Lake Ripley Management District Meeting Minutes May 20, 2017

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on May 20, 2017. Chairman Molinaro called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Board members present at roll call: John Molinaro, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Craig Kempel, Mike Doman, Jimmy DeGidio, and Walt Christensen. Mike Sabella was absent. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Amy Gebhart, Debbie and Rich Kutz, and Jameil Breit.

II. Public Comment

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

III. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting April 22, 2017

Draft minutes from the April 22, 2017, meeting was reviewed. DeGidio moved to approve the April 22, 2017, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 6-0.

IV. Treasurer's Report

The Board was provided copies of the treasurer's report prior to the meeting. The report consisted of the one month period ending April 30, 2017, and included a Transaction Listing. Receipts for the period consisted of \$58.11 in interest. Disbursements for the period amounted to \$4,571.47. The asset balance at the month end \$153,829.00 in the checking account and \$200.00 in petty cash. Molinaro requested that questions be forwarded on to the district office which can be relayed to the treasurer for any further clarification needed. DeGidio inquired on the differences between restricted and unrestricted donations listed under other items to note. Molinaro stated that donations were received for the DNR land purchase and other received with no specification on their use. *Gomez-Ibanez moved to accept the treasurer's report and enter it into record. Motion seconded by Doman. Motion carried 6-0.*

VI. Lake Manager's Report

Griffin relayed the release of the Spring 2017 Ripples and the notice of public hearing sent to the email contact list. Preserve updates included herbicide work in the woodland to combat invasive species, the placement of the remaining blue bird nesting boxes, a review of DNR wetland areas with US Fish and Wildlife personnel, and rain garden work. Anna Bartsch has been hired as the Clean Boats-Clean Waters intern. Griffin relayed we received a grant through the Healthy Lakes program at the DNR. The Aquatic mechanical harvesting permit was received from the DNR. Griffin also commented on a presentation she gave to the Fort Atkinson Conservation Club in request for land acquisition donations. Follow up information was provided to the Board on the numbers of carp found in recent surveys. DeGidio requested we continue considering options for carp control. Kempel inquired on the status of a GPS unit for the weed harvester and Doman inquired on the areas where harvesting is allowed.

VI. Old Business

- **A.** Discussion and possible action on Possible DNR Lands for Sale within the Watershed Molinaro discussed the grants and donations received thus far totaling \$27,550.00. He further relayed the potential for a sub award grant through Ducks Unlimited and how that may adjust the timeline for closing.
- B. Closed session: Discussion and possible action [as per Wis. Statute §19.85 (1)(g) conferring with legal counsel to review legal opinion concerning lake protection and the WDNR Waterway permit IP-SC-2016-28-04055] DeGidio moved to enter into closed session as per Wis. Statute §19.85 (1)(g) conferring with legal counsel to review legal opinion concerning lake protection and the WDNR Waterway permit IP-SC-2016-28-04055. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Roll call vote 6 ayes, 0 noes.
- C. Return to open session.
 - DeGidio moved to enter open session. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Roll call vote 6 ayes, 0 noes.
- **D.** Discussion and possible action on WDNR Waterway Permit IP-SC-2016-28-04055. Molinaro discussed the recent meetings between Larry and Amy Gebhart, Molinaro, DeGidio and Griffin and the site visit conducted. At a prior meeting Gephart's stated their pier will impact 0.25% of the lake and were looking for ways to reduce impact of pier placement. Discussion of the pier configuration, size, width, number of boat slips, boat slip configuration, installation, placement of no-motor buoys for the channel and

considerations for amendments to the permit. The following considerations were requested to be added to the permit: to extend the length to 80 ft., no swim platforms or rafts will be placed, placement of a no-motor sign on their property, the pier will be "L" shaped with a north/south orientation and loading platform will be on the east (right) side, the boat lift on the south side of the loading platform will be moved to the east side of the pier, and placement of "fish sticks" in the area to enhance woody material and wildlife habitat. *DeGidio moved to continue to work with the Gerhart's on revisions/amendments on pier permit and that the Gerhart's work with Griffin to get correct language needed to accomplish the items discussed. Motion seconded by Doman.* Molinaro relayed the complexity of the situation and his concern for pier placement in pristine areas such as these. Gomez-Ibanez commented that the statement that this will only impact 0.25% of the lake is a fallacy in that it is not only pier size but the activity that occurs around a pier that also impacts the lake. Christensen stated that other piers may be proposed within these areas and further study is needed to determine impacts, but that we should also inform the DNR and legislators on these impacts. Further discussion on legislative and DNR policy and procedures occurred. *Motion carried 6-0.* Gebhart relayed they felt their wetland restoration did not carry weight in our considerations to reduce impacts of the pier.

VII. New Business

A. Discussion and possible action to authorize the application of a North American Wetland Conservation Act grant or Ducks Unlimited grant application.

Griffin provided the Board a draft copy of an agreement necessary if we pursue \$17,000 in funding through Ducks Unlimited. Terms of the grant include no structures, such as a walkway, in the area. The grant amount would be reduced if a walkway is desired. DeGidio stated concern over limiting our abilities to place structures at the onset. Gomez-Ibanez and Christensen voiced concern about boardwalk placement. Degidio moved to apply for a North American Wetland Conservation Act grant or Ducks unlimited grant. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 6-0.

IX. Correspondence/Announcements

- April 22, 2017 Donations received in memory of Joyce Holmberg from Cedar Shores, Robert & Judith Dillingham, and Joanne Wacker
- April 24,2017 Amy Gebhart provided Public Hearing Notice
- April 27, 2017 Letter from Dr. K. Steward UB-Buffalo requesting ice off dates
- April 27, 2017 Invitation to Susan Graham to public hearing
- April 28, 2017 Notice of Healthy Lakes Grant award
- May 9, 2017 Letter to Shafer on ability to sell preserve land surrounding their house
- May 10, 2017 Notice from Agrecol on backordered items for plant sale
- May 11, 2017 email containing letters from Gebhart concerning pier availability
- May 12, 2017 Letter to T. Schroeder regarding pier concerns for Gebhart pier
- May 12, 2017 Email from Ducks Unlimited on sample grant requirements

X. Adjournment

DeGidio moved for adjournment at 10:43 a.m. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 7-0.

| Next meeting: June 17, 2017 (9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall). | |
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| Respectfully Submitted, | |
| Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Secretary Recorder: LAG | Date |