

**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting Minutes
November 11, 2017**

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Lake Ripley Management District Board of Directors met at the Oakland Town Hall on November 11, 2017. Chairman DeGidio called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present at roll call: Jimmy DeGidio, Mike Sabella, Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Craig Kempel, Mike Doman and Walt Christensen. Keith Kolb was absent. Also in attendance: Lisa Griffin (LRMD Lake Manager), Jamiel Doman, Dave DeGidio and Charlie Kisow.

II. Public Comment

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

III. Approve Minutes of Last Meetings October 21, 2017

Draft minutes from the October 21, 2017, meeting were reviewed. *Gomez-Ibanez moved to approve the October 11, 2017, meeting minutes. Motion seconded by Kempel. Motion carried 6-0.*

IV. Treasurer's Report

Sabella distributed to the Board copies of his treasurer's report. The report consisted of the one month period ending October 31, 2017. Receipts for the period amount to \$21,615.93 consisting of a donation from the Cambridge Foundation for the DNR Land Purchase, 2017 Clean Boats Clean Waters grant reimbursement, a trapping fee and interest income. Disbursements for the period amounted to \$53,640.51. Sabella noted the disbursement of \$41,630.00 for the DNR Land Purchase. Sabella listed ACH debits shown in the report.

Christensen moved to accept the treasurer's report and enter it into the record. Motion seconded by Doman. Motion carried 6-0.

VI. Lake Manager's Report

Griffin informed the Board that with the help of Gomez-Ibanez the Snapshot Wisconsin trail camera was installed and the removal of invasive burning bush occurred in the preserve. Also mentioned was the volunteer wood cutting where board members and 5 volunteers cut and hauled 4 trailer loads and 3 truck loads of material. She continued that the wetland restoration at the Gebhart property, in which the LRMD has a conservation easement, is also underway. Clean Boats Clean Waters grant funding for 2017 was received and 2018 grant funding was awarded. She continued that the land sale was completed and letter informing and thanking all donors were sent. Tax levy information was provided to the Village of Cambridge and Town of Oakland. Additional concerns of erosion control provided by Jay Settersten have been relayed to the Town of Oakland.

VI. Old Business

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

DeGidio relayed that the purchase is complete and a break down of the financial status of the purchase was provided. He continued that with the use of donations received and the potential for additional grant funding through Ducks Unlimited that all costs for the purchase would be from donations and grants. DeGidio shared appreciation to all of the support provided by the community and partners in this purchase.

B. Discussion and possible the Cambridge Welcome Signage

DeGidio relayed that some discussion has continued with Shelia from the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce but more information is needed. Sabella inquired if the placement of the sign on Hwy 18 was to be moved into the right-of-way. DeGidio thought this sign placement was the same but the sign would be updated. He relayed that more information is needed. Discussion included concerns that this sign does not support our mission and that we should not spend money to refurbish it.

VII. New Business

A. Discussion and possible action on Funding Kisow Cost-share Projects

Griffin relayed that approval of riprap and native buffer installation was awarded at the March meeting. A Healthy Lakes Grant was awarded for \$1000 to be used towards the native buffer. A breakdown of associated supplies and equipment was provided to the Board for review for the riprap components. Mr. Kisow, who has experience with this type of work, will perform the installation. No labor costs are included in the bid. Sabella

stated our commitment would be 50% of the total costs. ***Doman moved to cost-share the \$4,384.16 Kisow riprap project. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 6-0.***

B. Discussion and possible action on Town of Oakland Dump Truck

DeGidio relayed that the Town is replacing one of their dump truck units. The vehicle they're replacing might suit the District in their weed harvesting program. Discussion included the dump box, axle and engine type and capacity. There was further discussion on bed capacity, gas versus diesel engine considerations and maintenance. Christensen offered to research the trucks suitability for our needs. The board is seeking further information and requested this be placed on the next meeting agenda.

C. Discussion and possible action on Establishing a Remote Access Meeting Policy

DeGidio relayed that participation in remote meetings was approved at a July 2015 Board meeting, but additional questions arose when Kolb requested to participate remotely for this meeting. Upon further review, a policy should be drafted, equipment and technology needs and amendments of by-laws is required. ***Sabella moved to rescind all prior motions related to electronic meeting and require that all board members be present in order to participate in meetings. Motion seconded by Christensen.*** Further discussion included that there was recent interest in remote participation, the size of the Board and quorum requirements and Board member responsibilities. ***Motion carried 6-0.***

D. Discussion and possible action on Upcoming Meeting Dates

The following upcoming meeting schedule was set: December 16, January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, Annual/Budget August 18. Discussion included the option to cancel meetings. ***Christensen moved to approve the dates for upcoming meetings. Motion seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 6-0.***

E. Closed Session [as per Wis. Statute §19.85 (1)(c) to consider staff-related employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data]

DeGidio read into record the reason and statues corresponding to closed session. ***Sabella moved to enter into closed session. Motion seconded by Doman. Roll call vote indicated all approved. Sabella moved to adjourn closed session. Motion seconded by Doman. Roll call vote indicated all approved.***

IX. Correspondence/Announcements

- o 10/20/2017 Notice from Department of Revenue of available PC-505 tax levy apportionment form
- o 10/25/2017 Certification of Taxes to Town of Oakland and Village of Cambridge
- o 10/26/2017 Closing documents for DNR land purchase
- o 10/26/2017 Final grant reimbursement for 2017 Clean Boats, Clean Waters
- o 10/27/2017 Email of 2018 Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant award
- o 10/31/2017 Confirmation of DNR land sale
- o 11/07/2017 Email to Town, engineer and contractor over erosion control concerns with the Ripley Road Project

X. Adjournment

Sabella moved for adjournment at 11:20 a.m. Motion seconded Doman. Motion carried 6-0.

Next meeting: December 16, 2017 (9:00 a.m. at the Oakland Town Hall).

Respectfully Submitted,

Georgia Gomez-Ibanez, Secretary Date
Recorder: LAG