

**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting Minutes
May 20, 2017**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on May 20, 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 April 22, 2017

Draft minutes from the April 22, 2017, meeting was reviewed. *DeGidio moved to approve the April 22, 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 report consisted of the one month period ending April 30, 2017, and included a Transaction Listing. Receipts for the period consisted of \$58.11 in interest. Disbursements for the period amounted to \$4,571.47. The asset balance at the month end \$153,829.00 in the checking account and \$200.00 in petty cash. Molinaro requested that questions be forwarded on to the district office which can be relayed to the treasurer for any further clarification needed. DeGidio inquired on the differences between restricted and unrestricted donations listed under other items to note. Molinaro stated that donations were received for the DNR land purchase and other received with no specification on their use. *Gomez-Ibanez moved to accept the treasurer's report and enter it into record. Motion seconded by Doman. Motion carried 6-0.*

VI. Lake Manager's Report

Griffin relayed the release of the Spring 2017 Ripples and the notice of public hearing sent to the email contact list. Preserve updates included herbicide work in the woodland to combat invasive species, the placement of the remaining blue bird nesting boxes, a review of DNR wetland areas with US Fish and Wildlife personnel, and rain garden work. Anna Bartsch has been hired as the Clean Boats-Clean Waters intern. Griffin relayed we received a grant through the Healthy Lakes program at the DNR. The Aquatic mechanical harvesting permit was received from the DNR. Griffin also commented on a presentation she gave to the Fort Atkinson Conservation Club in request for land acquisition donations. Follow up information was provided to the Board on the numbers of carp found in recent surveys. DeGidio requested we continue considering options for carp control. Kempel inquired on the status of a GPS unit for the weed harvester and Doman inquired on the areas where harvesting is allowed.

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 totaling \$27,550.00. He further relayed the potential for a sub award grant through Ducks Unlimited and how that may adjust the timeline for closing.

- B. Closed session: Discussion and possible action [as per Wis. Statute §19.85 (1)(g) conferring with legal counsel to review legal opinion concerning lake protection and the WDNR Waterway permit IP-SC-2016-28-04055] DeGidio moved to enter into closed session as per Wis. Statute §19.85 (1)(g) conferring with legal counsel to review legal opinion concerning lake protection and the WDNR Waterway permit IP-SC-2016-28-04055. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Roll call vote 6 ayes, 0 noes.**

C. Return to open session.

DeGidio moved to enter open session. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Roll call vote 6 ayes, 0 noes.

D. Discussion and possible action on WDNR Waterway Permit IP-SC-2016-28-04055.

Molinaro discussed the recent meetings between Larry and Amy Gebhart, Molinaro, DeGidio and Griffin and the site visit conducted. At a prior meeting Gephart's stated their pier will impact 0.25% of the lake and were looking for ways to reduce impact of pier placement. Discussion of the pier configuration, size, width, number of boat slips, boat slip configuration, installation, placement of no-motor buoys for the channel and

