



**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
April 15th, 2023, 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, Keith Kolb (welcome back, Keith!) Doug Maurer, and Meg Turville-Heitz. Also present: Lianna Spencer - Lake Manager, Dave DeGidio, Jon Tilp, and Jim Jermain.

II. Public Comment

There was none.

III. Approve Minutes of March 18th, 2023, Board meeting

Without discussion, Maurer made a motion to approve the March minutes, seconded by Kempel. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Kutz reported on the March budget and expenditures. Receipts for March were \$17,000 of which \$2,000 was a grant from the Jacobsen-Brown Fund, and \$15,000 was a grant from the Cambridge Community Foundation to build a new boardwalk for the wetland scrape in the Preserve. Disbursements were \$37,499.85, including the dump truck purchase of \$27,000, which is part of our weed-harvesting operation. \$219,503.38 remains in the checking account, and \$201,978.03 is in our investment accounts. In addition, Kutz presented a financial “big picture” document that will be very helpful in July when we create the 2024 budget. Kutz noted that with the newer dump truck our insurance is about to increase substantially. Maurer offered to investigate a more reasonable insurance. **Kutz was thanked for her work. Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Kolb. Motion passed.**

V. Lake Manager's Report and Correspondence

Spencer had prepared a lengthy written report (busy month!) and spoke about some of them. The public hearing for the Critical Habitat Designation is set for Thursday, May 11th, 2023, at 6:00 PM, with a backup date of May 18, 2023. Spencer helped our cost-

share participant resolve some issues getting a permit from County Zoning. Water monitoring has begun. She spent a day working with DNR fish biologists surveying our lake's native fish population. We will be very busy on May 24th hauling 38 flats of native plants and sorting the orders for pick-up. Koshkonong Trail students worked in Prairie 2 lopping willow saplings, clearing a large area, on April 12th. The burn scheduled for Prairie 1 occurred on Friday morning, April 14th. The DNR approved the changes to the 2023 weed-harvesting map! The meeting with the County Zoning department to discuss the rash of zoning violations around the lake went very well. Spencer noted she will be gone at the Lakes and Rivers convention on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week, and on vacation the following week. Questions were asked about tornado damage to the lake area. Spencer had visited one area, at the request of property owners, and is looking for help from the DNR and Jefferson County Land and Water to restore a badly damaged shoreline. Kolb asked about carp barrier installation. Spencer thinks it will go in mid-May when the water is warm enough.

VI. New Business
There was none.

VII. Old Business

a. Oakland Hills update

Spencer related new information. The preliminary plans had been for 240 units. This has been downsized to 60 single family homes. Access via Highway 18 was denied, and only one access to Highway A. What remains to be a problem, is that "sublots" (now to be left undeveloped) could be developed later, which could be a problem for our wetland because of a drainage ditch that could carry runoff.

b. Critical Habitat Designation (CHD) update

The letters to property owners are set to go out next Tuesday, April 18th. The DNR sends these letters.

**c. Discussion and possible action on land purchase for the benefit of the LRMD
Turville-Heitz made the motion, seconded by Kempel, to go into closed session.**

A roll call vote was held to enter in to closed session for the purposes of items VI. c. on the agenda. All ayes. Closed session began at 9:30 AM.

Meeting entered Closed Session [as per §Wis. Statute 19.85 (1)(e) to consider land purchase

VIII. Return to Open Session

Turville-Heitz made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Kolb. All ayes. Motion passed. Open session began at 9:50 AM.

Turville-Heitz made a motion to approve expenses connected to gaining the permits needed per our contingencies, seconded by Gómez-Ibáñez. Motion passed.

IX. Announcements

There were none.

X. Adjournment

DeGidio made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Maurer. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: May 1, 2023