



**Lake Ripley Management District**  
**Budget Hearing**  
August 19, 2023  
9:00 a.m. at Oakland Town Hall  
N4450 County Road A  
Cambridge, WI, 53523

Jimmy DeGidio, Lake District Chair, called the budget hearing to order at 9:00 A.M. He first introduced Mark McNally, Village of Cambridge president. McNally acknowledged the importance of Lake Ripley to the Village and urged the District residents to work with the District to continue all the good work to maintain the lake's good condition. He also appreciated our presence in the Memorial Day parade, saying he thought it was important for Village residents to understand how much work and equipment is needed to maintain the lake. DeGidio then introduced Debbie Kutz, Treasurer, to go through the budget line by line, explaining the rationale behind each decision to increase or decrease. Landowner cost-share remained the same. Weed Harvesting is up because costs are up. Preserve Restoration/Management is up to accomplish projects required in the 10-year plan. Staff Payroll/Fringes/Taxes are up to keep pace with cost-of-living and merit pay for 3 staff persons: the Lake Manager, the Water Quality Technician LTE, and the Preserve Technician LTE. Insurance is up because costs are up. Legal and Accounting remained the same. Dues and Conferences was reduced. Office and Community Outreach were up because costs are up. Commissioner Stipends remain the same. Rent remains the same. Capital Reserves, Land/Equipment Acquisition remains the same. Miscellaneous and General Lake Management remains the same. Special Programs was reduced. Kutz explained about the Restricted Funds in the Lake Ripley Protection Fund, and how our current budget process budgets by determining what the costs for the next year will be, based on known costs and anticipating costs for expenditures required by our 10-year plan.

Kutz asked if there were any questions. None were asked. DeGidio concluded the Budget Hearing at 9:06 A.M.

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**Annual Meeting**  
Immediately following budget hearing  
Oakland Town Hall

**I. Call to Order**

Jimmy DeGidio, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:07 A.M. Board members present were Jimmy DeGidio, Debbie Kutz, Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Craig Kempel, Doug Maurer, Keith Kolb, and Meg Turville-Heitz. Also in attendance, Lake Manager, Lianna Spencer, Leah Maurer, Mark McNally, Maggie Kempel, Rick Calacci, Steve Bieschke, Richard Nelson, Roxane Schiller, Jeanne DeGidio, Dave DeGidio, Cari Redington, Joe Pleshek, Diane Kledzik, Tyler Kledzik, Cary Kledzik, Bill Trout, Pat Gramme, Pat Walter, Delbert Whitney, Tom Hensel, Lisa Larson, Mary Heynis, Connie Kottwitz, Bruce Larsen, June Buchanan, Janice Hoiby, Stephanie Woloshin and Mo Kolb.

**II. Approval of 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes**

Without discussion, **Richard Nelson made a motion to approve the 2022 Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting Minutes as presented, seconded by Debbie Kutz. Motion passed, all ayes.**

**III. Nomination of Board candidates, Statements of candidates, and Election - two open positions. (Name(s) on Ballot: Jimmy DeGidio)**

DeGidio introduced this section by thanking Craig Kempel and Keith Kolb for their years of service, Kempel for his important contributions to water quality monitoring and the weed harvesting program, and Kolb for his legal knowledge and our improved budgeting process. There was a round of applause for these two retiring commissioners. DeGidio then asked for candidates. Debbie Kutz nominated Steve Bieschke. Keith Kolb nominated Roxane Schiller. DeGidio repeated his call for nominees two more times. No other nominations came forward. All three candidates spoke briefly about their interest in being on the board. Ballots were distributed by Leah Maurer, Tom Hensel and Lianna Spencer, and then collected to tabulate the results.

**IV. Chairman's report**

DeGidio spoke about the 2023 Boat Census survey in detail and encouraged people to view it on our website. He explained that the trend seemed to be fewer motorized boats and more non-motorized boats. Del Whitney asked the question: could you count how many wake boats? The answer was no.

DeGidio also spoke about our Weed Harvesting program, with its three crew members working mostly a 3-day week through the end of the summer and using a newly configured map that seems to work better for everyone.

**V. Treasurer's report**

Kutz explained the duties of the Treasurer, and that an audit is required annually. Joe Pleshek, Jeanne DeGidio and Steve Bieschke were our auditing committee members this year. Joe Pleshek, Chair, presented the audit report, which confirmed our books are in good order.

**VI. Approval of the budget and tax levy**

Without further discussion, **Kolb made a motion to approve the 2024 budget and tax levy, seconded by Turville-Heitz. Motion passed, all ayes.**

**VII. Discussion and possible action on other business that can be legally considered by the District**

Tom Hensel asked if the wake boat ordinance should be spoken about at the Town special meeting this coming Tuesday. DeGidio replied yes. Stephanie Woloshin spoke about a report from the Sierra Club recommending a limit of 1000 feet from shore for wake-boating. Diane Kledzik asked who initiated this ordinance. DeGidio replied that ordinances must come from the Town.

**VIII. Tabulation of vote and election of board members**

Leah Maurer presented DeGidio with the tabulation of votes. DeGidio received 28 votes, Roxanne Shiller received 12 votes and Steve Bieschke received 14 votes. DeGidio thanked both Schiller and Bieschke for being candidates and welcomed Bieschke to the board, with a round of applause.

**IX. Adjournment**

**Joe Pleshek made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Del Whitney. Motion passed, all ayes.** The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 A.M.

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**Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
Immediately following Annual Meeting  
Oakland Town Hall

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Lianna Spencer called the meeting to order at 9:39 A.M. and noted all members were present.

**II. Election of Board Officers**

**Doug Maurer nominated Jimmy DeGidio for Chair, seconded by Steve Bieschke. All ayes. DeGidio remains Chair. DeGidio nominated Debbie Kutz for Treasurer, seconded by Turville-Heitz. All ayes. Kutz remains Treasurer. DeGidio nominated Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez for Secretary, seconded by Turville-Heitz. All ayes. Gómez-Ibáñez remains secretary.** Another round of applause.

**III. Adjournment**

**Turville-Heitz made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gómez-Ibáñez. Motion passed, all ayes. Meeting adjourned at 9:41 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary  
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: August 21, 2023