

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: September 20, 2017

Josh Estreen: Chair	x	Don Putnam: Treasurer/Town Rep.	x
Mick Michaelsen: Secretary	x	Mike Cragg	x
Barb Smith	x	Bob Anderson/County Rep	
Doug Edwardsen/City Rep	x	Dave Blumer/Lake Educator	x
Peggy Nitz	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 8:33 a.m. Notice of meeting was confirmed.
2. Roll Call	Board members and committee members in attendance are marked with an x . Guests present included Barry Cran, owner of Paul Bunyan’s Resort in Rice Lake and Valerie Leair, reporter from the Rice Lake Chronotype
3. Pledge of Allegiance	Recited
4. Public Input (limited to five minutes) No action can be taken	Barry Cran, owner of the Paul Bunyan’s Resort on Rice Lake for 5 years spoke to the board about his frustration with the lake weeds in and around his resort and the difficulty his patrons have accessing the lake channel to the east of his resort. Board members described what the district does to manage the aquatic plants by permit both for invasive curly leaf pondweed and native plants by maintaining channels for navigation. Barry was informed the Lake District has requested and gotten approval numerous times to lengthen or widen navigation channels and would work with him to improve his situation. Barry was encouraged to attend future meetings. The lake district meets every 3 rd Wednesday of the month at 8:30 a.m. at City Hall. Barry was advised that the annual budget meeting is scheduled for October 18 at 5:00 p.m.
5. Secretary’s Report – Michaelsen August 16, 2017 meeting minutes for approval	Michaelsen asked if there were any changes to be made to the draft August 16, 2017 meeting minutes. No changes were requested. MMSC: To approve the August 16, 2017 meeting minutes. Cragg/ Nitz. All in favor. Approved.
6. Treasurer’s Report – Putnam -Review/approval -Communications	Putnam reported as of August 31, 2017, the money market balance is \$70,920.40 and the checking account is \$22,030.33. Putnam distributed this past months paid bills and noted that the final tax levy payment from the county and city of \$15,000 was received and entered into the

	checking account. MMSC: To approve the treasurer's report. Cragg/Michaelsen, All in favor. Approved.
7. Discuss and consider applying for a DNR grant to control geese and discuss a goose roundup on Rice Lake – Blumer, Edwardson	Blumer reported that there was no follow up on seeking a grant. Edwardson reported that the city is not considering a goose roundup. He said the negative reaction from citizens to a goose roundup done some years ago makes it a no go. The city is interested in working with the Lake District to locate nests and oil goose eggs next spring. The Lake district will find volunteers to get a system in place for next spring.
8. 2018 proposed draft budget discussion and consideration for approval to present at October annual budget meeting - Putnam /Finance Committee	Putnam presented a proposed 2018 budget. Each line item was reported and adjustments were discussed and in some instances changed. MMSC: To approve the proposed budget to present at the annual budget meeting to the members for approval. Estreen/Nitz. All in favor. Approved.
9. Standing Committees: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Finance – Putnam b. Lake Operations/CB/CW – Michaelsen: operations update, 2017 harvesting tonnage and citizen commentary Pacholski: CB/CW update c. Lake Education – Blumer: Grants updates d. Lake Protection & Water Quality – Cragg/Olson: project(s) update (cleanup of beach walk shoreline) e. Public Information – Estreen Ideas to meet our information and education mission. f. Inter-governmental - g. Nominating – 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Report in item 8. b. Michaelsen reported that the harvest season is winding down boats are coming out and cleaned/repared for winter storage. Harvest tonnage will exceed 300 tons composed of aquatic plants and millions of mystery snails are adding to overall weight. Michaelsen read letter to editor from Tim Svacina. Michaelsen observed the letter demonstrated a need for more public information in the local paper regarding what the LD is doing and lake education. Pacholski CB/CW report end of season numbers include: 600 hours inspecting at 2 landings, 762 boats inspected, and 1,271 people contacted. 2017Grant requirements met and 2018 budget recommended. c. Blumer reported Moon Lake Association will get plan back from state and LD will need to sign. A turion study was completed on the treated areas. Lake Management Protection Grant tributary sampling for year one is completed no grants have been applied for this year. Grant for new harvester is still awaiting word from the state. d. Cragg/Olson: Beach Walk beach cleanup will be today. There will not be a contract between the city and LD on the beach walk but further projects will be done by agreement. The committee had not new projects coming up. e. Estreen will review ways to meet our public information/education commitment and seek more exposure in the local media.
10. Progress update Barron County Fairgrounds storm water plan and Cedar Corp implementation BMP plan Gruetzmacher	Gruetzmacher met with the Cedar Corp engineers and reviewed the Area B BMP plan. The county approved a reduced area for the excavation. Mulch will be placed in the rain garden and the LD will work with master gardeners on planting the rain garden. Cedar Corp will be seeking contractor bids this fall and plan to get the site constructed this fall. MMSC: To approve the Cedar Corp BMP plan. Edwardson/Smith. All in favor. Approved
11. Narrows Swim access buoys and Wolfinger buffer zone discussion with Jim Anderson - Edwardson	All buoys are weighted down and staying in place. Chair will talk with Jim Anderson about slow no wake buoy and any other matters as a matter of routine communication. A discussion regarding 30 feet of vegetation buffer at bird sanctuary ensued. Gruetzmacher advised that mowing may be only way to discourage regrowth of buckthorn along

	with eventual spraying to knock it out permantly.
12. Discussion of possible changes to committees, committee members, etc. - Blumer	Tabled
13. Discuss and consider removing rock along new swim beach access	Tabled
14. Member comments Not for action/consideration	Edwardson is concerned about shallow water at Hanson's Bay near the Narrows bridge and if some shallow water warning buoys can be installed.
15. Follow up for next meeting Items addressed at current meeting	
16. Set date for next meeting	October 18, 2017 Annual Budget Meeting at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall
17. Consideration of Adjournment	MMSC: To adjourn at 10:30 a.m.
18. Agenda items added for next meeting:	

Posted on or before August 14, 2017
Submitted by: M. Michaelsen, Secretary RLLP&RD