

**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2014**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on October 18, 2014. Chairman Molinaro called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present at roll call: John Molinaro, Mike Sabella, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Walt Christensen, and Craig Kempel. Jane Jacobsen-Brown and Jimmy DeGidio were absent. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Kent Brown, Dale Evenson, Jon Kelter, Dave DeGidio, Debra and Rick Kutz, Isaiah Fisher of Cambridge Cable TV 98, and Tristan McGough of Cambridge News.

II. Public Comment

There were no public comments concerning issues not already on the agenda.

III. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

Draft minutes from the October 18th meeting was reviewed. A correction was noted as to a missing word in Section III. *Sabella moved to approve the October 18 meeting minutes with the correction. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 5-0.*

IV. Treasurer's Report

Sabella distributed and reviewed financial reports for the end of the one month period ending October 31, 2014 to include a transaction listing. Receipts of \$33,977.80 consist of \$62.85 of interest earned, \$1,344.95 as final payment for Clean Boats-Clean Waters, and a preliminary grant award of \$32,570.00 to purchase weed harvesting equipment. Disbursements of \$75,880.30 which consisted of a \$62,000.00 down payment for weed harvesting equipment, \$8,300.00 for the Willerup cost-share project, staff and office related expenses, and preserve maintenance. As of October 31, asset balances included \$200 in petty cash and \$139,452.64 in the checking account. A transaction listing was provided describing the nature of each disbursement. *Kempel moved to accept the treasurer's report and enter it into the record. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 5-0.*

VI. Lake Manager's Report

Activity Highlights

- Research on preserve trapping guidance and population study information
- Phragmites RFP control completed, seeking Board approval to distribute
- Confirmation of shoreline restoration certification
- Ripples Fall/Winter edition almost complete
- Research on Healthy Lakes Grant opportunity-11/13 webinar
- CBCW 2015 grant payment work submitted
- Site visit to duck blind, survey of south shore for additional phragmites
- Riprap guidance for Porter Park 1st Edition easement area
- GHA implementation meeting (Next meeting Town of Oakland Jan 13 4-6 p.m.)
- Enbridge Pipeline meeting (UW-Whitewater 11/6/2014)
- Woodland survey for upcoming burn
- Updated website with new Weed Harvesting page/collect information for other selling opportunities

Near-Term Plans

- Ripples fall/winter edition: Finish edits and distribute

- Follow up on preserve maintenance on winter burn schedule-possible inclusion of Willow removal in wetland 2.
- Schedule Ripley Rewards Program Committee meeting
- Continue efforts to sell weed harvesting equipment
- Research on DNR mapping software that could assist to reduce ag runoff, phosphorus pollution
- Distribute phragmites RFP, coordinate RFP site visits and compile and review submissions
- Prepare grant application of AIS control to address phragmites
- Prepare grant application for Healthy Lakes Initiative

VI. Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action to rescind previous motion of Preserve Trapping Permit Application

Griffin relayed information that has been gathered from various sources such as the WDNR and UW-Whitewater faculty on what is needed to conduct a population survey. Griffin also relayed information provided by Sandy Chancellor (WDNR) on the denial of the trapping permit and her guidance going forward on the District's rights and best practices that should be used when considering to limit trapping of a species. Griffin stated that denying the permit in entirety was not consistent with the land uses of the preserve and what is stated in our management plan. Griffin continued that in the event that there is not a trapping application by the stated deadline, the district is not required to entertain late applications. *Sabella moved to rescind September meeting motion regarding Trapping Permit Application. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 5-0.*

B. Discussion and possible action on Preserve Trapping Permit Applications

Immediately following the prior action to rescind the September meeting motion, discussion continued to review the trapping application. Consideration to eliminate the trapping application fee for this year only was discussed. *Sabella moved to accept the application and waive the annual fee for this season only, with a follow up from the Applicant as to the number of species trapped. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 5-0.*

C. Discussion and possible action on Trapping Program Amendments

Discussion continued as to any program amendments that would be sought by the district and the procedure required in developing and carrying out those amendments. *Christensen moved that the Lake Manager develop a clause for the Lake Ripley Trapping program which will allow severability of species with DNR approval. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 5-0.*

VII. New Business

A. Discussion and possible action on Lake Point Conservation Easement & Lake Access Proposal

Molinaro relayed the history for the establishment of the easement and the justification of protecting these areas from development. Molinaro asked to be placed on record stating his feeling were that the establishment of the easement was a long drawn out legal fight and it would need to be an extraordinary reason for him to personally accept any considerations that violate the easement. There was no proposal to review at this time.

B. Discussion and possible action on Board Member Retirement Recognition

A discussion was held on options available to recognize retiring board members. Questions were raised whether to include all past and present board members. Direction was given to the Lake Manager to compile some examples and costs for the following meeting.

C. Discussion and possible action on Outreach Methods and Goals

Discussion included the use of Facebook, email, and newsletters and how to best disseminate information to the public. Continued outreach methods will be sought including the increased use of newspaper press releases and email marketing tools.

D. Discussion and possible action on Upcoming Meeting and Event Dates

Upcoming meeting dates include January 10, no February meeting, March 21, April 18, May 16, June 20. Possible Earth Day activities on April 18 were discussed with no definite plans made at this time.

E. Discussion and possible action on Preserve signage, Woodland Burn, and Willow Control

Examples of possible signs available for placement in the preserve to limit motor vehicle use on fire break lanes were displayed. The sites were determined including the northern line of upland 2 off of Hwy A facing east, across the road by Upland 1 facing west, and in the parking lot. Griffin relayed she will inquire with AES to include willow control in the upland 2 area as a possible addition to the woodland burn. *Molinaro moved to*

direct the Lake Manager to purchase 4 signs for no more than \$80.00 with verbiage to include No Motorized Vehicles. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 5-0.

F. Discussion and possible action on Monogram Apparel

Molinaro inquired if there was a desire from the board to purchase monogram apparel for Board members and staff. Sabella stated he would like to extend monogram apparel beyond the board to include volunteers as a way of recognition and as a public relation component. The Lake Manager will look into the cost of items and present information at the next meeting.

IX. Correspondence/Announcements

- 10/17 Announcement from Ron and Marti Martin of Midwest Prairies on their retirement-letter of invitation to retirement party
- 10/28 letter from Patrick Goggin (UW-Lakes) on the confirmation of Lakeshore Habitat restoration training certification
- 11/04 information from GovDeals on procedure to list weed harvesting equipment
- 11/05 letter from Jane Malischke (WNDR) on receipt of 2015 CBCW grant request.
- 11/05 notification of DNR mapping software to assist in agricultural runoff and phosphorus pollution/ Healthy Lakes Grant Pilot webinar
- RFP for Phragmites control
- 11/07 confirmation from Susan Graham on receipt of 2014 Harvesting Report
- 11/10 letter from Amy Gebhart stating she will not present a proposal at Nov 15th meeting
- 11/12 Thoughtful donation received in memory of Marilyn Krenz from the Friends of Cedar Shores, Trout Family, Dillingham Family, and D’Alessandro Family

X. Adjournment

Kempel moved for adjournment at 10:35 a.m. Motion seconded by Christensen. Motion carried 5-0.

Next meeting: January 10, 2015 (9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall).

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Jacobsen-Brown, Secretary
Recorder: LAG

Date