

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 18, 2017 at 5:00 PM. This building is handicap accessible. Additional information can be obtained by calling 715-651-4679.

Annual Meeting Minutes:

October 18, 2017, 5:00 PM

1. Call to Order
Chair Estreen called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance - recited
3. Confirmation of posting - legal notice published in the Rice Lake Chronotype: Oct. 4-Oct.12/ posted at Town of Rice Lake Municipal Building/City Hall of Rice lake and Rice Lake Chamber of Commerce). Written notice of agenda and proposed budget sent to 460 non-resident property owners.
4. Roll Call – Present: Josh Estreen, Doug Edwardsen, Bob Anderson, Mike Cragg, Peggy Nitz, Barb Smith, Don Putnam, Mick Michaelsen, and Dave Blumer – Consultant, LEAPS
5. Public input (5 minute limit) NO ACTION CAN BE TAKEN – no comments
6. Reading of the Minutes of Oct. 19, 2016 (secretary) – Michaelsen reviewed minutes. **MMSC: To approve the reading of October 19, 2016 meeting minutes. Nitz/Smith Approved. All in favor**
7. Treasurer’s Report – Putnam presented the current checking account balance at \$36, 746.00 and distributed the bills paid through the month of September. **MMSC: To approve the treasurer’s report. Cragg/Edwardsen. Approved. All in favor.**
8. Committee reports:
 - a. Chairmen’s Report – No official report. Chair said the Lake District board is a great group he feels fortunate to be a part of it, we have a big role trying to protect and improve the recreational potential of the lake.
 - b. Public Relations Committee – Estreen reported the committee was less proactive this year. Estreen commented on recent criticism about the Lake District at the September 20 meeting. Public Relations needs to respond to that criticism with an effort that will include updated web site, working with the Chronotype on articles focused on the lake and its environment on a regular basis. Estreen requested this topic be placed on upcoming meeting agenda.
 - c. Finance Committee – Putnam: no added report see item9. Putnam asked for an agenda item at an upcoming meeting to update of all committees and committee members.
 - d. Audit Committee – Putnam, Cragg, Nitz, and Michaelsen comprised the audit committee this year. Their audit found no discrepancies for 2016 budget year.
 - e. Lake Operations – Michaelsen discussed the 2017 annual harvesting report to DNR. 679 hours were devoted to harvesting and disposal by our operators totaling 417 ½ tons removed and disposed of including Curly Leaf Pondweed, Chinese mystery snails, and native plants in navigation channels and floating plants along shorelines. Michaelsen reviewed Sharon Pacholski’s Clean Boats/Clean Waters 2017 Season Totals which ended on September 4. A total of 600 hours were devoted to 2 landings with 762 boats

inspected and 1,271 people contacted. All forms were completed and entered into the state data system by Pacholski. Grant reimbursement of final \$6,000 has been received. Pacholski has recommended a CB/CW 2018 budget and submitted a 2018 grant application to DNR.

- f. Intergovernmental Committee – no report
 - g. Lake Education – Blumer provided photos of his creatively designed working storm water runoff waterfront model. It was built for the Aquafest parade as the Lake District entry (although the parade was rained out). Blumer, subsequently entered it in the Mikana Fourth of July parade and demonstrated it numerous times for fairgoers at the Barron County Fair. The model drew much interest and questions from the public.
 - h. Grant Funding - Blumer reported that the Lake District is in its 3rd year of the \$47,364 AIS grant. There remains \$8,654 dollars for 2018 for CLP bed mapping and possible spot treatment of CLP if necessary. LD is awaiting a determination on its 2017 RBF grant application from Wisconsin Waterways Commission on October 24, 2017. The Lake District is seeking 35% RBF funding or an estimated \$77,000 for a new harvesting boat estimated to cost \$200,000 with trailer included. A Lake Protection Management Grant that includes two years of tributary monitoring at a cost of about \$24,000 and the storm water control project at Barron County Fair Grounds of \$10,000. LPMG extends out to June 30, 2019. V/53 originally a \$70,000 grant for in ground runoff projects has about \$23,000 left and approved for the BC Fair Grounds infiltration basin construction project that has an accepted bid of \$26, 294.00. Construction is planned for this fall weather permitting.
9. Review and consideration proposed budget – Treasurer Putnam announced that the Lake District has no outstanding loans at this time. Putnam asked if there were any needed changes to the proposed 2018 budget as presented. There were no recommended changes from the floor or the board. The 2018 budget has a 19% increase from 2017 due to an increase in grant dollars while the tax levy for 2018 is reduced by 3% from 2017.
10. Consider approving budget and corresponding levy (2 Motions) **MMSC: To approve the proposed 2018 budget of \$209,407.00. Approved by voice vote. All in favor.**
MMSC: To approve the 2018 levy of \$160,490.00. Approved by voice vote. All in favor.
11. Report of Nominating Committee
- a. Election of Commissioner/s (commissioner #2 Barb Smith) Barb Smith declined commissioner #2 for another term. No other nomination was made at the meeting. Board members thanked Barb for her fine representation on the board and her involvement in improving Moon Lake’s resource potential, her public relations committee involvement, and native plant shoreline restoration projects. We hope she will consider another term in the future.
12. Old Business: None
13. New business:
- a. Consider possible purchase of harvester (possible financing). The board re affirmed that it is interested in the purchase of a new harvester in 2018.
14. Schedule next year’s annual meeting (October 17, 2018). **MMSC: To approve the October 17, 2018 Annual Meeting. Approved all in favor.**

15. Consider adjournment – **MMSC: To adjourn at 6:03 p.m. All in favor.**

Mick Michaelsen, Secretary

Don Putnam, Treasurer

**Rice Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
FY2018 Annual Budget**

Revenue:		Proposed	
Account		2017 Budget	2018 budget
6004	Reimbursement DNR Grants	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
6005	Interest Income	\$ 180.00	\$ 290.00
6006	Hwy 53-V Grant		\$ -
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	\$ 710.03	\$ 790.00
	Sub-Total (Grant & Interest income)	\$ 29,790.03	\$ 48,980.00
	Total levy	\$ 146,865.00	\$ 160,490.00
	Levy Less Computer Aid	\$ 117,074.97	\$ 111,510.00
	Total Income/Budget	\$ 176,655.03	\$ 209,470.00
Expense:			
Account		2017 Budget	2018 budget
6105	Bank Charges		\$ 100.00
6110	Advertising/PR information	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
6115	Misc. Postage	\$ 250.00	\$ 300.00
6120	Fuel/Lube	\$	\$

		4,300.00	4,500.00
6130	Insurance	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00
6135	Office Supplies/Equipment	\$ 700.00	\$ 1,200.00
6140	LEAPS/Includes Lake Ed./Grants	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
6150	Truck/Harvestor Repair & Parts	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,000.00
6155	Accounting Fees	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
6156	Treasurer/Secretary/pre deims	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 4,675.00
6157	Web Maintenance	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00
6165	Weed cutter expense		\$ -
6175	Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
6180	Payroll Expense	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 41,000.00
6182	CB-CW Coordinator/inspectors	\$ 14,500.00	\$ 14,500.00
6185	Capital Improvements/Loan retirement	\$ -	\$ -
6190	Building/Prop. Fund	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
6195	Chemical weed treatment		\$ 12,000.00
6200	Unemployment Expense	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
6214	Lake Management Plan Expense	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
6216	Lumbering Hall of Fame conservancy	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
6217	Shoreline Restoration Project Expense/maintainance (public property) Partnering	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 15,000.00
6219	Other Costs - Channel Marking, Etc.	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
	Tools	\$ 800.00	\$ 400.00
6220	Travel, Out of Town Conference/connventions/mi	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
6224	Weed Control Permits Costs	\$ 900.00	\$ 650.00
6225	Utilities, Bundy, Nora/phone	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
6237	Hwy 53-V		\$ -
6305	SPONSERSHIPS/Memberships	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,250.00
		\$ 146,865.00	\$ 159,990.00
	% Increase/decrease of Levy		(0.03)
	% Increase/decrease of Budget		0.19