

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: February 21, 2018

Josh Estreen: Chair	X	Don Putnam: Treasurer/Town Rep.	
Mick Michaelsen: Secretary	X	Mike Cragg	X
Doug Edwardsen/City Rep	X	Bob Anderson/County Rep	X
Peggy Nitz		Dave Blumer/Lake Educator	X
Sharon Pacholski/CBCW	X	Rod Olson/WQ&LP committee	
Jeff Smith/Lead Harvester Operator	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. Posting of the meeting was confirmed.
2. Roll Call	Roll call taken the board members present are represented by an "X" in the column above.
3. Pledge of Allegiance	Recited
4. Public Input (limited to five minutes) No action can be taken	None
5. Secretary's Report – Michaelsen January 17, 2017 meeting minutes for approval.	MMSC: To approve the minutes from January 17, 2018. Edwardson/ Anderson. All in favor. Approved.
6. Treasurer's Report – Putnam -Review/approval -Communications RBF grant award: Discuss and consider LD requirement to advertise for competitive bids for lending and equipment.	Michaelsen distributed monthly treasurer activity reports for Treasurer Don Putnam. As of 1/31/2018 the checking account balance is \$2,381.98, the money market account is \$71,052.04. Recommended typo changes were suggested and made. MMSC: To approve the treasurer's report. Cragg/ Edwardson. All in favor. Approved. Michaelsen advised the board at Putnam's request that competitive bidding would likely be required for the harvester and the lending institution. As an option for lending, Dave Blumer advised that the State of Wisconsin has a low interest loan program available to lake districts. Josh Estreen said he has not heard back yet from the Waterways Commission regarding the down payment on the grant. All paperwork that the commission requested has been sent in. This issue will be an update item on next month's meeting.
7. Update regarding Pebler property charitable donation.	There was no further information to share on the Pebler property. A discussion was had about the Lake District Attorney's email response to the Peblers and their accountant. Mike Cragg

	volunteered to contact them about their plans for the land.
8. Discuss Aquarius Inc., new harvesting boat specifications and bid estimate. Smith/Michaelsen.	Jeff Smith reviewed the Aquarius Systems harvester proposal. Smith noted that the lake district could reduce the bid by \$3,000 going with the company's standard diesel engine, and another \$1,990 installing UHMW wear strips ourselves. Smith and operators have installed the wear strips on all of our harvesters. The Aquarius proposed cost with trailer would be approximately \$212,690.00. An operator platform with hydraulic cylinders will be included enabling the operator to pass under the narrows bridge. Jeff Smith will discuss our harvester specifications with Spooner Machine with the intent of seeking a bid from the company. This item will also be on next month's agenda.
9. Standing Committees: a. Finance – Putnam b. Lake Operations/CB/CW – Michaelsen: Harvesting permit application and navigational channel changes Pacholski: CB/CW program review and 2018 season update c. Lake Education – Blumer: Grants updates: Update Moon Lake Association grant reimbursement, Discuss and consider 2018 CLP mapping in S. Basin. d. Lake Protection & Water Quality – Cragg/Olson: project(s) update e. Public Information – Estreen f. Inter-governmental - g. Nominating – Commissioner vacancy	a. No report b. Michaelsen advised board that he and Putnam would begin work on the annual harvesting permit application early in March and submit it to DNR for approval. There will be no changes to the navigational channels. No chemical treatment permit application will be submitted. Sharon Pacholski CB/CW Coordinator presented a review of the CB/CW program covering the past 4 plus years. Sharon is planning to hire two inspectors, recruit volunteers this year and will be giving some consideration to inspectors pay and work schedules. Board thanked Sharon for her review and the outstanding job she does for a critical program protecting the lake from invasive plants and animals. c. Blumer: Moon lake Association confirmed that they received their reimbursement check from the Lake District. CLP mapping in the south basin will be completed this spring and a report completed. Smith commented that CLP growth can appear at the entrance into Barker Street Bay. This area will be mapped as well. d. Cragg: Focus for LP&WQ in 2018 will be planting the infiltration basin at the Barron County Fair Grounds this spring and maintain existing planted areas. e. Estreen: Committee recently met and reset their focus on update to brochure, develop a welcome packet, improve website the format is good but needs updating with LEAPS analyzing and a web design experts. Committee may need additional funds to complete website update.
10. Barron County Fairgrounds: Discuss update on Barron County's participation and cost share. Discuss plan for planting the infiltration basin this spring 2018.	Barron County was sent an invoice for their share of the cost. LP&WQ committee will coordinate with plant experts to develop a plant list and planting plan for this spring.
11. Discuss and consider periodic articles in local print media on lake ecology, water quality, shore line habitat and lake district activities. Blumer/Estreen	No further need for this item on the agenda.
12. Discussion of current committees makeup, committee member changes or additions, any need for new committees	Tabled

13. Update on March 8, 2018 Red Cedar River Conference - Sponsorship and member attendance	Sponsorship paid and attendees are registered.
14. Discuss safety buoy at Hanson's bay entry	Tabled
15. Member comments Not for action/consideration	None
16. Follow up for next meeting Items addressed at current meeting	
17. Set date for next meeting	March 21, 2018 Meeting
18. Consideration of Adjournment	
19. Agenda items added for next meeting:	Public Information committee funding - website update RFB grant update: down payment, proposals, competitive bidding for equipment and lending Harvesting permit update V/53 fund update

Posted on or before February 19, 2018
Submitted by: M. Michaelsen, Secretary RLLP&RD