



**Lake Ripley Management District  
Meeting of the Board of Directors  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 and Doug Maurer. Excused: Meg Turville-Heitz. Also present: Lianna Spencer - Lake Manager, Dave DeGidio, Jon Tilp, Todd and Robin Touton, Michael and Nancy Peth, Roxane Schiller and Linda Winn.

**II. Public Comment**

Robin Touton voiced her concern about the floating weeds and dead fish fouling their shoreline. They must rake nearly every day. Jon Tilp mentioned a program about Wisconsin fishing on T.V. that featured the good fishing on Lake Ripley. Todd Touton said he thinks the outfall from the reconfigured Ripley Road is sending fertilizer from uphill lawns into the lake, and wondered if the District could assess that concern by taking water samples at those outfall points.

**III. Approve Minutes of April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Board meeting**

**Without discussion, Kutz made a motion to approve the April minutes, seconded by Kolb. Motion passed.**

**IV. Treasurer's Report**

Kutz reported on the April budget and expenditure. Receipts for April were \$2,643.20 for the plant sale (this is a pass-through, not income), \$4,934.62 for tax receipts for both Town and Village, and \$721.88 an advance payment on the CBCW grant from the DNR. Disbursements amounted to \$12,804.37, including \$1,001.04 for maintenance on our new dump truck. Kutz reminded Board members to be thinking about budget requests for the budget committee to consider in July, and please bring those to the June meeting. Kutz was thanked for her work. **Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to approve the report as presented, seconded by Maurer. Motion passed.**

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

Spencer has had another very busy month, as noted on her written report, and spoke about some of them. She attended several productive meetings with groups we collaborate with. At the 2023 Southeast Wisconsin Lakes Forum recreational impacts to lakes was discussed, carrying capacity, and wake enhancement issues being of special interest to Lake Ripley concerns. Dwight has begun his season of water sampling. The carp barrier has been installed. Koshkonong Trails students weeded garlic mustard and Dame's rocket from Woods 3. The Nature Preserve Technician position was filled by Andrew Sabai. He has been working to lop and herbicide saplings in the recently burned Prairie 1. Two candidates for the Weed Harvesting Program were interviewed and hired: Jim Jermain and Bruce Larsen. Richard Moen has been working on our new dump truck and harvester to have them ready for this new season of weed harvesting. Maurer asked about our FEMA property since the installation of signposts. Everything has been ok.

VI. **New Business**

a. **Cost Share Project (N4182 Sleepy Hollow Road) discussion and possible action**

The property owner, Mike Peth, was present to explain his project and answer questions. This project presented many procedural challenges to the Cost-share Committee. This project was at Step 7 of our cost-share process when the committee was initially invited for a site inspection/evaluation. A contractor had been hired and the work was beginning in a few days, with a group of neighboring properties also involved. The committee's concerns were that cost-sharing this project "after the fact" would set a dangerous precedent. At this meeting, the Board was being asked to cost share only one of the projects, at a cost of \$2,187.50. but as another neighboring property owner, Linda Winn, added at this meeting, three additional property owners would be asking for cost-sharing too. They would each be asking for \$4,000 approximately. We all agreed that the work accomplished would benefit the lake. **After lengthy discussion, Kolb made a motion to approve the cost share reimbursement of \$2,187.50, seconded by Kempel. DeGidio asked for yes votes: there was one. DeGidio asked for nay votes: there were five. Motion failed.** Cost share was denied. The property owner expressed his great disappointment and suggested we revise our process.

b. **Lake Manager Evaluation Form Distribution**

DeGidio asked that we return these to him as soon as possible.

**VII. Old Business**

**a. Oakland Hills update**

Spencer noticed that their stormwater management plan had been changed in concerning ways that might impact their (and our) wetlands. She has asked for clarification on a wetland delineation.

**b. Critical Habitat Designation (CHD) update**

DeGidio spoke about the public hearing held by the DNR at the Town Hall on May 18, 2023, which was well attended. The comment period continues through June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**c. Discussion and possible action on land purchase for the benefit of the LRMD**

DeGidio explained that the Town took no vote on the razing of the church property, leaving the District free to continue its process of purchasing the property. No closed session on this issue.

**VIII. Return to Open Session**

Not needed

**IX. Announcements**

Kolb thought the latest issue of the Ripples was “great”! Maurer suggested that every Ripples contain our mission statement.

**X. Adjournment**

**Kolb made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Maurer. Motion passed.** Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary  
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023