

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: March 16, 2016

Josh Estreen (Chair)	X	Mick Michaelson (Secretary)	X	Jerry McRoberts (County Rep.)	X
Dan Genereau (City Rep.)	X	Don Putnam (Town Rep/Treasurer)	X	Rod Olson (committee)	X
Mike Cragg		Barb Smith		Dave Blumer (Lake Educator)	X

Agenda Item:	Notes:
1. Call to order/ acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda	Meeting called to order by Chair at 8:35 a.m.
2. Roll Call	Roll taken
3. Pledge of Allegiance	Done
4. Public Input (limited to five minutes) No action can be taken	Michaelson and other board members and many from Rice Lake area and Barron County attended the Red Cedar River Watershed Conference on March 10 in Menomonie. 400 people attended this year's event the largest attendance thus far. Dr. Rod Olson, an instrumental organizer and speaker for the watershed conference, should be commended for the outstanding format, the speakers, breakout sessions it just gets better each year. Keynote speakers were exceptional. Gabe Brown, North Dakota farmer practicing regenerative no till farming, armored soils with continuous cover crops has rebuilt soil health while protecting water quality. Tim Davis, Ph.D. with NOAA discussed how blue green algae are so effective at growing in compromised freshwater and creating their toxic effects. Author Maude Barlow, a Senior advisor from Canada to the UN on Water presented a stirring presentation on how vulnerable our water supplies and watersheds are becoming and what can be done to protect our water resources. Ryan Urban wrote an excellent article about the conference in the March 16 edition of the Chronotype. As follow up the board should provide some positive feedback to Ryan Urban and the Chronotype through our public information committee.
5. Secretary's Report – Michaelson February 17, 2016 minutes for review/ approval	MMSC: To approve the minutes of Feb. 17, 2016. All in favor
6. Treasurer's Report – Putnam -Review/approval -Communications -new printer -Audit team set date for 2015 review	Putnam reported that town and city levies have been received. Checking account currently \$51,751.38, money market balance is \$70,601.60. LD is back to being insured by Spectrum Insurance. Putnam noted that the money market account is designated as an equipment reserve fund, but funds from this account could be transferred for other uses by board approval. Putnam contacted the State regarding Jeff Smith to clarify with them that Jeff Smith is an employee of the Lake District and will be back on work status by April 2,

	2016. MMSC: To approve the report of the treasurer. Approved all in favor.
7. Consider site restoration at former city beach and funding source.	Genereau reported that the City Council committed to demolishing the former city swim beach house. There are issues with existing water lines and sewer line abandonment/asbestos removal. Lake District will advise city that it will do shoreline restoration. The native plant committee will begin work on a plan for what could be a beautiful and complex restoration.
8. March 8 Lake Operations meeting summary, 2016 AIS Lake Ops responsibilities reviewed, 2016 Harvesting permit application and chemical treatment plan update	Michaelsen reported on the March 8 Lake Operations committee meeting with Dave Blumer, Jeff Smith, and Don Putnam. The 2016 AIS control grant responsibilities for LD lake operations and LEAPS (Dave Blumer) were reviewed. Dave Blumer developed a table of tasks for the 2016 grant and are attached to the minutes. Two immediate tasks for the LD: mechanical harvesting permit application/and chemical treatment permit application were discussed. Michaelsen and Putnam would complete the applications and submit to DNR. At the March 8 meeting Jeff Smith agreed to take the district phone to his house and monitor any calls to the LD and get the info to the appropriate people if he could not handle the concern himself. Public recognition meeting is another AIS control grant responsibility that will be scheduled either at the August or October meeting. CLP mapping and Endothall concentration testing will be completed by lake operations coordinated by LEAPS. An AIS information packet for realtors will also be created. Estimated cost of chemical treatment was discussed by Blumer a total cost is \$19,500 of which \$11,000 would be grant reimbursable. Lake District cost would be \$8,500 for adding the main basin treatment which is not grant eligible. MMSC: To approve chemical treatment of 11.78 acres of the South Basin of Rice Lake and 10.42 acres of the Main Basin of Rice Lake. Approved/All in favor MMSC: To allow Putnam and Michaelsen to prepare, sign and submit applications for chemical treatment permit and mechanical harvesting permit with appropriate fees (\$300 mechanical - \$595 chemical) and approve contract proposal from Northern Aquatic Services if treatment cost is comparable to last year. Approved/All in favor
9. Consider approval of LEAPS contract	LEAPS present contract expires at end of March 2016. Blumer advised that the contract could be higher if the Lake District is successful at obtaining approval of the 2016 Lake Protection Grant application. It was recommended that a new contract beginning April 1, 2016 through March of 2017 be considered. MMSC: To approve a contract up to \$12,000 beginning April 1, 2016 through March, 2017 subject to an increase to \$20,000 in the event of a Lake Protection Grant being funded.
10. Standing Committees: A. Finance – McRoberts b. Lake Operations – Michaelsen Lake Education – Blumer lake protection grant Native Plant Restoration – Cragg Native plant seedlings issues	Finance: Audit committee meeting will be scheduled by Don Putnam. Lake Ops: Jeff Smith patrolled the lake and picked up litter and debris before ice out. The Lake district contact phone number now set up at Jeff Smith's residence is (715) 234-9445. Lake Education: Lake Protection Grant has been sent on to DNR. Blumer changed the focus of the grant. He is hopeful that it will be approved this time. Native Plant Restoration: Rod Olson covered updates for Mike Cragg. Committee to decide at their next meeting where to go next. Rod reported that there is great involvement from UW-BC, and RL High School, native plants are now growing at both locations. Seeds and plants have been provided by

