



**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting of the Board of Directors
June 20th, 2026, 9:00 AM
N4450 County Road A
Cambridge, Wisconsin, 53523
Meeting Minutes**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Jimmy DeGidio, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. Board members present in addition to DeGidio: Steve Bieschke, Georgía Gómez-Ibáñez, Doug Maurer, Laura Payne (Town of Oakland representative) and Meg Turville-Heitz (Jefferson County representative). Kim Ollhoff-Nett was excused. Also present: Todd Touton, Robin Touton, Roxane Schiller, and Officer Rittmeyer. Lianna Spencer – Lake Manager, was excused.

II. Public Comment

Robin Touton voiced her concerns about VRBOs and Air B&B owners allowing renters to use their boats. Those boaters don't know our lake rules so they're out partying at night, driving too fast, without lights. DeGidio responded that she should call the Town Police when she observes this. Officer Rittmeyer responded "and take a video if possible" because that would help police greatly. Payne also responded by saying starting now the police will be on the lake every weekend.

III. Approve Minutes of May 16th, 2026, Board meeting

Without discussion, Bieschke made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Turville-Heitz. All ayes. Motion passed.

IV. Treasurer's Report

Bieschke began with the detailed Financial Report for May. He wanted us to understand that starting next month, because of payroll being paid through EFT, all employees pay would be combined as one amount per month. In response to a question, Bieschke explained that it was a plant customer who had caused the insufficient funds service charge from Agrecol, and that the customer would be reimbursing us for that.

Receipts for the period amounted to \$23,782.06, consisting of a \$4,148.92 donation from the Jane Jacobson Brown Trust, \$2,002.40 was the pass-through for Agrecol plants, \$4,536.00 Enbridge reimbursement for water testing, \$106.58 is a reimbursement from the Post Office when we closed that account, \$10,593.75 was an advance payment from the DNR for the Western Banded Killifish Project grant (LPT87626), \$2,250.00 an advance payment from the DNR for Clean Boats, Clean

Waters grant, \$75.07 from the Department of Revenue: PPA Special, \$51.34 from the Department of Revenue: Act 12 PPA Special, and \$18.00 from a resident for two turtle signs. Disbursements for May amounted to \$21,774.48. There was \$194,093.23 in the checking account, \$5,771.30 in the cost-share restricted funds, \$13,690.74 in the Streambank Restoration restricted funds, and \$174,631.19 in General Funds available. Bieschke was thanked for his clear, easy to understand reports.

V. Town of Oakland Representative Update

Payne explained that she has no news because she is waiting for the DNR review of the Enbridge report. She is also waiting for news about the grant which would help fund the rebuilding of the public boat launch.

VI. Jefferson County Representative Update

Turville-Heitz reported on recent initiatives of the Land and Water Conservation Association Board. In addition, the County Board sent resolutions asking for further action by the state legislators on the following topics: 1) asking for funding for Knowles-Nelson Stewardship fund, 2) asking DATCP to accept more local input when deciding sites for CAFO's, and 3) asking for stronger response to avian flu issues (like disposal safety).

VII. Lake Manager's Report and Correspondence

DeGidio highlighted some of the many items in Spencer's lengthy written report. Among them, Tony has started working the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program at the public launch and weed harvesting permit was approved allowing our weed harvesting program to begin on the lake!

VIII. New Business

a. Lake Manager Evaluation discussion and possible action

Turville-Heitz made a motion to go into to Closed Session, seconded by Gómez-Ibáñez. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion passed. Meeting entered Closed Session at 9:31am.

Meeting entered Closed Session [as per §Wis. Statute 19.85 (1)(c) to consider staff-related employment and compensation.

IX. Return to Open Session

Turville-Heitz made a motion to return to Open Session, seconded by Payne. Roll call vote – all ayes. Motion passed. Meeting returned to Open Session at 10:24am.

a. Discussion and possible action on any Closed Session Items

Bieschke made a motion to approval the salary increase for the Lake Manager as discussed in Closed Session, seconded by DeGidio. All ayes. Motion passed.

X. Old Business

a. 2027 budget requests discussion and possible action

Turville-Heitz made a motion to move X and XI items before XIII, seconded by Bieschke. All ayes. Motion passed.

DeGidio reported that at the first budget committee meeting in June, most fixed costs had been plugged into the spreadsheet. A few costs remain to come in.

XI. Announcements

Turville-Heitz announced that next Thursday, June 25th is the Brew with a View fundraiser at Korth Park, an important fundraiser for Jefferson County Parks.

XII. Adjournment

Payne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Turville-Heitz. All ayes. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned at 10:25am.

Respectfully submitted,

Georgia Gómez-Ibáñez, Secretary
Recorder: Lianna Spencer

Date: June 23, 2026