



**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
October 16, 2021, 9:00 AM  
N4450 County Road A  
Cambridge, Wisconsin, 53523**

**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, Doug Maurer, Keith Kolb, and Walt Christensen. Also present: Lianna Spencer - Lake Manager, Dave DeGidio, and Roxanne Schiller.

**II. Public Comment**

N/A

**III. Approve Minutes of September 18, 2021 Board meeting**

**Without discussion, Christensen made a motion to approve the September minutes as presented, seconded by Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez. Motion passed.**

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Kutz reported on the September budget and expenditures. Receipts for September totaled \$17.75. September disbursements seem to be greater than income because we have already received our tax payments. Kutz also shared a report from the state which establishes the 2021 Special District Certified Values. Although values were not up as high as the Budget Committee thought in July, they were up enough that homeowners will not notice a change in the District's portion of taxes in 2022. **Kolb made a motion to accept the report as presented, seconded by Kempel. Motion passed.** Kutz was thanked for her clear report and explanation of the valuation.

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

Spencer reported on her activities from September 18 – October 15. A major focus has been grant-writing, 3 to the WDNR and one for land purchase to Enbridge. Spencer also updated the 10-year Lake Management Plan to incorporate board member's suggestions, and has posted the plan online for residents to read before the Public Input Session coming up on Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at the Oakland Town Hall. Spencer has a meeting coming up to seek solutions to the runoff reaching the lake from Ripley Road culverts without infiltration measures. Spencer recently spent time with the capstone project students giving them a personal tour of the Preserve. Water quality monitoring has been completed for the season, except for one last collection by Osmon or Spencer. The harvester is ready for winter except for power-washing, set for next week. The truck and conveyor are all set for winter. Spencer is working on the Aquatic Plant Management Plan needed for the new weed-harvesting permit from the DNR. Spencer was thanked for her good work.

**VI. New Business**

**a. Jefferson County tourism book discussion and possible action**

DeGidio explained that Lake Ripley is already mentioned in this publication, so wouldn't it be better to tell about how we protected our lake, and all the good work we do. Kutz wondered if educational materials wouldn't be better in a brochure, for local residents, while tourists want facts about our lake. Christensen wondered why we would need to buy space when companies are already paying for advertisements. A full-page would cost \$600, and a half-page would be \$300. Kolb wondered if we could see a mock-up of what we'd be paying for at the December meeting. We would need to pay for our page in December. Kutz affirmed we do have enough money left in our education/outreach budget to pay for a full page. Christensen urged that it emphasize caring for the lake. Spencer noted that she sees it as an opportunity to control our own narrative. **Kolb made a motion to proceed with the project, provided we can see the document at the December meeting. Christensen seconded. Motion passed.**

**b. November meeting date discussion and possible action**

DeGidio explained the issue here is that the normal third Saturday meeting in November would coincide with the first day of the gun deer hunt, and proposed a December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting with no additional December meeting. General immediate consensus for this. **Kolb made a motion to hold the November meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez. Motion passed.**

**VII. Old Business**

**a. Weed harvester update**

DeGidio explained that Oakland agreed to store the harvester indoors in their shed this winter. The conveyor and dump truck will spend the winter outdoors, on site. DeGidio praised our crew for their great summer work, and for their diligence in preparing the equipment for winter. It has been a very good season, thanks to our great staff and crew.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Christensen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:10am.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary  
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: October 18, 2021