newest part-time intern. She replaces Jeanne Scherer who is currently pursuing full-time work with the Wisconsin DNR. Lisa briefly summarized her background and how she became interested in the position. Dearlove noted Lisa's past participation as a volunteer stream monitor, and said she was currently assisting with partner outreach for the Ripley Rewards program. Other anticipated work tasks will include continued stream monitoring and leading this summer's Clean Boats-Clean Waters effort (pending grant approval). There were no other public comments concerning issues not already on the agenda.

**III. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting**

Draft minutes from the last meeting were reviewed. *Gomez-Ibanez moved to approve the 11-16-13 meeting minutes without additions or corrections. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 5-0.*

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Sabella previously distributed to the board copies of his treasurer's report. The report consisted of the fourth-quarter and yearend adjusted financial statements ending December 31, 2013. Documentation included Statements of Assets, Liabilities and Equity (balance sheet); Actual-to-Budget and Budget-Remaining reports; General Ledger; and Transaction Listing. The yearend adjusted balance sheet showed \$121,586.70 in total current assets, consisting of \$200.00 in petty cash and the remainder in the bank checking account. There were no current liabilities. Equity consisted of \$90,962.52 in restricted funds, a non-restricted fund balance of \$38,091.49, and \$7,467.31 in revenue under expenses. Given Sabella's absence, Molinaro asked that questions and formal acceptance of the report be postponed until the next meeting.

**V. Lake Manager's Report**

Dearlove summarized activities since the last meeting:

- Lisa Griffin hired as 2014 intern
- Engineering designs and state/county permit applications completed for the Willerup Bible Camp restoration
- Landowner Incentive Committee meeting held on 12/18
- Ripples newsletter printed and distributed
- Current *Ripley Rewards* business partner interest: Fiskars (rain barrels, marketing), LJ Reas Environmental Consulting Corporation (lakeshore gardens, plants, on-site consulting), Awesome Landscaping (treefalls), Agrecol (plants, rain garden designs), SetterTech LLC (advisory committee)
- Plans, signed landowner participation agreements, and permit applications completed for "fish sticks" demonstrations at Hoard-Curtis and Willerup
- DNR grant application prepared to help fund an inlet stream evaluation (\$3,000)
- DNR grant application prepared to sustain Clean Boats-Clean Waters educational efforts (\$2,025)
- Arrangements were made for the following Preserve work consistent with 20-year Plan: kiosk sign installation; maintenance of wood duck nesting boxes; trail seeding; woody invasives control (Wetlands #1 and 3); prescribed prairie burn (Upland #1)
- Jefferson County/LRMD meeting with DNR Section Chief Leisa Lehmann to report on intergovernmental relationship and communication challenges

**VI. Old Business**



**Resolution # 2014-1**

**RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE RIPLEY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
TOWN OF OAKLAND, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, WI**

**Relating to:** Wisconsin Small-Scale Lake Planning Grant application seeking 67% cost-share assistance, or up to \$3,000, to evaluate water quality and habitat conditions in Lake Ripley's only inlet stream.

**WHEREAS** Lake Ripley's stream inlet is the main source of recharge water to Lake Ripley; and

**WHEREAS** the condition of the lake's stream inlet is a reflection of the general health and condition of the contributing watershed that has been the subject of intensive restoration efforts; and

**WHEREAS** the stream inlet was last formally evaluated as part of a 1993-94 Water Resources Appraisal, and at which time was found to be in very poor condition due to high nutrient loading and persistent anoxia; and

**WHEREAS** repeating the investigation first performed two decades earlier will yield valuable information about the effectiveness of past watershed improvements and the status of current stream health.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT:**

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Commissioners hereby requests funds available from the Wisconsin DNR through its Small-Scale Lake Planning Grant Program; and

**HEREBY AUTHORIZES** Mr. Paul Dearlove, or the acting District Manager, to operate on behalf of the Lake Ripley Management District Board to: 1) submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial aid for lake planning purposes; 2) sign documents; 3) take necessary action to undertake, direct and complete the approved planning grant; and 4) submit reimbursement claims along with necessary supporting documentation within six months of the project completion date.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Lake Ripley Management District will meet the financial obligations of the planning grant, including 33% of total eligible project costs in the form of cash and/or in-kind contributions.

Adopted this 18th day of January, 2014

By a vote of: \_\_\_\_ in favor \_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_ abstain

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Lake Ripley Management District

**Resolution # 2014-2**

**RESOLUTION OF THE LAKE RIPLEY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
TOWN OF OAKLAND, COUNTY OF JEFFERSON, WI**

**Relating to:** Wisconsin DNR Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Grant application seeking 75%% cost-share assistance, or up to \$2,025, to conduct at least 200 hours of boater-education and watercraft-inspection work at Lake Ripley's public boat landing.

**WHEREAS** the spread of aquatic invasive species in a real and ongoing threat to the health and condition of Lake Ripley; and

**WHEREAS** transient boat traffic between different waterways is one of the primary mechanisms for spreading AIS from lake to lake; and

**WHEREAS** once an AIS infestation occurs, large-scale and often irreversible ecosystem changes can occur, leading to various use impairments, reduced property values and higher management costs; and

**WHEREAS** raising boater awareness about AIS threats and preventative measures through direct, one-on-one contact can help minimize the risk of a new AIS introduction.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT:**

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Commissioners hereby requests funds available from the Wisconsin DNR through its Aquatic Invasive Species Grant Program called "Clean Boats-Clean Waters"; and

**HEREBY AUTHORIZES** Mr. Paul Dearlove, or the acting District Manager, to act on behalf of the Lake Ripley Management District Board to: 1) sign and submit an application to the State of Wisconsin for financial assistance; 2) complete and submit periodic reports, if needed; 3) take necessary action to direct and complete the Clean Boats Clean Waters proejct; and 4) submit a reimbursement claim along with any required supporting documentation within six months of the project completion date.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Lake Ripley Management District will meet the financial obligations of this AIS grant, including 25% of total eligible project costs in the form of cash and/or in-kind contributions.

Adopted this 18th day of January, 2014

By a vote of: \_\_\_\_ in favor \_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_ abstain

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary, Lake Ripley Management District