

# 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: April 20, 2016**

| Agenda Item:                                                                                                             | Notes:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| 1. Call to order/ acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda                                                      | Chair Estreen called meeting to order at 8:34 a.m. Posting observed and confirmed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2. Roll Call                                                                                                             | Estreen, Smith, McRoberts, Michaelsen, Putnam arrived at 9:30 a.m.<br>Guests: Dave Blumer, Rod Olson                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 3. Pledge of Allegiance                                                                                                  | Recited                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 4. Public Input (limited to five minutes)<br>No action can be taken                                                      | No public input                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 5. Secretary's Report – Michaelsen<br>March 16, 2016 meeting minutes for review/ approval                                | Michaelsen gave a brief review of the motions made at March 16 meeting. <b>MMSC: To approve the March 16, 2016 meeting minutes. Approved All in favor.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 6. Treasurer's Report – Putnam<br>- audit team results<br>-Review/approval<br>-Communications                            | Putnam reported money market account balance of \$70,622.59 as of 3/31/16 and checking account balance of \$47,935.20 as of 3/31/16.<br><b>MMSC: To approve treasurer's report. Approved all in favor.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 7. Update on harvesting permit and chemical treatment permit applications                                                | Michaelsen reported applications for both permit applications have been mailed to DNR with checks for processing. Mapped areas correspond with the Aquatic Management Plan for CLP at 150 acres and 55 acres for native plant harvest for navigational channels. Blumer reported DNR requested new maps clarifying navigational channels, CLP harvesting areas, and CLP chemical treatment maps all were revised and submitted. Blumer did not see any further issues and will advise Board if any conflict arises on the permits approvals. Blumer reported Steve Schieffer of Integrated Services was out on lake last week doing pretreatment survey work.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| 8. Consider cost of living and pay increases for employees. 3/25/16 e memo response from Sharon Pacholski to Michaelsen. | Michaelsen discussed a pay increase for Sharon Pacholski who is not only CB/CW coordinator but also doing computer technical support for LD. The hours Sharon generally submits for technical computer work amounts to less than 4 hours per month and recommended the pay increase from \$10 to \$15. Michaelsen also recommended a pay increase for Sharon Pacholski on the CB/CW Coordinator position to \$16.00. The board discussed the technical support pay increase but did not support an increase at this time for CB/CW work. <b>MMSC: To approve the rate of pay for Sharon Pacholski for computer technical work from \$10 to \$15. Approved all in favor.</b><br>Discussion was had regarding cost of living increases for county and town employees were generally 2.5%. A similar COL was discussed.<br><b>MMSC: To approve cost of living increase of 2.5% for Jeff Smith</b> |

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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>and Denny Trigg. Approved all in favor.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>9.</b> Consider approval of LEAPS 2016 professional services agreements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Blumer presented two contracts: 1) Professional Services Agreement, 2016 General Consultant Support totaling \$7,858.00 and, 2) Professional Services Agreement, 2016-17 Aquatic Plant Management Planning and Implementation totaling \$4,032.00 <b>Note: A contract with LEAPS was approved by the board for up to \$12,000 for these services at the March 16, 2016 meeting effective April 1, 2016. Chairman Josh Estreen signed the two contracts on this day, April 20, 2016.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>10. Standing Committees:</b><br><b>Finance</b> – McRoberts<br><br><b>Lake Operations</b> – Michaelsen<br>Discussion: renting, selling/purchasing a harvester, CB/CW update, operations update<br><b>Lake Education</b> – Blumer<br>lake protection grant update<br>AIS control grant activities - realtor packet development<br><b>Native Plant Restoration</b> – Cragg<br>3/23/16 committee meeting report<br><b>Public Information</b> – Estreen<br>Proposed brochure, AIS realtor info packet<br><b>Inter-governmental</b> – Genereau,<br><b>Nominating</b> – Genereau | <b>Finance:</b> no updates at this time.<br><b>Lake Operations:</b> Michaelsen reported Jeff and Denny visited Badger Machine in Spooner. The company designs and builds harvesting boats, paddle wheels are stainless, the boats are heavier than Aquarius boats. Badger has boats for rent that are smaller than ours. If LD is interested in new boat they can build it custom to our needs. Badger has a different configuration on paddlewheel pumps and engine placement. Blumer said if LD is looking at updating boats LD should be looking at a grant since these items are a major expense and grant eligible. Jeff had a starter issue on the boats that appears to be corrected. Some beaver issues at property at Clearwater Bay. Boats will be going in next week.<br><b>CB/CW:</b> Sharon has job announcement out for inspector (Tom Shervey replacement) interviews planned for next week. Sharon is in fully underway with CB/CW.<br><b>Lake Education:</b> Blumer reported that the Lake Protection Grant did not get awarded by DNR who indicated LD did not have enough capacity to complete projects in the proposal. Rice Lake was the only grant application not approved out of 15 he prepared.<br><b>Native Plant Restoration:</b> Rod Olson reported on the following projects for funding: Grinders parking lot and rain garden expansion, former City beach house site restoration, Orchard Beach curbing and landing rain garden, Narrows Park restoration. Olson also reported on LD opportunity to grow native plants at the college and high school both as an educational and cost savings way to provide plants to our community. Campus greenhouse needs some fixes to its venting system. A detailed memo from Olson is attached to these minutes. <b>MMSC: To approve Rod Olson as Lake District's representative and responsible agent on the Grinders project. Approved all in favor.</b> Don Putnam will check with LD insurance company on coverage of Rod Olson's work activities while on the projects.<br><b>Public Information:</b> Estreen and Blumer presented a draft version of the fold out brochure and will move forward soon with a final version. |
| <b>11.</b> Discussion: ideas on advancing no till/cover crop techniques in our watershed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Ideas were briefly discussed on how to advance cover cropping and no till farming in the area watershed. Incentives possibly sponsored by the Lake District and Red Cedar Watershed Committee. This item will appear on next month's agenda.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>12.</b> Member comments<br>Not for action/consideration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | NA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>13.</b> Follow up for next meeting<br>Items addressed at current meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | How to go about training harvester operator(s) for the future<br>Consider approving Russell Bagley for CB/CW inspector<br>V/53 funds for native restoration<br>Plans for major restoration projects<br>Insurance coverage update for Rod Olson and any other contractors on                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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|                                          | projects<br>Cover cropping and no till in the watershed |
| 14. Set date for next meeting            | May 18, 2016                                            |
| 15. Consideration of Adjournment         | <b>MMSC: To adjourn at 10:48 a.m. All in favor</b>      |
| 16. Agenda items added for next meeting: | See item 13                                             |
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Submitted by: M. Michaelsen, Secretary RLLP&RD