



**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 18, 2022, 9:00 AM
N4450 County Road A
Cambridge, Wisconsin, 53523
Meeting Minutes**

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 Meg Turville-Heitz. Also present: Lianna Spencer - Lake Manager, Dave DeGidio, Jon Tilp and Roxanne Schiller.

II. Public Comment

There was none, but DeGidio welcomed our new board member and invited her to introduce herself. Meg represents mostly Oakland Township and is a longtime resident with a water resources background with the DNR and now is the Grant Program Director at Wisconsin Humanities Council.

III. Approve Minutes of May 21st, 2022, Board meeting

Without discussion Kolb made a motion to approve the May minutes as presented. Seconded by Maurer. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Kutz reported on the May budget and expenditures. Receipts for May totaled \$100,100.83, of which \$100,000 was a loan, \$75.07 was Personal Property Aid (DOR) and \$25.76 was interest earned. Disbursements for May were \$14,499.12. there were no unexpected expenses but Kutz reminded us that we are now in the summer season for payroll. She also went through the VISA expenses for transparency and requested that board members get their budget requests in before July. Kutz was thanks for her good work. Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to accept this report, seconded by Kempel. Motion passed.

V. Lake Manager's Report and Correspondence

Spencer noted that because of new state-wide rules, the Town of Oakland (and therefore the Lake District) were required to get new, more secure email addresses. Ours is now: lake.manager@tn.oakland.jefferson.wi.gov. Spencer has had a busy month, with committee meetings (land acquisition and weed-harvesting oversight), website updates, Critical Habitat Designation work, cost-share inquiries, and grants (closing out one and implementing another). Phragmites control on the Island Lane property will have an herbicide application in July. Dwight has begun his summer work. Tony has begun his CBCW work and is enjoying the experience. Actions to protect the FEMA property from vandalism have begun. The high school Pontoon Classroom went really well in spite of the weather, and the Adult Pontoon Classroom is being scheduled for August. Jon Tilp will drive Jimmy's

pontoon boat for that. The Memorial Day Parade went well and the Lake Leaders conference was interesting and useful. A culvert replacement connecting Upland 2 to Wetland 3 and Upland 3 is in the works with Dunneisen Excavating, with who we have worked with before. The work I scheduled to be done early this fall. The weed harvester was launched June 6th, 2022. Maurer found winter storage for the harvester, conveyor, and dump truck at Stor-Mor-Acres on Highway 73. October through May will cost \$2,800. Thank you, Doug! Spencer advised us that new regulations are being proposed to NR107 will affect our weed permitting process and likely increase the cost of fees. An in-person meeting with Jefferson County Zoning is being planned to address the contradictory ordinance wording, and lack of clarity about Township/ County accountability. As Maurer noted, we receive the complaints but don't have the authority.

VI. New Business

There was none.

VII. Old Business

a. Adult Pontoon Classroom discussion and possible action

August 12 was the original tentative date, but Paul Garrison can't be there, so Spencer is looking for an alternate date. Jon will drive Jimmy's pontoon. Thank you, Jon!

b. Board budget requests discussion and possible action

DeGidio, Kutz, and Kolb are the budget committee and plan to meet with Spencer early in July, so please get your request in ASAP!

c. Oakland Hills update

So far the project has a permit for only one access on Highway A, and DOT has not given permission for their requested access on Highway 18. They need their plan finalized by the end of the year for the project to move forward.

d. Critical Habitat Designation (CHD) update

There is no news other than the planned on-site survey was postponed until July 7, 2022, with Lianna, Dwight, Marisa (Jefferson County LWCD), and DNR staff.

e. Lake Manager Evaluation discussion and possible action

Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to go into closed session, seconded by Kempel.

A roll call vote was held to enter in to closed session for the purposes of items VII. e. on the agenda. All ayes. Closed session began at 9:33AM.

Meeting entered Closed Session as per §Wis. Statute 19.85 (1)(c) to consider staff-related employment and compensation

VIII. Return to Open Session

DeGidio made a motion to return to open session, seconded by Turville-Heitz. Motion passed. Session resumed at 10:05AM. **Kolb made a motion to increase Lake Manager salary by 7% and to proceed soon with a market study of equivalent positions of responsibility, seconded by Gómez-Ibáñez. Motion passed.**

IX. Announcements

Maurer gave the board a heads-up on Majestic Pines' plan to rebuild their wetland boardwalk, which will need a permit.

X. Adjournment

Kolb made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kempel. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:07AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: June 27, 2022