

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: November 15, 2017

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

Agenda Item:	Notes:
1. Call to order/ acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda	Chair Estreen called meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.
2. Roll Call	See box above. Members and guests in attendance are marked by an X
3. Pledge of Allegiance	Recited
4. Public Input (limited to five minutes) No action can be taken	None
5. Secretary's Report – Michaelsen September 20, 2017 and October 18, 2017 meeting minutes for approval	Michaelsen asked if there were any comments and or changes to be made to the draft minutes for September 20 or October 18, 2017 meeting minutes. No changes were requested. MMSC: To approve the September 20, 2017 and October 18, 2017 meeting minutes. Putnam/ Nitz. All in favor. Approved.
6. Treasurer's Report – Putnam -Review/approval -Communications	Putnam distributed the monthly paid invoices and balance sheet along with the current checking account balance of \$30,666.83 and money market balance of \$70,967.82. Putnam noted that the lake district has had to transfer funds for some of the Barron County Fair Grounds storm water planning work and advised we need to contact the DNR to release the remaining V/53 funds to the LD for the approved fairgrounds plan and construction. Putnam noted that unemployment forms are different this year. MMSC: To approve the treasurer's report. Nitz/Michaelsen. All in favor. Approved.
7. Guest Dick Pebler: Pebler property discussion and consideration	Dick Pebler described property he and his wife own bordering Clearwater Bay and the wetland extending north and east toward CTH M. The property has been for sale for some time. The Pebler's are interested in donating the property to the Lake District. Board members are very receptive to the offer especially as it relates to its mission of protecting water quality and preserving native plants provided by the wetland and upland that the Pebler's presently own. The Lake District Board would not develop the property other than

	<p>maintain it in its natural condition and ensure invasive plants were removed when discovered. In follow up to the meeting, the Pebler's will have the property appraised and seek advice on making a qualified charitable donation for tax purposes. The Lake District will contact its attorney, Axley, Brynelson, LLP regarding the Lake District qualifying as a government entity for the Pebler's to claim the property as a charitable donation. Barron County Land Conservationist, Tyler Gruetzmacher would be contacted to work with the Pebler's and Lake District on the importance value and resource protection provided by this property. Rod Olson volunteered to work up a proposal for the property transaction. The Board thanks the Pebler's for their wonderful idea considering donating their property to protect one of the last natural areas adjoining the lake.</p>
<p>8. Recreational Boating Facilities Grant award acceptance for discussion and consideration - Estreen</p>	<p>Chair Estreen thanked the team (Putnam, Smith, and Michaelsen) for their attendance and presentation at Wisconsin Waterways Commission meeting last summer. The WWC informed Chair Estreen that the LD was awarded us \$77,000 grant (35% RBF grant estimated total) if we chose to sign the grant award. This grant is for a new harvester boat to replace one of the 16 plus year old boats custom built to travel back and forth under the Narrows bridge between upper and lower Rice Lake. The board agreed Chair Estreen should sign the grant award and return it to WWC. Upon signing the LD will receive a \$38,500 down payment. The LD has until June 2019 to use the grant award. The Lake Operations committee will meet in December to discuss which machine to trade, and begin working directly with a boat manufacturer on the new boat design. Treasurer Putnam requested that an action item will be needed at our next meeting to transfer an agreed amount from the LD money market account to be designated for equipment purchase fund.</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 d. Lake Protection & Water Quality – Cragg/Olson: project(s) update e. Public Information – Estreen f. Inter-governmental - g. Nominating – Barb Smith vacancy nomination? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Putnam reported LD archives were moved to Nora warehouse for storage from the old RL Town hall. Putnam advised that if Lyle and Jeff work periodically this winter they will be on payroll and paid at key times to meet state unemployment requirements. b. Michaelsen: Lake Operations will focus on selecting the new harvester model and setting up a committee meeting to fine tune what we want. Jeff Smith will likely be in direct contact with manufacturer. Pacholski: CB/CW 2018 grant approved and LD received \$2,000 down payment from DNR and deposited it in the LD account. c. Cragg: Beach walk looks much better reported Rod Olson. It looks like LD will need to devote 3 to 4 hours annually to keep it clean. Olson discussed that the Lions Club are not interested in funding signs/plaques along the beach walk at this time. Olson said telling the cultural, and geological/glacial history of the Lake will be informative and attract the public and visitors to the beach walk. Other community groups will be contacted for possible participation.

	d. Estreen: committee will present plan for working with news media at the next meeting.
10. Update Barron County Fairgrounds storm water infiltration basin construction.	Cedar Corps held the pre-construction meeting with the excavator at the fairgrounds. No meeting details were presented at the meeting.
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 until the next meeting.
12. Discussion of current committees makeup, committee member changes or additions, any need for new committees – Blumer	Tabled until next meeting.
13. Election of officers: Chair, Secretary, Treasurer	
14. Member comments Not for action/consideration	Rod Olson reported that our sponsorship at the Red Cedar River Conference would cover 1 person at the \$500 sponsorship level.
15. Follow up for next meeting Items addressed at current meeting	See items 11, 12 above.
16. Set date for next meeting	January 17, 2018 Meeting
17. Consideration of Adjournment	MMSC: To adjourn at 10:10 a.m. Approved.
18. Agenda items added for next meeting:	Transfer Money Market funds for equipment purchase. Update on V/53 fund checking balance for fairgrounds construction

Submitted by: M. Michaelsen, Secretary RLLP&RD