



**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
March 20, 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, Keith Kolb Doug Maurer, and Walt Christensen. Also present: Lianna Spencer - Lake Manager, Dave DeGidio, and Jon Tilp.

**II. Public Comment**

None

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

**Christensen made a motion to approve the February minutes as presented. Gómez-Ibáñez seconded. Motion passed.**

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Kutz reported on the February budget and expenditures. Receipts for February were \$47,710.02, of which \$36,816.38 were taxes from the Town of Oakland, and \$146.07 were taxes from the Village of Cambridge. Additionally, \$10,000 (Community Foundation Grant from 2020) was transferred to Restricted Funds, \$721.88 CBCW advanced payment, and \$25.69 was interest earned. Disbursements were \$8,058.99. Of note was that the Elson restricted funds account paid for the carp barrier work. Kutz was thanked for her report.

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

Spencer's report included many administrative tasks completed. The CBCW 2021 job posting resulted in a number of applications, so the hiring committee will meet soon. The Chapter 30 permit for the carp barrier is waiting only for a consultation with the DNR fisheries biologist, and a minor report from us. The Wisconsin Water Week webinars were very interesting, and Spencer's presentation went well. Spencer thought it was a positive step for the Lake District to once again be among the presenters. The DNR grant

for expanding the scope of our watershed monitoring was approved! This grant will cover many costs: primarily water tests, new equipment and supplies, and payroll. The Lake Management Plan work is going smoothly. The Land Acquisition Committee work is moving forward on both projects. The native plant sale was successful. The orders will fill our truck! DeGidio and Jon Tilp cleaned out the last of the wood duck nest boxes. Two are being repaired by Mike Bennett, and two needed to be completely replaced. We purchased two composite boxes, which will last longer. DeGidio and Tilp were thanked for their efforts. Spencer was thanked for her report, and for securing the \$23,459.00 grant which will help us understand our watershed better, so we can improve water quality in the lake.

## **VI. New Business**

### **a. Discussion and possible action on Memorial Day Parade**

DeGidio explained that no final decision has been made about holding the parade and/or the Fireman's fundraiser. There would not be any costs beyond the driver. No hand-outs. Kutz was concerned about the District promoting a crowd event during the pandemic. **Kolb made a motion to participate if the parade is held. Kempel seconded. Motion passed.**

## **VII. Old Business**

### **a. Discussion and possible action on wood observation deck**

The materials have been purchased. Cost was \$1800. Scott Simdom would charge \$800 to construct it. He can start Monday, March 22, 2021. The total cost would be \$2,600. We had previously agreed to spend \$2,000. Kutz advised that the Preserve accounts have \$2,640, so we have enough funds to cover it. **Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to proceed with the project. Maurer seconded. Motion passed.**

### **b. Critical Habitat Designation update**

DeGidio explained that it is in the DNR's hands, and we are doing everything we can to expedite the process.

### **c. Discussion and possible action on Endowment fund**

Rumpf has confirmed that the Foundation is reviewing our document, and that they will let us know.

### **d. Discussion and possible action on Pizza Ranch fundraiser**

DeGidio explained that he and Spencer had met with the Pizza Ranch owners, and now had a more focused event. Only frozen pizzas can be ordered, which simplifies pick-up day. Our promotion would begin April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021. People could order from April 24 through May 8. The pick-up day would be May 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10-11 A.M. Kolb suggested we needed a "cause" to fundraise for. Kutz suggested Preserve projects. We added several specific projects to that: observation deck, kiosks, and wood duck

nest box replacements. **Kolb made a motion to do this fundraiser as explained. Gómez-Ibáñez seconded. Motion passed.**

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Christensen made the motion to adjourn. Gómez-Ibáñez seconded. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:00 A.M.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary  
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: March 23, 2020