

**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2017**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on April 22, 2017. Chairman Molinaro called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Board members present at roll call: John Molinaro, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Craig Kempel, Mike Doman, Jimmy DeGidio, and Walt Christensen. Mike Sabella was absent. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Amy Gebhart, Debbie and Rich Kutz, and Jameil Breit.

II. Public Comment

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

III. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting March 18, 2017

Draft minutes from the March 18, 2017, meeting was reviewed. *DeGidio moved to approve the March 18, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 6-0.*

IV. Treasurer's Report

The Board was provided copies of the treasurer's report prior to the meeting. The reports consisted of a Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Equity (balance sheet), a Statement of Revenues and Expenses, Actual-to-Budget/Budget-Remaining Statement, and a General Ledger through March 31, 2017. Molinaro requested that questions be forwarded on to the district office which can be relayed to the treasurer for any further clarification needed. Christensen inquired if the format for the financial reports are a requirement. Molinaro replied that this format has been used to conform to required annual meeting budget formats. Molinaro further commented on the praises received in the clarity of our financial records.

VI. Lake Manager's Report

Griffin relayed the release of the Spring 2017 Ripples, herbicide work performed in the preserve to combat invasive species, updates on cost-share projects and a meeting of the cost-share committee meeting. A call for the Clean Boats-Clean Waters internship has been made. Donations have been received for the DNR wetland purchase from Pheasants Forever and the Oakland Conservation club. Griffin relayed that we are still awaiting a response on the grant award for Healthy Lakes. Lake monitoring occurred for spring turnover and the fall 2016 sediment sample did not indicate any spiny water fleas present. The Aquatic mechanical harvesting permit was submitted to the DNR. Griffin also commented on her attendance to the Wisconsin Lakes Convention and information gathered. Mike Doman who also attended the Convention spoke of some components he learned while there. Molinaro relayed the need to burn the rain garden and asked for volunteers. DeGidio asked for further information on the lake elevation gauges and what kind of monitoring that could be done in regard to carp. Griffin also provided a Healthy Lakes Plaque for the establishment of their native garden.

VI. Old Business

A. Discussion and possible action on Possible DNR Lands for Sale within the Watershed

Molinaro discussed the grants and donations received thus far and other avenues towards financial support of this effort. He further discussed that we've raised over 50% of the purchase price through donations but this does not include any management needs, and that we'll continue to solicit for donations to help defray those costs. Contacts he's had with neighboring properties of this land have been supportive of our procurement of the property.

B. Discussion and possible action on cost-share project scoring for prior cost-share projects

Molinaro relayed that the cost-share committee met to review projects that requested cost-share consideration for a previously cost-shared project. In this instance there was not group consensus with the award for points to be issued. Direction was asked from the Board on how to allocate points to a previous cost-share project outside of requirement maintenance timeline for when the practice was implemented, and how to include this in the scoring process. DeGidio discussed the transition in the program from newly installed projects to review of projects for previously awarded cost-sharing.

