



Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2022, 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, and Keith Kolb. Also present: Lianna Spencer - Lake Manager, Dave DeGidio, Walt Christensen, and Stephanie Woloshin. New Jefferson County Representative board member, Meg Turville-Heitz, was not able to be present.

II. Public Comment

Christensen explained he had not been reappointed to our Board but wanted to express how much he had learned working with us, how much he had enjoyed it, and how he hoped to continue contributing. Woloshin again spoke to the wake boat issue (1,000 feet is very conservative, but 400 feet is reasonable), hoped we would read the original studies, boat safety for everyone, and floaters should stay in the no-wake zone.

III. Approve Minutes of April 16, 2022, Board meeting

Without discussion, **Maurer made a motion to approve the April minutes as presented, seconded by Kempel. Motion passed.**

IV. Treasurer's Report

Kutz reported on the April budget and expenditures. Receipts for April totaled \$6,539.02, of which \$4,841.76 was tax settlement from the Village of Cambridge and the Town of Oakland, \$1,676.80 was from the Native Plant sale (this is a pass-through, not income), and \$20.46 of interest earned. Disbursements for April were \$10,821.90. There were no unusual expenses, but Kutz listed what the Visa bill included for transparency. She also let us know that a bank loan had been secured at a 2.375% rate. The monthly payment on the loan, once begun, will be \$1,294.97. Kutz was reminding the board that this too would need to be budgeted for. Kutz had put together a new report that included all accounts in our budget across a calendar format, so we could see clearly where and when our money is spent. Kutz thought this report would be useful during the next budgeting process. We all agreed it would. Kutz was thanked for her work. **Kolb made a motion to accept this report as presented, seconded by Gómez-Ibáñez. Motion passed.**

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

Spencer has focused much attention to the CHD report and preparing for an actual CHD sites survey to document current conditions. She has also worked on the Stormwater Cost-share Pilot program and met with some residents interested in cost-sharing. She hired a Clean Boats, Clean Waters inspector. Inlet-outlet monitoring and water quality monitoring in the lake have both begun, Frog and Toad surveys continue, Purple loosestrife project continues, zoning violations continue, and the carp-gate has been installed. The Pontoon Classroom for CHS biology students will be on May 27th. The harvester will be in the Cambridge Memorial Day Parade on May 30.

VI. **New Business**

a. **Adult Pontoon Classroom discussion and possible action**

Nine residents are interested, so we will set a date for July or August and do it. **Kolb made a motion to move ahead, seconded by Gómez-Ibáñez. Motion passed.** Maurer suggested renaming the event to avoid confusion.

b. **FEMA property discussion and action**

Someone has mowed and cut a trail to the lake through native plantings. The area is clearly marked by a prominent line of survey posts and markers. The conditions of owning the FEMA property require us to protect the native vegetation. So, the question is how to reasonably stop continued vandalism/misuse of this small property. DeGidio suggested installing a camera. Live feed would cost \$20-40/month and a camera would cost \$140. Maurer suggested a permanent sign with pertinent information about why the vegetation must be unharmed. Kolb suggested mailing a letter to the individuals in the neighborhood. Discussion ensued about possibly pursuing all three suggestions. **Maurer made a motion to proceed, beginning with a letter to the neighbors, seconded by Kolb. Motion passed.**

c. **Lake Manager Evaluation discussion and possible action**

The evaluation form was handed out and board members were asked to fill it out and get it back to Jimmy. Christensen will do one instead of newcomer Turville-Heitz.

d. **Jefferson County Zoning ordinances discussion and possible action**

Trees have been cut within 30 feet of the lake's shoreline, some with permit, but the permitting office never visited before issuing the permit, and the ordinance itself is confusing and contradicts itself. Christensen thinks Zoning is generally too lax and fails to act unless pressured to do so.

e. **Board budget requests discussion and possible action**

Kutz appreciates receiving budget requests because it makes the process easier. Board members should bring their ideas to the June meeting. Maurer wondered if harvester storage is a budgeted item. He offered to help with the storage search.

f. **Copier lease discussion and possible action**

After comparing several firms' prices, Spencer discovered that for our purposes, our current supplier is the most economical.

VII. Old Business

a. **Critical Habitat Designation Update**

Spencer has been working on both the final report and preparing for site visits in June. DeGidio says we'll keep this on our monthly agenda. Maurer requested that the words "Critical Habitat Designation" be used instead of CHD.

b. **Oakland Hills update**

Spencer reported that the Town of Oakland did not support our request to require a complete EIS for the project.

VIII. Announcements

There were none.

IX. Adjournment

Maurer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kempel. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:05 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: June 8, 2022