

WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

P.O. Box 301 Whitewater, WI 53190

MINUTES

July 13, 2023, Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District board meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM bv: Rich Charts.

Roll Call: Completed by Rich Charts, Carol Ducommun, Chuck Chamberlain, Brad Corson.

Guests Dan Berg, Ernie Roy, and Stuart Hersh

Administrative:

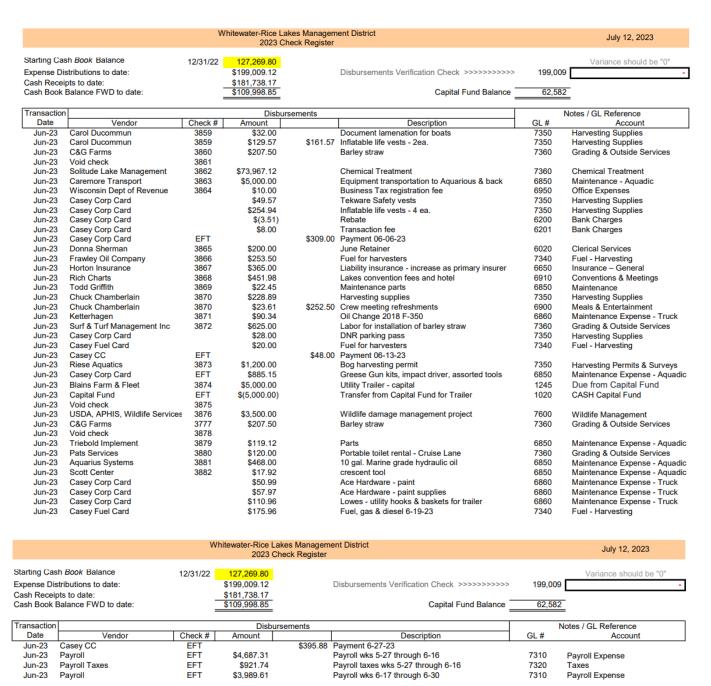
Approval of Agenda: Rich requested motion to approve the agenda as posted Mike motioned seconded by Chuck all in favor motioned carried.

Approval of Minutes: Rich tabled the approval of the June 2023 meeting minutes until the August brief meeting after the annual meeting.

Public Input – no comments

Secretary's Report/Correspondence- no report

Finance- Brad – June Expenses \$98,476.19 majority of this consisted of the following items chemical treatment was \$73,967.12, \$5K was transport for moving equipment from storage to Aquarius and back, tool purchases \$885.15, \$5,000 is for the trailer however offset with Capital expense and \$9,000 in Payroll. \$3,500 USDA for goose round up. The expense report is longer as Brad also listed the credit card charges itemized out for transparency. One asked about the audit of the credit card purchases, all receipts are matched against the statement turned over to our accountant. For the fuel credit card, which is separate of the corporate credit card it was discussed to have a logbook in each truck for fuel to log it and collect the receipts at the end of the month receipts could be turned into Brad. Brad also confirmed anything over \$500 needs to be approved by each commissioner. Regarding payroll Brad gets a detailed report for payroll. Brad asked for a motion to approve the June Expenses of \$98,476.19 carol motioned to approved seconded by Chuck all in favor motioned carried.



\$98,476.19 June Expenses

Weed Harvesting- Carol mentioned weeds have not been plentiful this summer being dry. She did an analysis on hours with Todd, and he has been spreading the hours among the younger college students. Currently no weeds along the shoreline, one asked about Rice Lake there are some along the shoreline, but Carol said that is not an area that is normally cut she will check the map/DNR to confirm. Mike addressed the areas in Rice that need to be addressed. Rich asked how many were on the harvesters at a time it was suggested to have 2. Rich mentioned if we end up getting the bog permit others can get hours later in the season once the younger kids go back to school. Monday weed pickups are working out well. Carol mentioned they are staying off the lake if winds are over 15mph per the DNR.

Chemical –Mike stated both lakes mapped in May and sprayed in June. There will be a refund of the permit since there will not be spraying. The only outstanding item is the permits, approximately \$3,500 less the \$450 credit.

Bog Removal – Rich waiting on the permit. There is one small bog that came up in the first week of June but has not grown. He mentioned there are some floaters. Brad mentioned the bog is in the no wake zone.

Equipment- Chuck going back to the crew both supervisors Scott and Todd he speaks to them almost daily. They are both working with the younger crew very well. Equipment has been working well, the harvester on Rice Lake had some trouble at the beginning of the year there as there was water in the hull when it was stored over winter the wheel sank into the dirt where it was parked because of that excess water had weighted it down. This past Tuesday the paddle wheels were turning but not moving, they tried pumping out the hull but there was a lot of sludge in it. They will pull it out of Rice to get it looked at. The launch at Rice Lake is narrow so the question about moving the 10ft harvester over there is questionable. Chuck made an inventory of the new tools that are now in the trailer.

Navigator Team Updates- No Report

Fish Stocking – Tom reported that since the eagles have taken over the island the other bird species are not around eating the fish.

Wildlife Management- Ernie reported a total of 62 geese collected 42 from Rice Lake and 20 on Whitewater. Only a few were missed.

Safety- Rich mentioned there was a class coming up this weekend held at Scenic Ridge.

Audit-Brad said the audit has started and Don will provide a report to Rich for the annual meeting.

Water Quality – Mike said bags of barley have been hung and water testing will happen soon.

Lakeshore management- No Report

2023 Schedule-

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Rich provided a sample of the articles and format for commissioners to review as well as the discussion of the timeline for the meeting agenda of the upcoming annual meeting.

Brad made a motion to present for approval to the membership to acquire land and improvements for the purpose of storing district equipment not to exceed \$450,000. This was seconded by Jerry all in favor motion carried.

Review of the Annual budget to have it ready for the annual meeting.

Other Business- N/A

Next meeting dates- August 26, 2023 Annual meeting – with a brief board meeting to follow September 14, 2023 next regular meeting.

Carol made a motion to adjourn into closed session per the statues of 19.85 (1) (c) to discuss property and facilities seconded by Chuck.

8:41PM open session

Adjournment- Rich asked for a motion to adjourn to closed session @ Jon motioned seconded by Chuck @ 8:42PM – all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Sherman- Clerk