

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: January 17, 2018

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

Agenda Item:	Notes:
1. Call to order by Secretary/Elect Pro Temp Chair. Acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda	Meeting was called to order by Secretary Michaelsen at 8:37 a.m. Motion was made to elect Chair for the meeting. Peggy Nitz was nominated and agreed to nomination. MMSC: To approve Peggy Nitz as Chair. Cragg/Putnam. All in favor. Approved
2. Roll Call	Those present are identified by an "x" above.
3. Pledge of Allegiance	Recited
4. Public Input (limited to five minutes) No action can be taken	None
5. Secretary's Report – Michaelsen November 15, 2017 meeting minutes for approval	Michaelsen reviewed the draft minutes from November 15, 2017 and requested a motion to approve: MMSC: To approve the November 15, 2017 minutes. Putnam/ Nitz. All in favor. Approved
6. Treasurer's Report – Putnam -Review/approval -Communications To supplement RBF grant award: Consider transfer of an amount from Money Market funds to equipment fund. Consider loan from lender.	Putnam handed out balance sheets for two months: as of November 30, 2017 \$26,848.41 in checking account, money market \$70,991.54. As of December 31, 2017 \$1,418.47 in checking account, money market fund \$64,019.05. Putnam advised that a number of invoices were paid in December and required a transfer of funds from the money market to the checking account. Since January 2018 the Lake District has received tax receipts and a small scale management grant reimbursement that have been deposited in checking and the money market account. MMSC: To approve the treasurer's report for November and December 2017. Michaelsen/Cragg. All in favor. Approved
7. Update from LD Attorney regarding Pebler property charitable donation.	An email from Attorney Tim Fenner sent on December 15, 2017 to Putnam, the LD, Wipfli accountant V.Chido, was reviewed in response to our request for a legal opinion on the Lake District's status to accept a land donation. Fenner observed that assuming no change to the existing law regarding charitable donations the district is a governmental entity and as such a donation of real estate to the Lake District would constitute a charitable donation for itemized

	<p>deduction purposes. Dick and Mary Ann Pebler will be contacted to confirm that they and their accountant are aware of Fenner's response. Prior to acceptance of the property the board discussed the need for a title search, and an inspection of the site for waste disposed/buried on the property. Also discussed was a long term management plan of the property developed for the lake district should be completed before board acceptance.</p>
<p>8. Recreational Boating Facilities Grant follow up: December 12, 2017 Lake Operations committee meeting summary and recommendations to the board for approval.</p>	<p>Michaelsen summarized the Lake Operations Committee meeting that recommends contracting with Aquarius Boats to build a harvest boat to specifications similar to our existing Aquarius model 820s with an adjustable deck capable to be lowered to 7 foot range and 10 foot cutting width. The committee recommended Jeff Smith and Smith accepted to work directly with the boat manufacturer on the design, request a bid estimate, and decide which boat to eventually trade or sell. Current boat fleet will be in operation in 2018. Putnam said he has had a brief discussion with a Dairy State Bank representative regarding the LD anticipating applying for a loan to finance a portion of the cost. There is a question about the LD being required to advertise for bids for lending and equipment. Advertising bids will be discussed further at the next meeting.</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: Moon Lake Association grant reimbursement d. Lake Protection & Water Quality – Cragg/Olson: project(s) update e. Public Information – Estreen f. Inter-governmental - g. Nominating – Commissioner vacancy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Putnam said state unemployment payment issues have complicated matters for Putnam and employees. b. Michaelsen anticipates having a bid estimate for harvest boat from Aquarius at the next meeting. CBCW: Blumer asked if we know how many volunteers worked last year and if we meet the \$8,000 grant. Michaelsen said that we do and LD covers at least \$5,500 to fund the program. Michaelsen said it is all reported and available public information. Blumer said LEAPS is doing CBCW for some lake associations. Blumer said LEAPS may submit a bid to the Lake District. c. Blumer: The LD sponsored the Moon Lake Association small scale lake management grant, a reimbursement of \$2,600(est) from DNR has been received. Blumer will contact Moon Lake and have them request the reimbursement from the LD. d. Cragg: Thanked Peggy Nitz and announced that she has agreed to join the Committee. Olson said the Beach Walk site place making activity is in the works for a historical plaque and a sculpture. e. Estreen (Blumer): Committee plans to have an updated brochure for the Red Cedar Watershed Conf. A booth at the conference is being considered. f. No report g. Position unfilled no one nominated.
<p>10. Review Barron County Fairgrounds storm water infiltration basin construction completed and amount paid to contractor. Discuss and consider Barron County's participation and cost share. Review January 5, 2018 letter requesting V/53 funds be released to LD</p>	<p>Tyler Gruetzmacher said he is very pleased with the excellent work completed by Bull Dozin in November 2017. While the basin is now constructed planting in the basin will need to be planned and completed this spring at an additional cost to the Lake District. The Lake District has covered the \$26,812.50 construction cost and anticipates reimbursement from DNR. Completed projects and invoices were submitted to the agency on January 5, 2018 for release</p>

from DNR.	of the remaining V/53 grant fund. It is anticipated that the Lake District will fall about \$1,500 short and is requesting Barron County share \$779.80 of the construction cost. Gruetzmacher will report this amount back to Barron County officials for their consideration.
11. Discuss and consider periodic articles in local print media on lake ecology issues i.e.: fisheries, wildlife, wetlands habitat, water quality, shore line habitat and lake district activities. Blumer/Estreen	Tabled
12. Discussion of current committees makeup, committee member changes or additions, any need for new committees – Blumer	Tabled. Michaelsen noted that Doug Edwardsen emailed him and wrote he would be interested in joining the Public Information Committee.
13. Registration update to Red Cedar River Conference - Sponsorship and member attendance	Putnam has received information from the organization and handed out conference announcements. The Lake District will cover cost of any board member wanting to attend. Rod Olson requested that the Board send in its sponsorship of \$500.00 soon and that the sponsorship will cover one attendee.
14. Discuss safety buoy at Hanson’s bay entry	Tabled
15. Member comments Not for action/consideration	Review harvest plan for adjustment. There is no AIS grant for invasive species this year. South basin CLP mapping in 2018 would be advised one year after treatment.
16. Follow up for next meeting Items addressed at current meeting	RBF grant need to advertise bids? CLP mapping in 2018 in south basin Develop planting plan for the fairgrounds infiltration basin Any changes to AQPM plan harvest/navigational channels.
17. Set date for next meeting	February 21, 2018 Meeting
18. Consideration of Adjournment	MMSC: to adjourn at 10:15 a.m.
19. Agenda items added for next meeting:	

Submitted by: M. Michaelsen, Secretary RLLP&RD