

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 16, 2017

Josh Estreen: Chair	X	Don Putnam: Treasurer/Town Rep.	X
Mick Michaelsen: Secretary	X	Mike Cragg	X
Barb Smith	X	Bob Anderson/County Rep	X
Doug Edwardsen/City Rep	X	Dave Blumer/Lake Educator	X
Peggy Nitz		Rod Olson/WQ&LP Committee	X
Dan Graff/ Moon L. Association	X	Don Clemens/ LD member	X

Agenda Item:	Notes:
1. Call to order/ acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda	Chair Estreen called meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. posting of meeting agenda was confirmed.
2. Roll Call / Welcome Bob Anderson	Those in attendance are represented above with an "x". Chair Estreen and board members welcomed Bob Anderson to the LD as our county board representative. Bob lives in the Rice Lake area and has a wealth of work experience and is a veteran firefighter employed with the RL Fire Department.
3. Pledge of Allegiance	Recited
4. Public Input (limited to five minutes) No action can be taken	Don Clemens addressed the board with some observations about an article regarding removing turf lawns and planting no mow no watering native plants. Clemens advised that part of Lake District Board's mission is an educational component but he is not seeing much in local paper about the things the LD is doing or encouraging people to do or get involved to protect the lake. Clemens distributed a new DNR management program guideline with grant funding to control Canada geese. A discussion followed about past control efforts. Clemens noted geese numbers are increasing on Rice Lake. He said adult geese consume 10 pounds of grass and excrete 2 pounds of droppings a day on shore or in the lake creating an ever increasing amount of nitrogen and phosphorus for algae blooms.
5. Secretary's Report – Michaelsen July 19, 2017 meeting minutes for approval	Michaelsen requested approval of the July 19, 2017 drafted meeting minutes. MMSC: To approve the July 19, 2017 meeting minutes as drafted. Putnam/ Smith. All in favor. Approved.
6. Treasurer's Report – Putnam -Review/approval -Communications	Putnam presented the balance sheet reconciled as of July 31, 2017 the current checking account balance is \$13,857.12 and the money market account is \$70,896.31. MMSC: To approve the treasurer's report Michaelsen/Cragg. All in favor. Approved.

	<p>Putnam said he expects the final electronic transfer of tax receipts into the LD checking account this month. A check for \$714 was received from the state for computer aid.</p>
<p>7. Moon Lake aquatic plant management plan: (Moon Lake Association, Dan Graff)</p>	<p>Dan Graff reported on Moon Lake and Moon Lake Association effort to manage aquatic plant overgrowth. The association has received approval from DNR for their aquatic plant management plan that allows for about 29 acres of lake to be managed for plant control. The 80 acre lake has little open water left and is filling in with aquatic plants. The lake is about 7 feet deep and subject to freeze out if not aerated. Graff thanked the Lake District and Town of Rice Lake for sponsoring the association and assisting with funding through the lake management grant process. Graff said the association has little funding and a bill from LEAPS for their work on preparing the management plan is left to be paid. Graff said ideally it would be advantageous to remove plants this fall since the plants will decompose and create a nutrient load and dissolved oxygen deficit this winter. Lake District board members advised Graff and the Lake Association to seriously reconsider attaching to the district and explore how to go about doing that through the town and county. LD would work with the association if they decide to dissolve and attach. The LD harvesting boats need a deeper landing drop off to launch at the current landing site. Concerns about cross contaminating the lake with invasive CLP or mystery snails was also discussed. Discussion of a smaller harvester for the lake was discussed from the perspective of if Moon Lake was fully within the Lake District boundary.</p>
<p>8. Summary of August 8, 2017 Water Ways Commission meeting attended by LD representatives. Putnam/ Michaelsen</p>	<p>Putnam, Michaelsen and Jeff Smith attended the meeting and learned that the Lake District grant application along with 2 other applications were to be heard by the board and considered to be added to last year's projects for funding. The commission advised that they could not consider funding projects at this time until the 2017 budget is approved. The attendees presented information on the size of the lake district, age of the harvesting boats, the AQPMP, tonnage of plants removed, and the financial wherewithal of the lake district to purchase a new harvester capable of moving between the upper and lower lake. Commissioners thanked us for attending asked if we were still seeking 30% cost share and advised us that our project was to be included with other approved projects but no decisions could be made at this meeting regarding funding.</p>
<p>9. Standing Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Finance – Putnam b. Lake Operations/CB/CW – Michaelsen: operations update Pacholski: CB/CW update c. Lake Education – Blumer: Grants updates, LD participation at Barron County Fair d. Lake Protection & Water Quality – Cragg/Olson: Beach Walk update (plant watering, dock relocation, beach cleanup), Currier project update e. Public Information – Estreen f. Inter-governmental - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Putnam advised that it is time to consider next year's budget and he will prepare a draft for the committee members and be prepared to discuss and consideration at the September meeting. b. Michaelsen reported that with three operators on board plant harvesting and snail catching is in high gear. With Jeff Smith and Lyle Holub on the lake two hours longer each day more area is being harvested. Samantha Herman handles the bulk of loading and hauling plants. This is making for a more efficient operation. We have had a few repairs but replacement parts on hand have limited amount of time off the water. CB/CW: Pacholski reports as of August 14, 2017, 442 hours have been worked with 585 boats inspected and 1002 people contacted. We are on target to meet grant with 3 weeks left in 2017 season.

<p>g. Nominating –</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. Blumer reported that the AIS control grant reimbursement will be \$23,286.00 with \$7,800 available for 2018. Blumer was at the fair representing the LD. The Aquafest float entry was demonstrated numerous times for fairgoers. Some board members saw his demonstration, it is an ingenious way to show storm water runoff with or without controls. d. Cragg and Olson are the only committee members left on the committee. They are stretched to the limit on what they can take on for projects. The Currier project is underway and Amanda Kostner has initiated the plantings and it looks great thus far. Rod Olson gave a Beach Walk summary and said he has completed his portion of this project. Rod presented his invoice to the LD at a cost of \$880.23. He recommended that the beach area be cleaned of weed species in the walk way area and also remove invasive plants on the beach shoreline if allowed. Blumer should be consulted about what plants at the beach walk are invasive and can be removed. e. Estreen discussed proactive advertising and brochure update would be timely now that we are at full board and new members are in place. f. Barb Smith's commissioner position is up for re-election
<p>10. Update on no wake buoys near Narrows Swim Access beach site.</p>	<p>No update. Swim beach buoys have had more weight added to them.</p>
<p>11. Discuss working with the Parks Board and City Council on shoreline protection plans for the former Wolfinger Bird Sanctuary public property</p>	<p>Board members discussed reviewing a long term plan for the site. Michaelsen commented that the shore line buffer is too narrow and contains buckthorn throughout the understory near shore. Unless it is cut and treated the buckthorn will predominate in the shoreline understory buffer. Planting a wider buffer of native shrubs and plants would ensure that the buckthorn will not reestablish, and protect the bay. A wider buffer would also discourage geese from entering the cleared interior. Our goal is to develop some coordination to this end with the City Council and Parks and Rec Committee in the months ahead.</p>
<p>12. Progress update Barron County Fairgrounds storm water plan and Cedar Corp implementation</p>	<p>Cedar Corporation is in the process of completing BMP plans, specs and bidding documents for area B. There is some debris buried at the site that was unanticipated and will need removal before development of the area.</p>
<p>13. Member comments Not for action/consideration</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>14. Follow up for next meeting Items addressed at current meeting</p>	<p>Geese increasing on Rice Lake/consider application for DNR goose control grant 2018 proposed budget for discussion and consideration Barb Smith position re-election</p>
<p>15. Set date for next meeting</p>	<p>September 20, 2017</p>
<p>16. Consideration of Adjournment</p>	<p>MMSC: To adjourn at 10:21 a.m.</p>
<p>17. Agenda items added for next meeting:</p>	<p>See item 14.</p>

