



Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
February 19, 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 Walt Christensen. Also present: Lianna Spencer - Lake Manager, Dave DeGidio, Roxanne Schiller, Gerald Polster, Jon Woloshin, Stephanie Woloshin. Absent: Keith Kolb (excused). Present remotely: Arthur Watkinson and Kristina Pechacek.

Before beginning Public Comment, DeGidio explained that two DNR employees are present remotely to discuss the Critical Habitat Designation, and to respect their time he would appreciate putting Old Business (last agenda item) before New Business.

**Christensen made the motion to move (VII.) Old Business ahead of (VI.) New Business, seconded by Maurer. Motion passed.**

**II. Public Comment**

Scott Polster talked at length about his concerns about a possible ordinance limiting artificial wake enhancement. Stephanie Woloshin spoke to the same concern.

**III. Approve Minutes of January 15, 2022, Board meeting**

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

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Kutz reported on the January budget and expenses. Receipts for January were \$76,352.17, of which \$16.44 was interest, \$75,856.35 was tax settlement from Town of Oakland and \$479.38 was tax settlement from the Village of Cambridge. Disbursements for January were \$17,260.66, with \$229,477.69 remaining in the checking account. Kutz mentioned the payment to T&T Stone for work that was done in December 2021, but not billed until 2022. Kutz was thanked for her report. **Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to accept this report as presented, seconded by Kempel. Motion passed.**

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

As usual, Spencer has had a busy month. Highlights include meetings about the Critical Habitat Designation, closing out the Lake Management Plan grant, and accepting the 2022 Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant. Spencer explained the wake boat issue to the Town Board as informational courtesy. The new lease agreement with the Oakland Conservation Club has been completed. Spencer met with Allison Madison from Wisconsin Salt Wise to get information on chloride testing within the watershed. Most importantly, Spencer completed the Aquatic Plant Management Plan and will next be drafting the weed harvesting permit for 2022. A few cost-share possibilities are at the beginning stage, as well as Native Plant Sale orders, due March 25. Maurer asked about any updates about the Oakland Hills project. Kempel requested the agenda for the Lakes Convention and reported that his wife thinks the latest Ripples was the best one yet.

VI. **Old Business**

a. **Critical Habitat Designation update**

Arthur Watkinson, the Regional Lakes Biologist, expressed his regrets that this process has taken over 16 years and is still not completed. He thinks some things may not need to be re-done, but that considering that our March 2020 public input session coincided with the Covid lockdowns, we should probably redo that part of the process, as well as a summer 2022 physical reassessment of the CHD areas. He hopes for a speedy resolution of this issue.

VII. **New Business**

a. **Memorial Day Parade discussion and possible action**

DeGidio explained that the Memorial Day Parade in Cambridge is back, after a two-year absence, and we have been invited to participate. If we do, Denny has agreed to drive. Kutz noted that this was not budgeted for and asked what account the cost would come out of. Discussion followed in which it was decided the money could come from Account 957: Information and Education. **Kempel made a motion to participate in the parade, seconded by Christensen. Motion passed.**

b. **Weed Harvester Committee – update**

The meeting with the weed harvester crew went well. In 2022, the navigational lanes will receive a deeper cut to reduce prop-chop. Ways to streamline and improve the early summer launch as well as the end-of-season removal and winterizing were finalized.

c. **Chloride monitoring discussion and possible action**

This is something Spencer thinks we need to do, probably four times a year (spring turnover, fall turnover, and twice during winter thaws) for a cost of \$650.

We did not budget for this, and although we could wait and budget for 2023, she thinks it's important to know what we're dealing with. Spencer noted that Town trucks already use brine mix on Ripley Road to reduce salt entering the lake. **Maurer made a motion to find the money in our current budget and get started, seconded by Gómez-Ibáñez. Motion passed.**

**d. Field Technician job posting discussion and possible action**

**After much discussion, Kutz made a motion to hire Dwight Osmon for this position, seconded by Kempel. Motion passed.**

**e. Clean Boats, Clean Waters job posting discussion and possible action**

**After some discussion, Christensen made a motion to proceed with this posting. Seconded by Maurer. Motion passed.**

**f. Annual meeting date (August 20, 2022) discussion and possible action**

**Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to set August 20, 2022, as the date for our annual Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting, seconded by Maurer. Motion passed.**

**g. Oakland Hills update**

Spencer reported that she is watching this development process carefully. The wetland delineation was submitted, and she sent it on to county zoning. The state DOT has denied exit/entrance access to Highway 18, so the project developers are considering two exits on Highway A instead. There will be no cul-de-sacs because of garbage pick-up and snow plowing issues.

At adjournment time Mr. Polster requested a question: why is there no opportunity for public input/dialogue during meetings? He thought it would be helpful. DeGidio reiterated that these meetings were for the Board to get their business conducted and that Mr. Polster could contact any of the commissioners by email or phone.

**VIII. Adjournment**

**Kutz made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Christensen. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary  
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: February 24, 2022