



WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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MINUTES

April 13, 2023, Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District board meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by: Rich Charts.

Roll Call: Completed by Rich Charts, Carol Ducommun, Chuck Chamberlain, Donna Sherman, Mike Lindenmuth, Brad Corson, Jon Tanis, Jerry Grant and Norm arrived after roll call.

Guest Brian – Nancy Lindenmuth- Ernie and Lillian Roy

Administrative:

Approval of Agenda: Rich requested a motion to approve the agenda as posted Jerry made the motioned to approve the agenda as posted and Carol seconded all in favor motion carried.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Rich requested a motion to approve the February 9th, Final Copy meeting minutes- Chuck made the motion to approve the February 9th minutes seconded by Jerry- all in favor motion carried.

Public Input – no comments

Secretary's Report/Correspondence- Mike – no report Correspondence was from Solitude Management they are the current provider that took over Clark Aquatic advising a name change.

Finance- Brad – February and March Report

February \$865.29 Majority of administrative – zoom annual renewal and new computer for the clerk. Brad motioned to approve the February expenses Mike seconded - all in favor motion carried.

March expenses \$12,792.00 that includes the SWRPAC plan the bill had to be paid in order to submit proof of payment to the submit the grant. Brad made a motion to accept \$12,792 for March Mike seconded – all in favor motion carried.

Brad contacted Deb Duiek CPA firm in Elkhorn with the outsourcing of the municipal accounting operation. With the upcoming of hiring employees.

Weed Harvesting- Carol – in closed session it has been determined we will have our own harvesting staff – no other contractors put in a bid looks like they will make an offer to two operators and two supervisors to be part of the whole process – we will figure out the process as we go along and will work with other districts as well as rely on resident feedback of the lake – all four of them live on the lake and there is a 5th who could be used as a fill in.

Carol made a motion to offer the 3 operators \$20.00 per hour and the 2 supervisors \$25.00 per hour Chuck seconded all in favor motion carried.

Carol made a motion asking for her and Chuck to have the authority to make an offer to the proposed five individuals Mike seconded all in favor motion carried.

Currently Carol said there will be no Saturday pick-ups for now Rich added except as an on-call basis. Early in the season if residents have weeds, they can call to request a pick up.

Carol advised the new people are flexible and can work longer days if needed. Nancy mentioned GWLPOA can also be a communicator of this on-call weed pick ups

Chemical –Mike permit has been submitted to the DNR – Brad asked when they will do the lake survey Mike thought sometime in May weather depending. Then mapping would occur after the survey. Then it would be determined what would be sprayed and where. In the study it was stated that there must be direct DNR supervision.

Bog Removal – Rich Advised apologized he is behind, but he has all the permits, and we have until September. He mentioned a barge with a claw – Brad mentioned DJ has a claw if there is a timing problem Brad felt we could have 2 weeks. Rich mentioned the harvesting crew would have to pick up floaters based on visual, and reports given.

Equipment- Chuck mentioned the self-pay envelopes and Marlin will print another batch he will follow up with them after this meeting.

The grant that he applied for the New Harvester he was all set to present to waterway commission and he removed from the agenda because we did not have an active weed permit, but our aquatic plan was not yet approved, and you must have a plan approved before you can get a permit. His contact said they would not consider until you have a permit, he can then resubmit the request by the June 1 deadline to be reviewed in August.

Launching equipment Aquarius agreed they would do it 3 guys doing a full day's work to get equipment in, but they tossed a number moving stuff from storage to the water subject to any dead batteries and they offered \$3K looking at tentative date of 19th and 20th May. We would consult with them about the new staff training also consider them to remove equipment out in the fall.

The discussion was to be sure they provide their own workman's comp to their employees and the liability to someone else, but Brad confirmed our equipment is covered.

Chuck is authorized to hire a company to remove equipment out of storage and move it to the lake with a cost up to \$5K Jerry seconded – all in favor motion carried.

Chuck will contact Kevin to give him a heads up of when the equipment will be removed from his property.

Reports of Standing Teams

Navigator Team Updates- No Report

Fish Stocking – No Report

Wildlife Management- No Report

Safety- Flyers are going out at all the launches.

Audit-No Report

Water Quality – The experiment of using the barley straw is moving forward residents have been alerted – Straw will be delivered on the 22nd of April – Phone conversation with Heidi and it has been approved verbally. There will be placements at the end of April, one in May and then another in June. He is working with the farm in Madison regarding the deliveries of the straw.

Lakeshore management- No Report

2023 Schedule- Rich

New Business: Carol mentioned the changing of emails to @whitewaterlake.org

Carol reported the boat house has large piers in and are encroaching on state property at Parkside. JNT had it set up those docks are now encroaching on state land the question is are we concerned

about that or should we advise them directly to make them aware of the DNR first. Carol would like to nominate Rich and herself to address it with the Boat House first.

Rich turned over the meeting to the GWLPOA. Nancy presented Norm with a framed drawing of the Lakes signed by the GWLPOA thanking him for his years of service. Lillian Roy reflected on his knowledge and stories of the Lakes and thanked him.

Other Business- N/A

Next meeting dates- May 11, 2023

Adjournment- Rich asked for a motion to adjourn Chuck motioned seconded by Norm as his final act @ 7:49PM – all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Sherman- Clerk