

**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting Minutes
June 17, 2017**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on June 17, 2017. Chairman Molinaro called the meeting to order at 9:01 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), Amy Gebhart, Debbie and Rich Kutz.

II. Public Comment

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

III. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting May 20, 2017

Draft minutes from the May 20, 2017, meeting was reviewed. *Gomez-Ibanez moved to approve the May 20, 2017, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by DeGidio. Motion carried 7-0.*

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 May 31, 2017, and included a Transaction Listing. Receipts for the period consisted of \$8026.63 which was comprised of real estate taxes, memorial donations, land acquisition donations and interest. Disbursements for the period amounted to \$20,254.35. The asset balance at the month end \$141,602 in the checking account and \$200.00 in petty cash. Sabella informed the Board of correspondence between Badger Bank who desires to have a banking relationship with the district. Sabella noted that Badger Bank has donated to preserve acquisition and restoration efforts and read information contained in the correspondence. Molinaro and DeGidio spoke in favor of utilizing both banks. Sabella commented that he could conduct a confidential bid for favorable rates on certificates as an option and was directed to look into a relationship with Badger Bank further. *Christensen moved to accept the treasurer's report and enter it into record. Motion seconded by DeGidio. Motion carried 7-0.*

VI. Lake Manager's Report

Griffin informed the board of outreach efforts for the upcoming pontoon classroom, speakers who are presenting and the number of participants enrolled. Preserve updates included herbicide work in the woodland to combat invasive species, mowing and the need to mow the fire breaks. Griffin performed cost-share compliance reviews for Hoiby, Town of Oakland, and Carl properties and send registered mail to Thompson. Anna Bartsch has been hired as the Clean Boats-Clean Waters intern and Richard Trailer performed 16 hours during the statewide Drain Campaign. Griffin relayed email issues and the change of software to Microsoft 365. DeGidio inquired on the ability to acquire a color printer. Griffin relayed comments from property owners on the growth of filamentous algae and provided the Board with an informational handout. The aquatic plant harvester will be launched on June 15th with harvesting to start on June 19th. Sabella inquired on the need for a drone. *DeGidio moved to accept the manager's report. Motion seconded by Doman. Motion carried 7-0.*

VI. Old Business

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

Molinaro inquired on whether we can close prior to being awarded the grant from Ducks Unlimited. Griffin relayed that we can close once Ducks Unlimited signs the Federal Grant award paperwork and we then sign an agreement with Ducks Unlimited. The need for an appraisal is still unknown, which could delay the process. Griffin also relayed that Atty Thompson recommended we have a survey conducted prior to sale to ensure there are no encroachment issues. The question arose as to whether the cost for a survey must be let to bid, which was recommended. *DeGidio moved to allow for the collection of bids for survey work and spend the required money to do so. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 7-0.*

B. Discussion and possible action WDNR Waterway permit IP-SC-2016-28-04055.

The permit remains in pending status. Molinaro noted that DNR staff have changed in this area but the DNR representative for the permit will remain the same.

VII. New Business

A. Discussion and possible action to on Ripley Road Construction and establishing a replacement tree program.

Molinaro informed the Board on the timeline of the Ripley Rd. project, private property owner concern, the removal of trees and widening of the road. Molinaro proposed that a tree replacement program be considered for those not only impacted with the road construction but other residents looking to replace trees that are removed for other reasons. Molinaro stated that the Town will not allow for trees to be planted in the road right-of-way. Christensen referenced a book that discusses the importance of native trees and that native trees should be a requirement of a program. Molinaro suggested that funding could be included as a cost-share item and be a part of the program. Additional considerations of trees for replacement only or for planting new trees were also considered. *Molinaro moved develop a tree replacement program with an agreed amount for 2018 Budget item. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 7-0.*

B. Review, discussion and generation of questions on the DNR pier regulations

The Board was provided information gathered about DNR pier rules. Discussion included questions on the what amount of weight public interests are taken into consideration and who determines those impacts. Questions also included the size of piers, setbacks and who is responsible to notify the DNR and who ultimately enforces it. Christensen suggested that Legislators be made aware of the issues lakes are facing.

IX. Correspondence/Announcements

- o 05/22/2017-Email from Gebhart of motors used in Vasby's Channel
- o 05/23/2015-Certified letter to Thompson on cost-share remediation
- o 05/25/2017-Letter to Gafner on phragmites control efforts
- o 05/25/2017-Letter to Van Acker requesting updates to Healthy Lakes project
- o 05/30/2017-Email from Gebhart of motors used in Vasby's Channel
- o 06/06/2017-Letter from Brantmeier Law on Dissolution of practice and invitation to open house of Thompson Legal, LLC

X. Adjournment

DeGidio moved for adjournment at 10:30 a.m. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 7-0.

Next meeting: July 15, 2017 (9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall).

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Secretary Date
Recorder: LAG