

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: June 20, 2018

Josh Estreen: Chair	X	Don Putnam: Treasurer/Town Rep.	X
Mick Michaelsen: Secretary	X	Mike Cragg/Board Commissioner	X
Doug Edwardsen/City Rep	X	Bob Anderson/County Rep	
Peggy Nitz/Board Commissioner	X	Dave Blumer/Lake Educator	X
Tom Field, Guest	X	Rod Olson/WQ&LP committee	X
Diane Field, Guest	X	Heather Wood/LEAPS	X

Agenda Item:	Notes:
1. Call to order. Acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda	Chair Estreen called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Posting of the meeting was confirmed.
2. Roll Call	Those in attendance are marked with an X beside their name.
3. Pledge of Allegiance	Recited
4. Public Input (limited to five minutes) No action can be taken	Tom and Diane Field own a home on the east shore of Stump Lake. They wished to inform the Lake District that the Quinn property directly across from them and north of the Stump Lake Liquor Store was rezoned by the Town of Rice Lake zoning committee to allow business commercial development. The land has recently been purchased to construct a fuel (gasoline and fuel oil) tank farm and other storage buildings. The present location of the tank farm is on Bone Avenue in Rice Lake which the City of Rice Lake has requested be relocated to the North Industrial Park. That site was rejected by the Town of Rice Lake for the same reasons the Field's don't want it near them and by the tank farm owner. The Fields said there was no notice of the zoning changes sent to them or other residents near them on the lake. The Fields said there is a petition currently circulating and 50 upset citizens have signed it objecting to the planned development. The Fields are also upset about the prospect of changes to their peaceful setting, noise, unsightly view of the tanks, and pollution threat from runoff from the construction of the plant and oil or gas spills. The Fields said locating it along the lake does not make sense and just not a good location. The Lake District Board discussed the proposed tank farm with the Fields and commented that this was the first time most on the Board had heard of the development. Don Putnam said he was aware of the zoning change as he is on the Town Board and offered that the plan was approved by the town, and did meet setback requirements. Tom Field informed the LD that the Barron County Zoning Board was holding a

	meeting or public hearing on June 27, 2018 at Barron County Government Office. We thanked the Fields for bringing this to the board's attention and discussing this matter. The lake district could take no action since it was not on the agenda.
5. Secretary's Report – Michaelsen (Putnam) May 16, 2018 meeting minutes for approval.	Michaelsen presented draft meeting minutes and the actions taken at the May 16, 2018 meeting. MMSC: To approve the May 16, 2018 meeting minutes as drafted. Approved. All in favor.
6. Treasurer's Report – Putnam -Review/approval -Communications Discuss and consider funds transfer to money market account for equipment purchase	Putnam presented the checking balance of \$73,687.99 and the money market fund of \$71,205.95. Putnam advised that the Lake District was in receipt of \$2,117.00 dividend check from Spectrum Insurance. A tax levy payment of \$13,546.88 from the City of Rice Lake was received in June. A DNR letter was received regarding extending our Aquatic Plant Management Plan. A question was raised if the Recreational Boating Grant was received. Putnam said he has not seen it yet. Putnam recommended transfer of V/53 funds to money market for equipment purchase. MMSC: To allow the treasurer to transfer \$30,000 from the V/53 funds to money market account. Approved. By voice vote. All in favor.
7. Discuss suspected presence of and confirmation of Eurasian Water Milfoil in the lake and consider taking response action to physically remove or chemically treat invasive EWM. Consider applying for and approving an emergency grant for its removal. Consider applying for a grant to investigate the lake aquatic vegetation via a point to point survey for EWM. Consider applying for a chemical treatment permit from DNR to treat previously mechanically harvested native plants in approved navigational channels in Clear Water Bay. Blumer	Dave Blumer and Heather Wood discussed discovering Eurasian Water Milfoil on June 5, 2018 while conducting aquatic plant bed mapping survey on Rice Lake. EWM has been found near the harvester on Clearwater Bay and at 5 other sites along the navigational channel also in Clearwater Bay. No EWM has been found outside of the bay in the South Basin or North Basin at this time. Samples of EWM were shared and viewed by the Board at the meeting. Blumer advised that the board take immediate follow up action. To that end a rapid response grant of up to \$20,000 has already been applied for to conduct investigation and removal. MMSC: To approve application of Rapid Response Funds and for hiring a scuba diver to remove EWM and conduct underwater investigation for EWM beginning June 22, 2018 at a cost of \$150.00 per hour. Nitz/Cragg. All in favor. Approved. Estreen asked if the LD could submit a chemical treatment permit application to treat natives in navigational channels if unable to harvest. MMSC: To approve the submittal of a chemical treatment permit application for treatment in the South Basin including Clearwater Bay in Rice Lake. Michaelsen/ Nitz. All in favor. Approved Blumer will obtain EWM signage from DNR for posting at the boat landings. The board requested Blumer prepare and submit a news article to the Chronotype about EWM discovery in the lake. A public meeting on EWM is being considered for the July 18, 2018 Lake District meeting.
8. Discuss and consider any follow up regarding the Barron County Fair Grounds infiltration basin construction and erosion issues. Gruetzmacher	Mike Cragg and Tyler Gruetzmacher will coordinate with Bulldozin to correct the erosion in the infiltration basin at the fairgrounds. Gruetzmacher indicated via email to the Lake District that the repair will take about 2 hours according to Bulldozin. Gruetzmacher and Cragg want to be present when work is underway.
9. Standing Committees: a. Finance – Putnam: Review of 2018 budget audit team results b. Lake Operations/CB/CW –	a. Estreen, Nitz, Michaelsen, Putnam reviewed last year's budget activity and found all checks written are accounted for in the budget. Don Putnam was recognized for his outstanding job as treasurer.

<p>Michaelsen: lake operations CBCW: summer update</p> <p>c. Lake Education – Blumer: Grants updates</p> <p>d. Lake Protection & Water Quality – Cragg: project(s) update</p> <p>e. Public Information – Estreen: Project updates see item 11.</p> <p>f. Inter-governmental -</p> <p>g. Nominating – Commissioner vacancy</p>	<p>b. All equipment is in place CLPW harvesting is underway. Jeff and Lyle are assisting with EWM response removal. CBCW: Sharon Pacholski has been called home because of her father’s illness and sudden passing. She has maintained contact with the inspectors in her absence. All is going well.</p> <p>c. Aquafest: Parade float was built by Blumer on runoff theme and development theme and staffed by the Blumer and Estreen families and they had a good time. Blumer plans to focus on invasive species at the BC fair. City of Rice Lake/Jim Anderson will add information booth on runoff reduction at this year’s fair. AIS grant has reached its end but an audit of it will be done to see if some remaining amount of dollars can be recovered for the LD.</p> <p>d. Cragg: Completed an inspection at the fairgrounds and infiltration basin needs repair work to correct shortcomings. Rod Olson redid rock waterway at the Beach Walk and observed that the plants look good but can use some mulch. Olson has been meeting with the City Parks committee and three points of interest are being planned along the waterfront: A Woolly Mammoth Sculpture, Native American history and wild rice history depiction, Knapp Stout lumbering and city origins review.</p> <p>e. Estreen: Faulkner group is updating facebook and would appreciate any recent photos related to the lake they can be sent to contact@faulknersocialmedia.com. Brochure changes and new brochure are coming out.</p>
<p>10. Update on Barron County’s participation with fairgrounds infiltration basin cost share (\$779).</p>	<p>County has approved payment. Putnam will check with the county if it was done digitally or by check payment.</p>
<p>11. Consider a contract for Faulkner Social Media for work on Facebook and website updates.</p>	<p>Completed</p>
<p>12. Committee member changes or additions, any need for new committees</p>	<p>No action.</p>
<p>13. Member comments Not for action/consideration</p>	<p>None made</p>
<p>14. Follow up for next meeting Items addressed at current meeting</p>	
<p>15. Set date for next meeting</p>	<p>July 18, 2018</p>
<p>16. Consideration of Adjournment</p>	<p>MMSC: To adjourn at 10:15a.m.</p>
<p>17. Agenda items added for next meeting:</p>	<p>*Discuss and consider proposed tank farm located on the Stump Lake and any action or formal position if any from the Lake District. *EWM control progress, public information meeting and permit application progress.</p>

Submitted by: M. Michaelsen, Secretary RLLP&RD