

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: March 21, 2018

Josh Estreen: Chair	x	Don Putnam: Treasurer/Town Rep.	x
Mick Michaelsen: Secretary	e	Mike Cragg	x
Doug Edwardsen/City Rep	x	Bob Anderson/County Rep	x
Peggy Nitz	x	Dave Blumer/Lake Educator	x
Jeff Smith, Lead Operator	x	Rod Olson/WQ&LP committee	
Dick Pebler, guest	x		

Agenda Item:	Notes:
1. Call to order. Acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda	It was posted at our three regular posting locations
2. Roll Call	Those present are represented by an "x" in box above. Don Putnam sitting in for Mick Michaelsen
3. Pledge of Allegiance	Pledge was recited.
4. Public Input (limited to five minutes) No action can be taken	None.
5. Secretary's Report – Michaelsen (Putnam) February 21, 2018 meeting minutes for approval.	MMSC: To approve the minutes of February 21, 2018 as presented. Approved. All in favor.
6. Treasurer's Report – Putnam -Review/approval -Communications RBF grant: Is LD required to advertise for competitive bids? When and in what form. Any word from WWC on grant down payment.	Putnam reported on checking account balance and money market fund. MMSC: TO approve the treasurer's report. Approved. All in favor. Putnam stated that bidding for the grant could be by invited competitive bidding instead of local advertised bids since boat manufacturers are not local. Jeff Smith will put together minimum specification for the harvester. No word yet on grant down payment from the waterways commission.
7. Review Atty. Fenner's email legal perspective. Discuss and consider what is needed in an agreement with owners, Dick and Mary Ann Pebler, donating property as tax deductible charitable donation. Guest: Dick Pebler/board	Dick Pebler shared with the Board that Lot 6 would be donated, the Peblers are looking into holding on to lot 7. The Lake District will talk to our attorney to start the paperwork and Peblers will look into transfer of the title. The Lake District would bear the cost of property transfer. MMSC: The Lake District agrees to pay the title search and transfer fees and accept the property pending any title issues. All in Favor. Approved. The Lake District wholeheartedly thanks the Peblers for their

	<p>thoughtfulness donating their property. Your decision will protect one of a few significant and beautiful wetlands habitats remaining adjacent to Rice Lake, and help protect water quality of the lake into the future.</p>
<p>8. Discuss Aquarius Inc., and Spooner Machine (Jeff Smith’s visit) harvesting boat construction differences. Specifications required with competitive bids advertisement? Smith/Putnam</p>	<p>Jeff Smith shared the information he gathered from Spooner Machine. Their version of the harvester machine would fit under the Narrows Bridge but wouldn’t be hydraulic. Smith shared that he was not as comfortable with this type of machine because of the fixed height and operator position just above the conveyor system. No upper deck also lowers an operator’s line of sight into the water. There are also concerns about fluctuating lake water levels and having a fixed height on the harvester passing under the bridge. Jeff was asked to work with Michaelson and to inform Aquarius that we have to seek invited competitive bids.</p>
<p>9. Standing Committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Finance – Putnam: Establish a 2017 budget review audit team b. Lake Operations/CB/CW – Michaelson(Putnam) Update Harvesting permit application c. Lake Education – Blumer: Grants updates: Discuss and consider 2018 plan for CLP mapping in S. Basin. d. Lake Protection & Water Quality – Cragg/Olson: project(s) update e. Public Information – Estreen: website designer and plan and funding needs to complete LD website upgrade project. f. Inter-governmental - g. Nominating – Commissioner vacancy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Audit team was established: Peggy Nitz, Don Putnam, Josh Estreen, Mick Michaelson b. Start date for employees is April 2. Samantha Hermann is still an option if she is available, Lyle Holub is working on completing his CDL. Jeff Smith reported that there several extra maintenance repairs/replacements that need to be repaired on equipment this year. CB/CW inspector candidates will be interviewed in April by hiring committee. c. Dave reported that the plant growth should be slow this spring due to the thick ice and snow. Blumer reported AIS Grant is nearing completion. The transducers are out and tributary sampling will be restarted next week. Is LEAPS going to do CLP sampling? Don Putnam and LEAPS will meet to see what the CLP sampling project will cost and if moneys will be available in the budget to complete the study this year. d. Mike Cragg reported that he is in contact with Amanda Kostner concerning ordering plants and organizing a plan for the Barron County Fairgrounds project. e. Josh Estreen reported that they will be working on upgrading our web page. The committee will be working with Town Web Design. This redesign would deplete the PR budget. Would like to request extra money. Next meeting this will be considered. f. NA g. Still looking. Maybe somebody from Chamber?
<p>10. Update on Barron County’s participation with fairgrounds infiltration basin cost share (\$779). Discuss and consider planting plan and cost estimate for the infiltration basin this spring 2018.</p>	<p>Don Putnam has sent a bill to Tyler Gruetzmacher. See item 9d above regarding planting of the infiltration basin.</p>
<p>11. Update on LD request to DNR to release remaining V/53 funds</p>	<p>Mick Michaelson and Dave Blumer have had recent conversations and email communication with Jane Malischke of DNR and we are thinking that V/53 remaining funds will be sent to the LD soon.</p>
<p>12. Discussion of current committees makeup, committee member changes or additions, any need for new committees</p>	<p>Question as to who is on what the committees was discussed. Mick Michaelson and Don Putnam will work on compiling a list for next LD meeting.</p>

13. March 8, 2018 Red Cedar River Conference – comments from attendees	Group discussed the conference. Good but not as good as in the past. Missed the boat on the agriculture.
14. Discuss safety buoy at Hanson’s bay entry	The board consensus was: Let’s not mess with it.
15. Member comments Not for action/consideration	NA
16. Follow up for next meeting Items addressed at current meeting	NA
17. Set date for next meeting	April 18, 2018 Meeting
18. Consideration of Adjournment	MMSC: To adjourn at 10:08 AM
19. Agenda items added for next meeting:	*Consider Public Information committee request for increase in budget funds for website redesign. *Consider Invitation for competitive bids for harvester. *Discuss committees and members *Consider approving hiring committee recommendation of CB/CW candidates for inspectors positions for 2018 season

Submitted by: D. Putnam, Treasurer/M. Michaelsen, Secretary RLLP&RD