

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: January 20, 2016

Agenda Item:	Notes:
1. Call to order/ acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda	Called to order by chair Josh Estreen at 8:36 a.m. Public notice posting confirmed.
2. Roll Call	Present: Barb Smith, Don Putnam, Mike Cragg, Josh Estreen, Mick Michaelsen, Dan Genereau. Guests: Don Clemens, Rod Olson, Dave Blumer.
3. Pledge of Allegiance	Not recited
4. Public Input (limited to five minutes) No action can be taken	Don Clemens spoke about recent Senate Bill 493, aquatic fish farming that would allow dams on streams to raise fish, Assembly Bill 600 and 603 which undermines county government shoreline protection and includes dredging lakes, wetlands without permits or DNR approval. Clemens requested that the Lake District consider taking some action in response to these and other bills. Clemens also said he has been asked recently why the lake district doesn't draw down the lake like other lake associations are doing to dredge it out. Clemens requested the Lake District get more involved implementing LHOFF plan that Amanda Kostner prepared last year. Clemens advised LD that the Wisconsin Lakes Association conference is set for March 30, 2016 it is one of the best in nation and board should consider sending representatives.
5. Secretary's Report – Michaelsen November 18, 2015 meeting minutes for review/ approval	Michaelsen reviewed meeting minutes. MMSC: To approve minutes of Nov. 18, 2015 Smith/Genereau
6. Treasurer's Reports – Putnam -Review/approval -Communications	Treasurer reported for the last 3 months and communications received. MMSC: To approve the treasurer's report as presented. Genereau/Smith MMSC: To approve \$500.00 Sponsorship to Red Cedar Gathering. All in favor. Can be done on line. Putnam said he would function as the secretary at February 17, meeting in Michaelsen absence.
7. PBS video on water quality in Wisconsin Lakes and rivers	Viewed this 6 minute "Into the Outdoors" video which includes Lake Tainter and Red Cedar River scenes. Video will be seen at this year's Red Cedar River Conference March 10.
8. Consider a resolution to approve the submittal of a lake protection grant application to DNR - Blumer	Blumer summarized this year's grant application approach seeking more implementation activities i.e., no till farming, grass runways, sediment control, and monitoring. MMSC: To approve submitting Lake Protection Grant Application Resolution LPT1-16 to DNR. All in favor. Signed January 20, 2016 by Chair Josh Estreen.

9. Review November 18, 2015 Native Plant committee financing projects recommendations memo - Cragg	Mike Cragg reported on the most recent committee meeting held on December 18, 2015. Committee has coordinated with UWBC biologist to start native plant seeds in campus green house. Narrows Park project will begin this late spring. 2015 completed projects reported by Kostner. 2016 projects not defined yet, but Joe Erickson may be interested. Old projects need maintenance and coordination i.e., LHOF. Committee plans to work with Public Information committee about brochure and recruiting new projects and getting good pictures of before and after on website, committee will forward documents, photos on to Dave and Sharon. Rod Olson suggests that committee choose a business or public site for a rain garden to keep encouraging community involvement. Cragg recommended that all bills for project payment need to be coordinated with the treasurer and committee chair. (See attached committee minutes)
10. Standing Committees: a. Finance – McRoberts b. Lake Operations – Michaelsen 2016 CB/CW grant update c. Lake Education – Blumer Grants update d. Native Plant Restoration – Cragg 2016 potential projects e. Public Information – Estreen Set meeting date for brochure development f. Inter-governmental – Genereau, McRoberts, Putnam g. Nominating – Genereau	a. No report b. Michaelsen- Large truck repair was \$399.65. Sharon Pacholski sent a report to Michaelsen who related that CBCW grant is approved for 2016, reimbursements should be coming from DNR (Putnam confirmed receipt of \$2,000 for 2016 and \$6,000 from 2015) CBCW will get busy in March with inspectors contacted or interviews if necessary, April is preparation time for Sharon, fish opener will be first Saturday in May with Sharon and inspectors staffing the landings. Sharon will continue posting meeting minutes, agendas, board member updates to the website and clean up district email. These tasks take a few hours per month but she was not sure if money is budgeted for the work or what the rate of pay would be. Michaelsen advised Sharon to go ahead and make updates and track her hours. Don Putnam said money is budgeted, he would review pay rate and cost of living increase. c. Dave reported he will be working on AIS Grant cost share hours for grant reimbursement. d. Mike reported see item 9 above e. Feb. 3rd 8:30 meeting at City Hall, Newton Room to develop materials and layout of brochure. Estreen discussed flier mailings using the post office. Special meeting notice will be sent out for February 3 meeting. f. Moon Lake update. Blumer briefed board on submittal of Small Scale Lake grant application. He believes it looks good and hopes DNR funds the grant application. g. Nominating (one position open) City Council representative will be changing in April 2016.
11. Consider periodic lake and shoreline winter cleanup and winter dissolved oxygen monitoring - Michaelsen	At issue is Jeff Smith's seasonal unemployment compensation and program changes that he is encountering. Jeff faces two to three week gaps of no income during which time he must seek other employment and reapply for subsequent unemployment compensation. The lake district is concerned about losing our lead operator to another employer. LD also has a need to patrol the lake for solid waste litter and other debris removal and monitor winter dissolved oxygen in the lake to determine if fish and aquatic life have sufficient oxygen. Jeff Smith will patrol the lake and will conduct and record dissolved oxygen monitoring tests for the LD. MMSC: To approve Jeff Smith to work

	up to 30 hours in a two week period up to 3 two week periods this winter 2016. All in favor.
12. Discussion and consideration of a resolution challenging to ACT 55 and supporting Wisconsin Shoreline Initiative Fund – Rod Olson	Rod Olson reported the Heart of the North group trip to Madison Feb. 3 rd to lobby legislators. LD interest is in natural resource protection and water quality improvements. Act 55, AB600, and SB603, were discussed and viewed as setbacks to crucial resource protection of shorelines, wetlands, lakes and rivers. Over 75 Wisconsin lake protection associations have put money into the Wisconsin Shoreline Initiative Fund. This fund will be used to pay for a lobbyist to represent the interests of lake associations, counties and towns to amend or nullify these changes to water resource protection laws. MMSC: To approve \$1,000.00 in support of Wisconsin Shoreline Initiative Fund and to authorize the treasurer to write check to the Wisconsin Shoreline Initiative Fund. All in favor.
13. Discussion of changing volunteers appreciation from August meeting to October meeting	Tabled
14. Discussion: Is there a need for a paid administrative executive secretary and changes to LD by laws?	Tabled
15. Member comments Not for action/consideration	Blumer said he would review V/53 projects looking at what has been spent what is spoken for and where funds could be approved for other projects including cost share on Lake Protection Grant projects.
16. Follow up for next meeting Items addressed at current meeting	Public Information Committee meeting on February 3, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.
17. Set date for next meeting	8:30 a.m. February 17, 2016 Newton Room, City Hall
18. Consideration of Adjournment –	MMSC: To Adjourn at 10:55 a.m.
19. Agenda items added for next meeting:	None identified

Submitted by: M. Michaelsen, Secretary RLLP&RD