



**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
April 17, 2021, 9:00 AM  
N4450 County Road A  
Cambridge, Wisconsin, 53523  
Agenda**

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

Jimmy DeGidio, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. Board members present in addition to DeGidio: Debbie Kutz, Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Craig Kempel, and Doug Maurer. Absent: Keith Kolb and Walt Christensen. Also present: Lianna Spencer - Lake Manager, Dave DeGidio, Jon Tilp, Roxanne Schiller, and Dwight Osmon, summer Field Technician.

**II. Public Comment**

Jon Tilp observed 36 pairs of nesting Canada geese in the Preserve pond, along with some wood ducks and a few mallards. His concern is that the aggressive geese will chase away other shorebird species. Tilp also observed low water levels in the Preserve and expressed praise for our newly rebuilt observation deck.

**III. Approve Minutes of March 20, 2021 Board meeting**

**Maurer made a motion to approve the March minutes as presented, Gómez-Ibáñez seconded. Motion passed.**

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Kutz reported on the March budget and expenditures. Receipts for March were \$8,928.51, including \$896.00 for plant sale purchases (a pass-through for the District), \$8,000.00 Cambridge Foundation Grant, and \$32.51 interest earned. Disbursements were \$11,658.60. Of note, the \$1,909.66 for the dissolved oxygen meter was paid for by our grant for expanded monitoring of the watershed. Kutz was praised for her report. **Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to approve the report as presented, Kempel seconded. Motion passed.**

**V. Lake Manager's Report and Correspondence**

Spencer reported on the extensive accomplishments of the month, including administrative tasks, the update on the carp barrier (installation date is set for April 30), and the decision to hire both CBCW interviewees in order to cover the hours completely and to have them accomplish other summer tasks. Spencer attended the field day meeting of the Jefferson County Farmer Led Conservation group. About 30 local farmers attended; the discussions were focused on soil protection and improvement practices. This will be very good for our watershed and lake. The work on the lake management plan is moving forward smoothly. In the Preserve, the surveying work was accomplished, with posts every 100 feet to mark the property line. Scott Simdom and

crew completed the rebuilding of our observation deck. ERC/Pheasants Forever burned 23 acres of prairie and 9.5 acres of wetland. Maurer was thanked for another prairie kiosk renewed. Osmon completed first water quality monitoring per our grant protocols.

**a. Field Technician update**

Osmon reported himself on that monitoring, noting how clear the water was, and how high the water was. The dissolved oxygen levels were great. Of note: macroinvertebrates were found that are indicators of good water quality. Remote sensors will be relocated to new sites near the inlet and outlet, per our grant protocols.

**VI. New Business**

**a. Discussion and possible action on CBCW hire**

Reasons to hire both were presented. **Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to hire both. Kempel seconded. Motion passed.**

**b. Discussion and possible action on work vehicle**

The pickup truck has extensive rust underneath. DeGidio feels it is time to begin looking for a replacement. Kutz presented a rationale for leasing rather than buying a vehicle. After discussion, **Kempel made a motion to investigate purchasing or leasing a newer vehicle. Gómez-Ibáñez seconded. Motion passed.**

**c. Discussion and possible action on turtle signs**

After much discussion, there was general agreement to continue working through Maurer to purchase an additional 25 turtle signs. This is the most cost-effective plan. Maurer was thanked for his involvement. **Kempel made the motion to have Maurer order the signs and Gómez-Ibáñez seconded. Motion passed.** (This year people wanting signs must pay the \$9.00 cost. There is much interest in having signs).

**VII. Old Business**

**a. Discussion and possible action on pontoon and john boat**

DeGidio presented the rationale for keeping both boats. The slip has been paid for and the pontoon will be parked there. The john boat will be kept on its trailer for easy deployment. There was general agreement and so no motion was needed.

**b. Memorial Day Parade update**

The parade has been cancelled.

**c. Critical Habitat Designation update**

Spencer had prepared a timeline of our CHD process. The only way we can help is to provide names and addresses of property owners who are neighbors of CHD areas. Completion in 2021 was assured.

**d. Discussion and possible action on Endowment fund**

No update yet.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Kempel made a motion to adjourn. Gómez-Ibáñez seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 9:55am.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary  
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: April 23, 2021