

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: May 18, 2016

Josh Estreen: Chair	X	Don Putnam: Treasurer/Town Rep.	X
Mick Michaelsen: Secretary	X	Mike Cragg/ Commissioner	X
Barb Smith/Commissioner	X	Phil Duecker/New County Rep	X
Stu Durkee/City Rep		Dave Blumer/Lake Educator	X
Peggy Nitz/ New Commissioner	X	Jeff Smith/Lead Operator	X
Rod Olson/ Desair Lake Association	X	Jerry McRoberts/ County Rep	X

Agenda Item:	Notes:
1. Call to order/ acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda	Chair Estreen called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Posting of meeting was confirmed.
2. Roll Call	See above for those present are marked by an X
3. Pledge of Allegiance Comment from the Chair: Welcome Stu Durkee	Recited. Welcome to Stu Durkee tabled until next meeting. Notification to Stu was not made in time for him to attend the meeting.
4. Public Input (limited to five minutes) No action can be taken	Peggy Nitz attended the meeting and wanted to learn more about the lake district. She is interested in the open Commissioner position. Jerry McRoberts introduced Phil Duecker as his county board supervisor replacement on the Lake District. This is his last official day on the board Jerry has served on the board for 10 years.
5. Secretary's Report – Michaelsen April 20, 2016 meeting minutes for review/ approval	Michaelsen read the motions approved by the board on April 20, 2016 and read the additions Michaelsen made to item 9. MMSC: To approve the meeting minutes of April 20, 2016. Approved all in favor.
6. Treasurer's Report – Putnam -Review/approval -Communications: insurance coverage for contractors working on LD projects i.e., Rod Olson	Putnam presented the General Ledger as of April 30, 2016. Money Market is \$70,636.62 Checking Account is \$55,686.91 Putnam did not have information on insurance for contractors representing LD on restoration projects and will follow up on this for June meeting. MMSC: To approve the Treasurer's report. Approved all in favor.
7. Consider Greenhouse venting project funding – UW-BC	Nothing to report on venting at UWBC. This item will be included on next month's agenda.
8. V/53 fund agreement extension and projects for approval in 2016	Dave Blumer reviewed his May 16, 2016 projects update memo and indicated DNR would consider an extension for the fund to December 31, 2017. Of the \$70,000 fund, \$48,000 is attached to existing approved projects and about \$22,000 is left to be spent. A meeting is being planned with Bear Lake Association, DNR, and Lake District to review

	projects for approval and extend the agreement timeline. MMSC: To approve seeking extension of the V/53 fund timeline to December 31, 2017. Approved all in favor.
9. a. Consider recommendation from hiring committee to approve Russell Bagley as CB/CW inspector b. Discussion of Sharon Pacholski's letter to the board and consider her request for increase in hourly pay	a. Michaelsen presented information from the two candidates (Russell Bagley, Bill Crisler) interviewed for the CB/CW inspector position. The interview committee recommended hiring Russell Bagley. MMSC: To approve hiring Russell Bagley for the CB/CW inspector for 2016. Approved by voice vote all in favor. b. Board members discussed the letter Sharon had written to the board. A motion was made by Mike Cragg and seconded by Don Putnam to increase her pay to \$18.00 per hour. Further discussion was made from the floor with an alternative pay rate, but the first motion and second was put to vote by the board. MMSC: To increase Sharon Pacholski's CB/CW coordinator pay rate to \$18.00 per hour. Approved by voice vote all in favor.
10. Standing Committees: Finance – McRoberts Lake Operations – Michaelsen Update: Permits approved. CLP chemical treatment update and lake sampling for chemical concentration underway by operators. Harvesting boats are in and CLP is up to surface. Lake Education – Blumer Aquafest parade theme and float idea Native Plant Restoration – Cragg Plans for major restoration projects Public Information – Estreen Brochure is now available for distribution Inter-governmental – Genereau, Nominating – Genereau: We need a board member to contact Peggy Nitz who is interested in vacant board commissioner position	Finance: The Board commended Jerry McRoberts for his 10 years as our county representative and wish him well. Our new county representative replacing Jerry is Phil Duecker. He was welcomed on to the board. A new finance committee chair will be considered at the June 16 meeting. Lake Operations: Michaelsen reported that chemical treatment concentration sampling is being coordinated by Dave Blumer and conducted by the LD operators Jeff Smith and Denny Trigg. A total of about 80 samples will be collected and sent in to the SLOH for analysis. Jeff Smith reported that CLP harvesting began on Monday May16. Smith and Trigg helped NAS post signs along lakeshore and riparian owners' shoreline before chemical treatment. Lake Education: Blumer described his concept for the Aquafest parade float as a rolling fishing boat using this year's theme of finding the big musky. Native Plant Restoration: Cragg and Olson presented updates on projects for this season. Olson presented a plan sketch of the swim beach by Peterson Landscaping. Rod and Mike are wanting feedback on this project it will need considerable review from the community before anything is changed at this site. Rod presented a plan for Grinders gravel driveway lift and raingarden. Mike and Rod are reminding the board that their mission is to improve water quality first. There was concern expressed that with any new plantings to occur at Narrows Park, and Orchard Beach Landing, water is essential. Phil Duecker suggested that the board seek a pump purchase for watering and possibly seek help from Lions or Rotary for help with the purchase. City Street Superintendent, Jim Anderson recommends the retention basin be installed prior to the road work at Orchard Beach Lane. Public Information: Estreen passed out copies of the brochure and board reaction to the professional appearance and brochure quality was very positive. The price was very reasonable. The committee will be ordering up another printing with new member updates. Nominating: Peggy Nitz was asked if she would consider being nominated for the open commissioner position, Peggy agreed to being nominated. A motion was made by Jerry McRoberts and seconded by Barb Smith. MMSC: To approve Peggy Nitz to the new at large commissioner position. Approved by voice vote all in favor.
11. Discussion: ideas to encourage	No till and cover crop incentives are now a part of our V/53 proposed

cover cropping and no till farming techniques in the Rice Lake watershed	projects. WITC Farm Management Instructor, Jerry Ranello was recommended as someone to contact and who could be a very helpful reaching out to farmers on cover cropping and no till techniques along with any incentives we may have available.
12. Discussion: operator training for replacement operator next year and into the future. Consider seeking grant for boat replacement and discuss number of boats needed for operation, trade in potential, and the type of boats and other changes.	Jeff Smith said he did not have anyone in mind to hire on for training as an operator to replace Denny Trigg. Dave Blumer said he has a couple of applicants' resumes that he will get to the Lake District for consideration. Chair Estreen suggested a district ad for paid intern this summer for two week trial. Jeff Smith discussed his visit to Badger Machine in Spooner. The company can custom design boats and the company will take trade ins and also have boats for rent. Badger's boats have a different cutting design, the boats are heavier than Aquarius, the motor is located in an area that Jeff thinks could catch weeds passing underneath the motor. Blumer discussed available state grant covering 35% but LD would need to apply for and obtain grant approval before purchase of a specific replacement boat. MMSC: To approve the preparation of a grant to purchase a new harvester boat. Approved all in favor. Jeff Smith suggested that the district could operate with two boats one that would be able to pass under the Narrows Bridge and roughly the same size capacity as what we have. Only harvester need on lower lake is for navigational channels and that is generally monthly for a day or two and travel time should not be an issue. If the Lake District followed this idea it could trade two boats, the elevator, and possibly sell the lot on Clearwater Bay.
13. Member comments Not for action/consideration	NA
14. Follow up for next meeting Items addressed at current meeting	Insurance coverage when contractor working on restoration projects UWBC greenhouse venting Consider new finance committee chair Operator training Grant update for harvesting boat
15. Set date for next meeting	June 15, 2016
16. Consideration of Adjournment	MMSC: To adjourn at 10:53a.m. All in favor.
17. Agenda items added for next meeting:	See item 14.

Submitted by: M. Michaelsen, Secretary RLLP&RD