

**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2017**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on September 16, 2017. Chairman DeGidio called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present at roll call: Jimmy DeGidio, Mike Sabella, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Craig Kempel, Mike Doman, Keith Kolb and Walt Christensen. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Dave DeGidio, Amy Gebhart and Debbie and Rich Kutz.

II. Public Comment

Roger Rude was asking for considerations for improvements to the outlet that would allow for less water in the lake so it is not backed into the marsh on his property.

III. Approve Minutes of Last Meetings July 15, 2017 and July 28, 2017

Draft minutes from the July 15, 2017, meeting was reviewed. *Gomez-Ibanez moved to approve the July 15, 2017, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Sabella. Motion carried 7-0.* Draft minutes from the July 28, 2017, meeting was reviewed. *Gomez-Ibanez moved to approve the July 28, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Sabella. Motion carried 7-0.*

IV. Treasurer's Report

Sabella distributed to the Board copies of the treasurer's reports. The report consisted of the two month period ending August 31, 2017 and included a Transaction Report for July and August. Receipts for the period amounted to \$42,114.47 comprised of a Wisconsin Personal Property refund for computers, real estate taxes, a donation of \$2,000.00 from Kent Brown and Jane Jacobsen-Brown for specific purposes, contributions from Fort Wisconsin Club, JAD reality, Dave Bennett Memorial, Rodd and Robin Touton, Richard and Debra Kutz, for the DNR land purchase and interest. Disbursements for the period amounted to \$26,892.66 and consisted of legal fees, preserve work, *Ripples* newsletter, rent, and staff wages. The asset balance at the month end consisted of \$140,532.00 in the checking account and \$200.00 in petty cash. Other items noted was a Workman's Compensation refund. Christensen inquired on the recent Equifax data breach and the District's risk. Sabella relayed that though we have a small line of credit, most entities impacted were private citizens.

VI. Lake Manager's Report

Griffin informed the Board of the outreach efforts including the release of the latest *Ripples*, application to Snapshot Wisconsin and articles and press releases. Griffin notified the Board of a new DNR general permit. She relayed the results of the latest boat survey and associated trends. She described the harvesting season and future steps to remove the equipment. Clean Boats Clean Water results were also discussed. A site visit was conducted to review concerns brought up during the July Board meeting and recommendations provided. Work continues in the preserve and an analysis of the weathering of wooden signs is currently underway. Future plans include the Cambridge High School Pontoon classroom, grant reimbursements, phragmites work and an Advanced Lake Leader training event.

VI. Old Business

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

DeGidio relayed that Ducks Unlimited received their grant award and that work on a survey is underway.

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

Griffin relayed that an amended agreement was recently sent to LRMD lawyer and is awaiting her review. If amendments are agreed to, the process will move ahead. Griffin also relayed the DNR has accepted our application for a contested case hearing.

VII. New Business

A. Discussion and possible action on trapping permit application

One application has been submitted for trapping.

B. Discussion and possible action on financial strategies to fell girdled trees in 2017

DeGidio relayed his safety concern with girdled trees remaining in the Lake District Preserve and was seeking to have trees felled in 2017 instead of 2018 with wood harvested via volunteers. Sabella commented that funding could come from the Friends of the Preserve account. Gomez-Ibanez did not feel this scope of work required urgency in 2017 and that it could have negative environmental impacts.

C. Lake District Preserve Tour (after meeting)

DeGidio invited meeting participants to join us after the meeting for a Tour of the Preserve. A review of woodland areas, signs and bench placement were discussed.

IX. Correspondence/Announcements

- o 07/20/2017 Donation from Cedar Shores. Inc in memory of Dave Bennett
- o 07/20/2017 Information from the DNR regarding the land purchase such as amendment to purchase, draft conservation easement and quick claim deed
- o 07/24/2017 Email from Department of Revenue on payment of Exempt Computer Aid
- o 07/24/2017 Letter and check from the Dept. of Revenue for exempt computer state aid.
- o 07/30/2017 Email asking about collecting zebra mussels and rusty crawfish as a food source for wildlife at The Dane County Humane Society Wildlife Center.
- o 08/01/2017 Email from Susan Trier inquiring on a joint venture with Rock Lake Improvement Association
- o 08/03/2017 Letter to Sylvan Mounds 1st Addition on maintenance option for their group to consider
- o 08/03/2017 Email to Peter and Pat Finn and Jim Dovgin on recommendations for reducing sand runoff
- o 08/10/2017 Email to Heather Morgan at Madison College on student Volunteer opportunities
- o 08/15/2017 Donation from Jacobsen-Brown fund for board approved projects in shoreline renovation, wetland renovation or stormwater control.
- o 08/15/2017 Donation from Jacobsen-Brown Fund to be used for the Lake Ripley Protection Fund, Storm water control projects
- o 08/16/2017 Trapping application form submitted by Travis Olson
- o 08/16/2017 Jefferson County Literacy Program letter of thanks for printer donation
- o 09/2/2017 Letter from DNR approving contested case request
- o 09/05/2017 Letter from Snapshot WI on our acceptance to the program
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Griffin noted the upcoming dates for the 2018 Lakes Convention as April 18-20, 2018 in Steven’s Point.

Kutz inquired if there was any update on the replacement tree program. Developing the program is ongoing

Gebhart commented that she was upset that the Board continued with the contested case hearing while undergoing negotiations on their pier. She further relayed frustration over legal fees generated with the agreement process.

X. Adjournment

Kolb moved for adjournment at 11:00 a.m. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 7-0.

Next meeting: October 21, 2017 (9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall).

Respectfully Submitted,

 Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Secretary Date
 Recorder: LAG