



**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
October 19th, 2024, 9:00 AM
N4450 County Road A
Cambridge, Wisconsin, 53523
Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM, in the absence of Jimmy DeGidio, Chairman. Board members present in addition to Gómez-Ibáñez: Debbie Kutz, Doug Maurer, Steve Bieschke, and Meg Turville-Heitz (Jefferson County Representative). Jimmy DeGidio was excused. Also present: Lianna Spencer – Lake Manager, Roxane Schiller, and John Didion.

Gómez-Ibáñez asked for a nomination for Chairman Pro Tem. Kutz nominated Turville-Heitz, seconded by Bieschke. All ayes. Turville-Heitz presided today as chair.

II. Public Comment

John Didion reported on the status of his proposed subdivision on Highway A. The engineers have begun their work, and plan to complete their engineering plans by October 2025. Then the permitting applications will begin, with construction beginning in 2026. The property includes 22 acres of wetlands and adjoining uplands which Didion intends to donate to the Lake Ripley Management District. He hopes a trail can connect his subdivision with those in the District's Preserve. Didion was thanked for providing this update to the District.

III. Approve Minutes of September 21st, 2024, Board meeting

Without discussion, Bieschke made a motion to approve the September minutes, seconded by Kutz. All ayes. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Kutz reported on the budget and expenditures for September. Disbursements for the month amounted to \$17,387.24. Kutz noted that expenses for Workman's Compensation insurance were unusually high due to incorrect coding for two of our employees. Thus, it appears we are over-budget in this category, but when reimbursement comes it will be close to what we had budgeted for. There is \$50 in petty cash, and \$172,196.49 in the checking account. The loan CD

has \$106,378.56 and the Restricted Funds CD has \$105,469.20. **Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to approve the September Treasurer's report, seconded by Maurer. All ayes. Motion passed.**

Kutz then shared the year-to-date actual expenses spreadsheet. She noted one category where we are over budget: legal fees. The reason for this is the open records request which cost us \$1,925 in legal fees, and by-law changes cost us \$1,475. Kutz was thanked for her careful important work.

V. Town of Oakland Representative Update

Spencer read from acting representative Laura Payne's report. Issues remain for the Park Road rebuild, which Payne is working on. The proposed development west of Shoreplace is on hold, pending DOT access evaluation. Didion has shared his subdivision update with her.

VI. Jefferson County Representative Update

Turville-Heitz reported on the Jefferson County groundwater study by UW-Stevens Point, which found, among other things, nitrates and salt in the wells around Lake Ripley. There will be a public meeting (date to be announced later) where residents can ask questions.

VII. Lake Manager's Report and Correspondence

Spencer touched on a few of the month's ongoing projects and accomplishments. The cost-share program is busy, with two projects still in progress, while Shoreplace has completed theirs. She has been working on three grants, one focused on the inlet stream restoration, one that will help with tasks mandated by our management plan, and one for CBCW for 2025. We have signed the proposal with Stantec and are currently planning work to be accomplished this fall, winter and next spring. The zebra mussel project has been completed for this year. The survey will continue next summer. Spencer continues to work on the Park Road project. Volunteers from Generac are coming to help collect seeds in the Preserve on November 14th. The weed harvester has been cleaned, winterized and put into winter storage. Spencer was thanked for her work.

a. End of Year Report – Nature Preserve Technician

Spencer spoke to this report, and how much Andrew Sabai accomplished this season in the Preserve, as well as many other important tasks such as water quality monitoring, vegetation surveys, and invasive species management. Spencer made special note of how well mowed water-flow lanes adjacent to the inlet creek in Wetland 2 worked when water high in the creek.

b. End of Year Report – Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW)

Tobiasz noted fewer boats on the lake this year, but his report did not include the busy Labor Day weekend. Ski boats were down 60%. Fishing boats were also down 12%, but fisherman's reports on their fishing experience were positive. June was rainy and the high water in the lake which prompted 2 weeks of slow-no-wake probably also contributed to fewer boats being on the lake.

VIII. New Business

a. Grant Resolutions discussion and possible action

a. Surface Water Education grant

Spencer explained the purpose of this grant. **Maurer made a motion to approve applying for this grant, seconded by Bieschke. All ayes. Motion passed.**

b. Surface Water Planning grant

Spencer explained the purpose of this grant. **Bieschke made a motion to approve applying for this grant, seconded by Gómez-Ibáñez. All ayes. Motion passed.**

c. Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant

This grant needed no explanation. **Gómez-Ibáñez made a motion to approve applying for this grant, seconded by Bieschke. All ayes. Motion passed.**

IX. Old Business

Kutz used this opportunity to inform us that she had received the certified valuation for the Township. The mil rate will be \$50.50 per \$100,000 of home value.

X. Announcements

There were none.

XI. Adjournment

Bieschke made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Kutz. All Ayes. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: October 24, 2024