

Lake Ripley Management District ByLaws Changes Proposed

Four proposed Bylaws changes are on the agenda for the Lake Ripley Management District members to vote on at the annual meeting.

The first proposed change is to make meeting stipends optional for Board members. Currently, stipends per meeting are mandatory. Some Board members would like to serve without receiving the stipend.

Board commissioners ~~shall~~ may [08-15-20] receive a stipend of \$50 per meeting attended as authorized by Ch. 33.30(4) c [08-22-98] The chair and treasurer ~~shall~~ may [8-15-20] each receive an additional \$100 per month stipend. [08-17-02]

Second: There has been a request for increasing the number of commissioners present to constitute a quorum from three to four to reflect the growth of our Board from five members to seven.

33.28 (3) ~~Three~~ Four commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. [8-15-20]

Third: In light of the changes that have been enacted under the emergency conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic, and for purposes of increased recruitment of, and flexibility for, Board members, allowing remote attendance at Board meetings is being considered. To allow telephone or electronic remote attendance under non-emergency conditions, we point to the rules that would be adhered to to make this transition work more smoothly.

Conduct of Meetings: All meetings of the District shall be conducted according to Roberts Revised Rules of Order. The chair, or a person appointed by the chair, shall serve as parliamentarian. [05-25-91] Meetings with one or more Board member attending electronically shall follow the rules outlined in Appendix C "Rules for Electronic Meetings" as written in Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th Edition, and amended by the Lake Ripley Management District Board. [8-15-20]

Fourth: There are no provision in our current Bylaws, nor in the Ch. 30 State Statutes, that provide for guidance for Board elections that end in a tie. Since this very nearly has happened here in the recent past, Board members would like a process outlined ahead of time to resolve the problem that is acknowledged as workable and un-biased.

This language would therefore be added to 33.30 (5):

33.30 (5) (f). In the event of an exact tie for a contested seat, and after the procedures for recounts have been either voluntarily forfeited or exhausted, a member of the election committee will flip a coin to determine the winner of the seat. In a tie where there are more than two tied candidates for one seat, a member of the election committee will have the candidates draw straws with long straw winning the seat. If either of these becomes necessary as outlined under this paragraph, the secretary shall note the action in the meeting minutes. [8-15-20]