

# Rice Lake, Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

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Rice Lake, WI 54868

## Notice of Annual Meeting

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that the Rice Lake, Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District will hold its Annual Meeting of the electors at the Rice Lake City Hall, 30 E. Eau Claire St., Rice Lake, WI 54868 on Wednesday, Oct 17, 2018 at 5:00 PM. This building is handicap accessible. Additional information can be obtained by calling 715-651-4679.

### Annual Meeting Minutes:

**October 17, 2018, 5:00 PM**

1. Call to Order: **Chair Estreen called meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.**
2. Pledge of Allegiance: **Recited**
3. Confirmation of posting: **Annual meeting posted at City Hall, Town of Rice Lake. Class 2 notice of meeting and budget published in Chronotype for 2 weekly editions, meeting notice and budget mailed 2 weeks in advance to 3,167 resident and nonresident Lake District property owners.**
4. Roll Call: Board members: **Josh Estreen, Don Putnam, Bob Anderson, Doug Edwardsen, Peggy Nitz, Mick Michaelsen. Lake District members and guest attendance: Peter Gallagher, Marty Gallagher, Dennis DeGidio, Pete Lendobeja, Randy Bina, Stan Bergum (LHOF), Rosanne Michaelsen, Sharon Pacholski ( CB/CW Coordinator) Dave Blumer (LEAPS,Lake Scientist)**
5. Public input ( 5 minute limit) **NO ACTION CAN BE TAKEN: Pete Lendobeja owns a home on the lake on Joachim Point near the Orchard Beach Landing in the South Basin of Rice Lake. Pete has observed the noticeable increase in large recreational wave boats, pontoons creating large wakes towing skiers/tubers causing safety issues, and erosion to his shoreline. Pete believes the south basin is just too small for the amount of recreational boating going on there and boaters are not observing the no wake requirements by coming too close to shore. He asked if lake districts can address this issue. Pete was advised that districts can work toward establishing local use ordinances that could limit activity but there is no regular patrolling of the lake by the district and we have no enforcement capability, enforcement rests with the county and state enforcement officials. Dave Blumer commented that this sort of activity on area lakes has gotten the attention of DNR and meetings are scheduled this fall and winter to take public input on the matter. Pete was advised that presently the Lake District does not have an ordinance in place but would be willing to work with Lake District members to consider this user conflict, safety and shoreline erosion issues. Stan Bergum represents the LHOF and addressed the board to consider participating in the development of a Fish Identification Kiosk to be located at the LHOF Park near the Stein Boat Landing. Bergum said there would be some funds provided from the DNR for the project. Stan handed out project proposal with the projected kiosk cost. The board advised Pete Lendobeja, and Stan Bergum that both items will be placed on next month's agenda for discussion and consideration.**
6. Reading/approval of the Minutes of Oct. 18, 2017 (secretary): **Michaelsen read the October 2017 annual meeting minutes: MMSC: To approve the October 18, 2017 minutes as read. Approved. All in favor.**
7. Treasurer's Report: **Putnam reviewed his annual Treasurer's report presently checking account balance is at \$10,474.45 and Money Market balance of \$140,147.23. A Monthly statement was distributed and Putnam noted that the District has no loans or liens at present. MMSC: To approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Approved. All in favor.** Putnam discussed the proposed 2019 budget and levy increase and the proposed mil rate. See items 9 and 10.
8. Committee reports:
  - a. Chairperson's Report: **Estreen discussed that many developments occurred this year from finding an aggressive new invasive plant Hybrid Water Milfoil (HWM), an unusual climate year with early warmed**

water that challenged the lake's water clarity, to receiving a Recreational Boating Facilities grant of \$77,000 to replace one of the district's 20 plus year old boats.

- b. Public Relations Committee: Estreen as public relations chair summarized that the Lake District budget has provided the committee with funding to hire a social media group (Faulkner Social Media Group) to update the district web page and Facebook page. The updates are now developed and describe who we are and what we do.
  - c. Finance Committee: Putnam described that he is a committee of one and the finance reports and proposed budget involves all board members at all meetings and in this annual meeting leading up to this year's budget and levy.
  - d. Audit Committee: An audit was conducted at Lawerance and Nelson CPA Office in Rice Lake. Audit Committee members Josh Estreen, Peggy Nitz, Mick Michaelsen found no discrepancies in review of financial accounts activity for 2017 budget year.
  - e. Lake Operations: Michaelsen, as committee chair, described that lake operations includes permitted harvesting of aquatic plants, both invasive plants, animals (snails) and native plants by cutter boats and, the Clean Boats/ Clean Waters program. Sharon Pacholski (CB/CW Coordinator) presented her annual report for 2018 and Michaelsen presented his annual harvesting report that is required to be submitted to DNR as part of the Lake District harvesting permit for 2018. Both reports are attached.
  - f. Intergovernmental Committee: No report
  - g. Lake Education: Blumer as committee chair discussed his committee's LD involvement with Aquafest parade entries with a lake protection message and illustration, Barron County Fair lake district display. Blumer described the discovery of Hybrid Water Milfoil this year and its potential aggressive spread in Rice Lake.
  - h. Grant Funding: Blumer briefly described how the Lake District has enhanced its budget dollars through grant awards over the past few years totaling an additional \$280,000 that includes Aquatic Invasive Species Grants, Lake Management Protection Grants, V/53 Fund, CB/CW Grants, and most recently Recreational Boating Facilities Grant, and Emergency Response Grants. The grants allow monitoring, plan development, installation of runoff protection systems, invasive plants control, and equipment updates.
9. Review and consideration of proposed 2019 budget: **Putnam reviewed each line item in the proposed FY 2018-2019 budget. In particular expenses line 6165 (weed cutter purchase grant) was discussed and the amount \$38,500 was also moved to line 6006 as revenue. This adjustment changed the revenue and consequently the mil rate and tax levy for the proposed budget. Line 6185 (capitol improvement/loan retirement) an annual \$29,000 expense was addressed by Putnam. The expense represents a new debit for the Lake District with an annual payment to the lender as a line of credit loan totaling \$150,000 (if needed) to repay over 6 years at an interest rate of 3.95% if secured by December 24, 2018. A motion was made from the floor. MMSC: To allow the Lake District Board to borrow up to \$150,000 line of credit at 3.95% to trade/purchase a new truck and to trade/purchase a new harvester. Approved. All in favor.**
10. Consider approving budget and corresponding levy (2 Motions): **(1) The Proposed Budget. MMSC: To approve the budget contingent on appropriate placement of budget numbers 6165 and 6006 as discussed in item 9. Approved. All in favor. (2) The Levy. MMSC: To approve the levy reflecting the adjustment to line items 6165 and 6006. Approved. All in favor.**
- a. Report of Nominating Committee (Election of Commissioners): **Michaelsen announced that he had received a memo (attached) from Mike Cragg informing the Board that he was resigning his Commissioner position as of the October 17, 2018. MMSC: To accept the resignation of Mike Cragg. Approved. All in favor.**
    - i. Commissioner #2 (Vacancy): **Chair Estreen opened nominations from the floor. Estreen acknowledged that he was aware that two individuals were interested in the vacant positions. Peter Gallagher was nominated and recommended for Commissioner #2. A motion to nominate Peter Gallagher was made and recommended. MMSC: To close the nomination and approve Peter Gallagher to commissioner #2. Approved. All in Favor.**

- ii. Commissioner #3 (Josh Estreen): **Commissioner Bob Anderson opened nomination proceedings to consider nominating Josh Estreen to commissioner #3. MMSC: A motion was made to close the nomination and approve Josh Estreen for Commissioner #3. Approved. All in favor.**
  - iii. Commissioner #5 (complete the term of Mike Cragg): **Commissioner Bob Anderson opened nomination proceedings for commissioner #5 to complete the remaining term of Mike Cragg. Randy Bina was nominated for commissioner #5 and recommended. MMSC: To close the nomination and approve Randy Bina to Commissioner #5. Approved. All in favor.**
11. Old Business: Dave Blumer (LEAPS) delivered a power point presentation on Hybrid Water Milfoil (HWM) discovered this summer in Clearwater Bay and on October 17<sup>th</sup> in Barker Street Bay in Rice Lake's South Basin. Blumer discussed the aggressive traits of Eurasian Water Milfoil and the hybrid form. Lake inspections conducted by LEAPS found the suspect plants and confirmed by DNA laboratory analysis as HWM. LEAPS sought an emergency response grant for the Lake District. Emergency actions including diver removal, disposal, and spot chemical treatment were made possible through an Emergency Response Grant funded through the WDNR. Monitoring and removal of HWM plants will continue next year.
12. New business:
- a. Consider purchase/trade of a new harvester (financing): **Completed. (See item 9 above)**
  - b. Consider purchase/ trade of new pickup truck (financing): **Completed. (See item 9 above)**
13. Schedule next year's annual meeting (October 16, 2019) at 5:00 PM
14. Consider adjournment: **MMSC: To adjourn at 7:16 p.m.**

Mick Michaelsen, Secretary

Don Putnam, Treasurer

Rice Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District  
FY2018 Annual Budget

Revenue:		Proposed:	
		FY2017-18	FY20118-19
Account		2018 budget	2019 Budget
6004	Reimbursement DNR Grants	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
6005	Interest Income	\$ 290.00	\$ 800.00
6006	Recreational Boating Facilites	\$ -	\$ 38,500.00
6008	CB-CW Grant	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
6009	Projected Carry overs	\$ 24,000.00	\$ -
	Fund transfer		\$ -
6012	other Income/rental income	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
6014	Computer Aid	\$ 790.00	\$ 750.00
	Sub-Total (Grant & Interest income)	\$ 48,980.00	\$ 73,950.00
	Total levy	\$159,990.00	\$221,690.00
	Levy Less Computer Aid	\$111,010.00	\$147,740.00
	Total Income/Budget	\$208,970.00	\$295,640.00
Expense:			
Account		2018 budget	2019 Budget
6105	Bank Charges	\$ 100.00	\$ -
6110	Advertising/PR information	\$	\$ 5,000.00

		3,000.00	
6115	Misc. Postage	\$ 300.00	\$ 3,000.00
6120	Fuel/Lube	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 6,000.00
6130	Insurance	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
6135	Office Supplies/Equipment	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,100.00
6140	LEAPS/Includes Lake Ed./Grants	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
6150	Truck/Harvestor Repair & Parts	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
6155	Accounting Fees	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,600.00
6156	Treasurer/Secretary/per diems	\$ 4,675.00	\$ 4,675.00
6157	Web Maintenance	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00
6165	Weed cutter purchase grant	\$ -	\$ 38,500.00
6175	Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
6180	Payroll Expense	\$ 41,000.00	\$ 41,000.00
6182	CB-CW Coordinator/inspectors	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
6185	Capital Improvements/Loan retirement	\$ -	\$ 29,000.00
6190	Building/Prop. Fund	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
6195	Chemical weed treatment	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
6200	Unemployment Expense	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,500.00
6214	Lake Management Plan Expense	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
6216	Lumbering Hall of Fame conservancy	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
6217	Shoreline Restoration Project Expense/maintainance (public property) Partnering	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
6219	Other Costs - Channel Marking, Etc.	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Tools	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00
6220	Travel, Out of Town Conference/conventions/mi	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,200.00
6224	Weed Control Permits Costs	\$ 650.00	\$ 1,000.00
6225	Utilities, Bundy, Nora/phone	\$ 500.00	\$ 800.00
6237	Hwy 53-V	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
6305	SPONSERSHIPS/Memberships	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,500.00
	<b>total:</b>	\$159,990.00	\$221,690.00
	% Increase/decrease of Levy		0.165681808
	% Increase/decrease of Budget		0.414748528
	Mil Rate: based on 2017 assessed value		0.000201

