

Agenda/Minutes

Rice Lake, Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Posted: Town of Rice Lake Municipal Building,
City Hall of Rice Lake, Rice Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

**Place: City Hall, City of Rice Lake, Council Chambers 30 East Eau Claire
Street, Rice Lake, WI 54868**

Time: 8:30 AM

Date: August 15, 2018

Josh Estreen: Chair	x	Don Putnam: Treasurer/Town Rep.	x
Mick Michaelsen: Secretary	x	Mike Cragg/LD Commissioner	x
Doug Edwardsen/City Rep	x	Bob Anderson/County Rep	
Peggy Nitz/LD Commissioner	x	Dave Blumer/Lake Educator	x
		Rod Olson/WQ&LP committee	x

Agenda Item:	Notes:
1. Call to order. Acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda	Chair Estreen called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Public notice posting was confirmed.
2. Roll Call	Board members and committee members in attendance are identified above with a X. Also in attendance were Dan Graff , representing Moon Lake Association, and Tom Fields representing concerned citizens regarding rezoning changes on Stump Lake.
N 3. Pledge of Allegiance	Recited
4. Public Input (limited to five minutes) No action can be taken	Dan Graff thanked the Lake District for its support and discussed Moon Lake's recent first attempt to implement its Aquatic Plant Harvesting Management Plan. (Please see item 10 for details.) Tom Fields discussed his and his group's conflicts with the town and county zoning plan changes on property near Stump Lake. He advised the Lake District of the upcoming County board meeting on August 20 and noted item 8 on the agenda which he supports informing lake district members about the prospect of a tank farm on Stump Lake. Fields related to the board statements made by the Town of Rice Lake Chair, who supports the rezoning and tank farm location, to the County Zoning Board at the Aug.1 hearing that Rice Lake is polluted anyway with weeds, snails, and lawn fertilizer. Fields commented while that may be true it doesn't make it right to add an industrial pollution threat to Rice Lake where there was no prospect of one before the zoning was changed.
5. Secretary's Report – Michaelsen July 18, 2018 meeting minutes for approval.	Michaelsen presented the July 18 meeting minutes action items and requested a motion to approve the minutes as drafted. MMSC: To approve the July 18, 2018 meeting minutes. Nitz/ Edwardsen. Approved. All in favor.
6. Treasurer's Report – Putnam -Review/approval	Putnam presented current balances as of July 31, 2018 for the Money Market fund at \$139,750.33, and the checking account at \$7,927.39.

<p>-Communications -2019 Budget discussion and consideration for approval to annual budget meeting.</p>	<p>MMSC: To approve the Treasurer’s report. Michaelsen/Cragg. Approved all in favor. Putnam said he has started developing the 2019 proposed budget and is preparing it for September meeting. He asked board members and committee members for project needs for 2019: Public Information is requesting a budget of \$5,000, Lake Operations requested \$25,000 addition for a small harvester, and including a loan amount adequate to cover cost for new replacement harvester, Lake Education and grants budget should include rapid response grant funding for next year. Water Quality and Lake Protection requested similar budget to 2018. This item will be on September’s agenda.</p>
<p>7. Update on Hybrid Water Milfoil control and navigational channel chemical treatment application.</p>	<p>On July 24, 2018 another HWM plant was found in Clearwater Bay and manually removed. Search for HWM has been suspended because of recent poor water clarity but will continue later this season. Chemical treatment was completed on about .85 acre The effectiveness of the treatment is questionable. Presently there is a growth surge of Wild Celery that is starting to clog navigational channels and would have been removed in previous years.</p>
<p>8. Discuss and consider informing lake district members via email of zoning change up for board approval at county board meeting August 20 for proposed tank farm on Stump Lake.</p>	<p>Michaelsen discussed with the board that there are about 150 to 200 member contacts email addresses on Lake District email. Michaelsen asked if there would need to be a motion made to approve sending out an informational email about the rezoned Stump Lake property prospective tank farm and County Board vote to approve rezoning at the County Board Meeting August 20. The board discussed the matter and advised Michaelsen to proceed and issue the email no motion to approve was needed. An email was sent August 15 to approximately 185 member email addresses.</p>
<p>9. Standing Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Finance – Putnam b. Lake Operations/CB/CW – Michaelsen: lake operations CBCW: 2018 summer update c. Lake Education – Blumer: Grants updates, loosestrife update d. Lake Protection & Water Quality – Cragg: project(s) update: BCFG infiltration basin planting update. e. Public Information – Estreen: Project updates, new brochures available? Follow up to UW-Stout requests for interviews of LD members by researchers. f. Inter-governmental g. Nominating – Commissioner vacancy – Consider nomination of Peter Gallagher 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Putnam will have a proposed 2019 budget spreadsheet for review on September 19 b. Michaelsen noted the lake is greening up but has not developed a blue green bloom water clarity is down to about 4 to 5 feet in both basins. Filamentous algae rises up daily form weed mats Jeff and Lyle are doing an excellent job removing it nearly daily. CB/CW will provide end of season report at September meeting. c. Blumer updated loosestrife removal completed by LEAPS staff. Rapid Response Grant has been approved and advanced payments have been received. d. Cragg reviewed BCFG activity at infiltration basin about 600 plus plants were planted. He thanked all volunteers involved with planting. Rod Olson updated progress on Beach Walk planted area and plans for historical markers and Mammoth sculpture. Rod also advised board of his plan to expand rock spillway at BCFG basin. e. Estreen advised board to contact UW-Stout researcher for interviews via email. New brochures were handed out for review and new supply has been printed. Brochure has an excellent map and updated information on Lake District. Website updates continue any photos of lake or district activity

	<p>should be forwarded to Faulkner social media.</p> <p>f. No report</p> <p>g. Michaelsen advised board that Peter Gallagher has indicated he would accept a nomination to fill the current vacancy to the board in his absence. Chair Estreen also has received word that Randy Beana is interested in serving on the board as well. Wally Narins has also expressed interest as an alternate if Peter Gallagher declines. There is presently one vacancy but potentially more. The best approach to address this great opportunity to staff the board with excellent candidates would be to contact each person and invite all interested individuals to the October 17 Annual meeting and fill positions then as we enter the 2019.</p>
<p>10. Moon Lake Harvesting report by Dan Graff and consider small harvester for purchase.</p>	<p>Graff related he provided the DNR and the lake district with a harvesting report. Harvesting began on July 25 and ended July 26 a total of 14 hours and resulted in about 5 acres cut. Graff said had it not been for Jeff Smith and Lyle Holub adjusting the conveyor system on the rented harvester the resulting harvest would have been much less. The Lake District hauled 4 loads of harvested plants to the disposal site. What Graff and the Moon Lake Association are asking for is help from the Town of Rice Lake, RLLP&RD, and the City of Rice Lake to consider purchasing the used harvester which is currently for sale. This would allow for completion of the approved management plan on Moon Lake and provide a small harvester for RLLP&RD work on areas on Rice Lake, upstream on the Red Cedar River and potentially Stump Lake. Graff also believes that Moon Lake should be aerated to provide local fishing along with boating opportunities on Moon Lake. Aeration at Moon Lake and small harvester purchase discussion will be an item on September agenda.</p>
<p>11. Update on completing signage for former Pebler property.</p>	<p>Perfect Image will be contracted and a wooden sign will be engraved and placed at the property on the upland site.</p>
<p>12. Discuss stewardship funding that is available to LD and where to use it if obtained to protect shorelines in LD or watershed.</p>	<p>A general discussion was had about applying for grants under the stewardship recreational facilities grant that can be obtained to protect by purchase of shorelines, or wetlands. We currently have little knowledge of the program and Dave Blumer will explore the process and provide information at future meetings.</p>
<p>13. Discuss recent citizen concern about air particulates assumed to be coming from Besse Products falling on downtown area and likely falling into lake. Consider what would be appropriate follow up action if any in response.</p>	<p>Citizens around the city have found ash and soot deposits on cars, awnings, and sidewalks believed to be originating from Besse Forest Products. Lake District board is also concerned deposits could be entering the Lake. DNR regulates air pollution and has air pollution staff that may monitor air emissions from Besse Products. The DNR air management staff can be contacted at Spooner DNR at 715.635.2101 or at the DNR website.</p>
<p>14. Member comments: Not for action/consideration</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>15. Consider participating in Operation City Pride in October 2018</p>	<p>All Board members agreed to LD participation in the cleanup effort will provide equipment and staff for the event. No motion was taken</p>
<p>16. Follow up for next meeting</p>	<p>None</p>

Items addressed at current meeting	
17. Set date for next meeting	September 19, 2018
18. Consideration of Adjournment	MMSC: To adjourn at 11:01 a.m.
19. Agenda items added for next meeting:	2019 proposed budget review Small harvester purchase aeration system for Moon Lake

Submitted by: M. Michaelsen, Secretary RLLP&RD