



**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
December 3rd, 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, and Meg Turville-Heitz. Keith Kolb present remotely. Also present: Lianna Spencer - Lake Manager, and Dave DeGidio.

II. Public Comment

There was none.

III. Approve Minutes of October 15, 2022, Board meeting

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

IV. Treasurer's Report

Kutz reported on both the October and November budgets and expenditures. Receipts for October were \$18.26, all interest earned. Disbursements for October amounted to \$16,851.52. (5 people on payroll in October, as the Harvester was being winterized.) There were no unusual expenses for October. **Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to accept the October report as presented, seconded by Kempel. Motion passed.** Receipts for November were \$26,258.30, which included \$8.30 for interest earned, \$20,000 grant from Silver Lining Foundation for Preserve management and water quality issues, and \$6,250 for the final grant payment for LPL 173-220 (which was our lake management plan grant). Disbursements for November were \$110,037.15, which included moving another \$100,000 into a 15-month CD at Members First Credit Union, earning interest. The Visa bill was large because it included the bill (\$400) from the local newspaper to print the annual meeting agenda. **Kolb made a motion to accept the November report as presented, seconded by Gómez-Ibáñez. Motion passed.** Kutz was praised for her work on our behalf, and especially for putting money into a CD, where it can be earning needed funds.

V. Lake Manager's Report and Correspondence

Spencer had prepared a lengthy written report for work accomplished in October and November. She spoke in detail about grants in progress, including the large Watershed Renewal 2023, which involved many consultations with WDNR, Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department., engineers, and others. This grant has been submitted. The Clean Boats, Clean Waters 2023 grant was submitted. The Banded Killifish 2023 grant was submitted, after finding an appropriate fishpond! The owner of the pond, Coldwater Farms, LLC, is willing to donate some of his fishponds. A Knowles-Nelson Stewardship grant was submitted. The Phragmites grant, AIRR 264-21 has two years left, with

Eco Resource Consulting, LLC., continuing to do the work, which will mostly be seeding native seed. Spencer thanked Turville-Heitz for her suggestion to involve Senator Baldwin with the UEI (unique entity identifier), which allows the District to apply for federal grants. Spencer noted that the new signs are now installed on the FEMA property, and that since the camera installation no violations have occurred. Spencer reported in detail about efforts to reach out to farmers in the lake's watershed. She also spoke to work accomplished in the Preserve, which helps us reach our management goals. Spencer was thanked for her great work accomplishing our District goals.

VI. New Business

a. Wisconsin Lakes Association, Rock River Coalition, NALMS renewal discussion and possible action

These groups are ones we have long supported and been members of because we share goals and help each other. After discussions, we agreed to continue our memberships for a total of \$315 for 2023. **Turville-Heitz made motion the motion, seconded by Gómez-Ibáñez. Motion passed.**

b. Board meeting dates for 2023 discussion and possible action

Discussion focused on keeping our usual 3rd Saturday meetings, skipping the November meeting, and having our December meeting on the 2nd Saturday so that the Treasurer would have the data she needs to make her report. Our 2023 calendar is as follows: January 21, February 18, March 18, April 15, May 20, June 17, July 15, our annual meeting August 19, September 16, October 21, and December 9. **Turville-Heitz made the motion to accept this schedule, seconded by Gómez-Ibáñez. Motion passed.**

VII. Old Business

a. Oakland Hills update

The only news is that the state denied access to/from Highway 18, and the county passed 2 access points on Highway A. There is not yet any news about how many homes will be in this future development.

b. Critical Habitat Designation (CHD) update

Spencer explained that the last meeting with the WDNR staff did not go as planned, and that the specific content comments would now come in a December meeting. This delays our previous timetable. The report will now be finalized in December, letters to riparian property owners will go out in January, and the public input meeting will be in February.

c. Land Acquisition update

DeGidio spoke about the settlement. Groundswell gave the District the whole amount, which was \$25,000. We should be getting a check soon.

VIII. Announcements

There were none.

IX. Adjournment

Turville-Heitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Maurer. Meeting was adjourned at 9:53 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: December 9, 2022