



**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
March 16, 2019
9:00 A.M. at Oakland Town Hall**

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
Jimmy DeGidio called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. Board members present: Mike Sabella, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Mike Doman, Craig Kempel, and Walt Christensen. Keith Kolb was excused. Also in attendance were: Andrew Sabai (LRMD Lake Manager), Dave DeGidio, Roger Rude, and Gail Beaver. **Public Comment** There was none.
- II. **Approval of February 16, 2019 minutes.** DeGidio asked for any corrections to the minutes there were none. **Motion by Sabella to approve February 16 minutes, second by Christensen, motion passed.**
- III. **Treasurer's Report.** Sabella presented the Treasurer's Report for February. Receipts for the period amounted to \$81,369.13, of which \$81,197.64 were real estate taxes. This is 68% of our tax revenue for 2019. In addition \$171.49 of interest was earned. Sabella noted this was the first month that we have received interest at the new negotiated rate. Disbursements include \$750 for membership in the Wisconsin Lakes and \$1,406 for the latest Ripples which was sent to the expanded list of our pilot to the residents of the watershed that are not inside the Lake District.. **Motion by Kempel to approve the Treasurer's Report, 2nd Gomez Ibanez, motion passed.**
- IV. **Lake Manager's Report** Lake planning: We received a planning grant from the DNR for updating the lake management plan. The funds for this grant will mostly go towards water quality monitoring and printing and postage for a survey to the taxpayers. The wetland restoration ditch plug repair at the far eastern part of the preserves was completed by Wisconsin Waterfowl Association. The internship position was posted at several universities and we have received several applications so far. Plant orders to Agrecol were made. The nesting raft for Forster's Terns will be constructed soon. Short/mid-term plans: Prairie burn will be done by Pheasants Forever on land near the pond and the prairie west of Co Rd A. Wetland restoration and lake plan update are ongoing. Correspondence: Lake Manager's Compensation Committee meeting. Sabai then shared results of monitoring of the recent snow melt and the high flows of the inlet creek and showed some of the differences between high and low flows. With flows being very high in the creek there should be very high amounts of phosphorus and sediment flowing through the stream and into the lake.
- V. **Old Business**
 - A. Discussion and possible action on increasing Ripples newsletter distribution to entire Town of Oakland. DeGidio explained that he has had discussions with residents outside the district and watershed, but within Oakland Township. They are unaware of the activities of the district and DeGidio would like to discuss the option to increase Ripples distribution to the entire Township. It had already been decided to increase distribution to the watershed, and the Village of Cambridge in a pilot project. Sabella reminded the board that increasing the distribution would blow out the budget for 2019. He suggested it may be better to conduct this pilot in 2020 when it could be written in that year's budget. Sabai explained that it would roughly double the current budget, but that a few hundred dollars are available for the expansion to residents in the watershed, but outside the district. **Motion by Doman to increase the Ripples distribution to the entire Town of Oakland, 2nd by Kempel.** Discussion: Gomez-Ibanez clarified that we already distribute the newsletter to many Oakland residents and have expanded the distribution to

the residents in the watershed. Sabella asked how many more copies be added. Sabai estimated that 400 copies would be needed. **Motion passed.**

- B. **Discussion and possible action on Lake Manager Compensation process.** DeGidio explained the committee met to make changes and recommendations to the Lake Manager's benefits. There was discussion about whether the lake manager was offered single payer health insurance. Other changes were discussed concerning sick time, vacation time, etc. The committee will review the suggestions, make changes to the document and bring the document for a vote at a future meeting.

VI. Adjournment: Motion by Sabella to adjourn meeting, 2nd Kempel, motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting: April 20, 2019 (9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall).

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Secretary Date
Recorder: Andrew Sabai