



Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
April 16, 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, Jon Tilp, Roxanne Schiller, and Stephanie Woloshin. Absent: Keith Kolb.

**II. Public Comment**

Jon Tilp spoke about what he had read in reputable sources about wake boat. The force of turbulence loosens the bottom sediment and releases nutrients back up into the water. Also destroys fish nets. Sierra Club recommends no closer to shore than 1,000 feet. University of Minnesota recommends 400 feet. He also recognized the need for balance and recognizing the rights of fast-boating recreationists. Stephanie Woloshin spoke about safety issues with fast boats, and how sport boating brings tourist dollars to lake communities.

**III. Approve Minutes of March 19, 2022, Board meeting**

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

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Kutz reported on the March budget and expenditures. Receipts for March totaled \$2,925.55, of which \$2,000 was a grant from Kent and Jane Jacobsen-Brown Fund, \$181.35 was tax settlement from the Village of Cambridge, \$721.88 was a pre-payment for the 2022 CBCW program, and \$22.32 was interest. Disbursements for March were \$7,592.69. There were no surprises. \$258,644.68 remains in the checking account. Kutz was thanked for her great report. **Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to accept this report as presented, seconded by Christensen. Motion passed.**

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

Spencer has been working on several reports: CHD, the accounting part of closing out the management plan grant and revising the new Stormwater Runoff Program draft proposal. She spent time planning for events coming up, including Boy Scout Troop 88 will be

volunteering in the Preserve on April 23, the Pontoon Classroom is being scheduled for mid-May, and the native plant sale plants will be picked up on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Spencer attended the Lakes and Rivers conference April 6-8<sup>th</sup>. She coordinated and attended different possible cost-share/native plant sale meetings. Spencer was thanked for her work.

## VI. New Business

### a. Pizza Ranch Fundraiser

DeGidio explained that with minimum effort we can make several hundred dollars. This year's event will be like last year's, but with a later date so more folks can participate. **Christensen made a motion to go ahead with the fundraiser, seconded by Kempel. Motion passed.**

### b. Cost-share Committee – Stormwater Runoff Program

There was much discussion. Maurer hoped that it would include more ditches than those along Ripley Road. It was explained that the Ripley Road ditches seemed like the best place to pilot this program. Christensen cautioned that we work with the Town and Town road crew. Perhaps signage would help educate. Kutz noted these would be paid for out of our exiting cost-share funds. **Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to take the next steps to move this program forward, seconded by Maurer. DeGidio will be taking it next to the Town Board.**

## VII. Old Business

### a. CHD Update with Arthur Watkinson

Watkinson explained that the report must be updated by doing fieldwork this summer to assess the current conditions of each potential CHD area, and we must redo the public comment portion. He will be drafting a letter to each riparian owner, and he will be responding to all riparian property owner's feedback. He hopes for resolution sometime next fall, possibly next winter. Then it was time for questions. Maurer wondered if we have a chance of a good outcome. Watkinson thought we did because the Board is pushing this forward so strongly. DeGidio asked why our previous public input session can't count. Watkinson said more opportunity for riparian owners to comment was necessary. DeGidio asked how having a CHD can help a lake. Watkinson responded that it provides increased scrutiny to minimize damages. DeGidio asked if CHD areas can be added or subtracted once the designation had not previously been finalized officially. DeGidio asked how CHD's process is initiated if a lake district doesn't begin it. Watkinson replied that county staff of lake associations could. This one is moving along because it is such a high priority of this Lake District. Christensen asked if there were other lakes nearby with CHDs. Watkinson noted none since 2009 – Lake Redstone. Walt noted it's not a priority for our legislators. Watkinson was

thanked very much for his time, diligence, and willingness to work with us to resolve this issue.

b. **Oakland Hills update**

There was no new information expect that Spencer had learned that a full Environmental Impact Statement was not required, just and Impact Statement. Discussion of concerns ensued, **resulting in Maurer making a motion for the Board to send a letter to both the Town and the developer urging a full EIS. Gómez-Ibáñez seconded. Motion passed.** Spencer will draft the letter, and she or DeGidio will sign on behalf of the full board.

VIII. **Announcements**

There were none.

IX. **Adjournment**

**Christensen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kempel. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:23 AM.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary  
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: April 19, 2022