



WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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May 11, 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,
Guests Rick (Hill Drive) and Brandon Riese from Riese Aquatics

Administrative:

Approval of Agenda: Rich made a motion to approve the agenda as posted Mike seconded motioned to approve the agenda as posted and Carol seconded all in favor motion carried. Rich asked for a motion to approve the closed session Mike seconded the closed session Rich asked for a motion to approve the open session meeting Jon seconded. All in favor on both motions carried.

Public Input – no comments

Secretary's Report/Correspondence- Mike – no report

Finance- Brad – April Expenses \$6,669.52 main components \$3,500 for fish stocking with \$1,500 left from last years donation from the Lions Club he will utilize towards the fish cribs Marlin printing for new letter – DNR regis. Fees and permit for barley straw and straw purchase admin expenses Brad made a motion to approve the \$6,669.52 seconded by Jon all in favor motion carried.

Brad met with Deb Duiek CPA firm in Elkhorn regarding a review of the needs it will include preparing payroll twice a month, prepare quarterly payroll reports and any payroll tax deposits, recording checks and deposits Reconciling the checkbook and providing monthly financial statements to the board. Projected yearly cost with this service would be \$2,730 per year. Brad made a motion to accept the prop Jon seconded all in favor motion carried.

Brad has been in touch with the 5 new hires to complete the required documents for payroll – The CPA will apply for our State Tax ID number.

Brad advised credit card for Caseys is for Fuel purchases only – they will be required to enter the milage of the truck. For diesel fuel they will bill us directly.

Weed Harvesting- Chuck has the envelopes for the launch fees and has a yearly stamp for them. Harvesting permit status – Carol has applied and once we get a copy it will be submitted for the grant.

Carol – Update on Harvesting Crew Hiring

Todd Griffith will be the scheduler handling time off Scott Center will be the operator supervisor on the water.

3 operators – 2 named Aiden Jim Wallace

Carol said they had two interviews today completed today Scott Cashion and Larry Jacob Carol would like to propose that we offer them employment to be trained as fill in operators @ \$20/per hour. Chuck seconded – all in favor motion carried.

She received an email from the DNR Brian Lemke Kettle Moraine, and he would like weeds/bog material be placed by the Krahn Farm. Brian confirmed they would have the ability to consolidate the weed piles every couple of weeks. When you're done filling up that spot it can go back to Hwy P.

Carol mentioned the need for land to build a pole building to store the lake equipment – this farmland or possible other land but that land could be a distance. Carol will do a follow up conversation.

Letter has been drafted and will go out tomorrow to Kevin regarding possible land purchase.

Number for weeds pick up is 262-458-4308 either the call will be answered OR your can leave a message for weed pick up with name-phone-address and then someone will follow up OR your can email wwlakeweeds@gmail.com

Chemical –Survey Results and Timetable Mike looks like patterns are forming – Mike received a response today nothing has been approved by the DNR but looking to Memorial Day weekend. Not much in Rice Lake right now. No Milfoil in WW Lake only curly leaf pond weed. They want to do a treatment with **Diquot** along the shoreline – there is a less waiting period. This chemical is less costly approx. application costs \$32,000 much less than years past. Also, additional applications may be needed. Amy just left the company. Brad mentioned we have been keeping the chemical budget at the \$100K level, allowing a surplus if ever needed. Brad said it is more efficient to maintain chemically than mechanically.

Bog Removal – Rich Brandon Riese met him at Lauderdale. Several residents wanted to dredge their shorelines. He vacuums and pulls weeds and also dredging of the bog that is sitting there. He interned for Eco water way they built their own dredge purchase from Sweden with 50 different attachments, it's a land to water paddle system backhoe machine – website www.rieseaquatics.com has some videos. DNR permits are required and usually no problem if there is a use case. One asked what lakes he has done Twin lake Muskego Delevan
If your material is not attached to the bottom, then it is not consider dredging.
Rich asked if he could accommodate the planting of the good plants, he said he could provided DNR approved. Rich asked for the extension and was kicked to someone else because it is not floating bog.

Equipment- Launch Update and Update on Storage Facility search – Chuck met with Chad from Aquarius to preview where the equipment has been stored Chad reported equipment did not look to be in good shape – weed growth (prior power washing not completed prior to storage) and of month timeline still looks good also the bimini tops not wrapped as previously done. Aquarius suggested taking equipment piece by piece to the shop so it can be cleaned up inspected to get ready to roll. The 3 harvesters and barges would need to be inspected. Ketterhagen would service the trucks. Chuck left a message for Jeff just to confirm what winterization had been done.

Navigator Team Updates- No Report

Fish Stocking –Tom stocked 1750 Perch and Black Crappie

Wildlife Management- Brad reported Theresa submitted an invoice for celledine.

Safety- Flyers are going out at all the launches. Boat safety class on the May 20th 21st @ Lions Club

Audit-No Report

Water Quality – Mike reported the Barley straw project labor will be \$1,200 DNR is requiring the state lab will do the testing and classify the algae they want to increase the number of times tested with a cost of \$4,000 in testing cost. Mike made a motion to extend the barley project cost not to exceed \$7,000 Jon seconded - Brad said easily justified based on current chemical budget. All in favor motion carried.

Launch Monitoring: See new business section

Lakeshore management- No Report

2023 Schedule- Rich mentioned in another month start thinking about the summer newsletter.

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Rich mentioned regarding Launch monitoring. A few years ago he and Jerry Grant did a presentation to the HS to monitor the launches also presented to the municipal court for community service for nonviolent charges, however the people were too far away to commute. With the upcoming county ordinances regarding AIS invasive species going in or out of a body of water. This may be something they will want to revisit with the schools to get students involved in monitoring. Our position we concur with the county ordinance and Geneva Lake and at some point participate currently no way to in force it.

Other Business- N/A

Next meeting dates- June 8, 2023

Adjournment- Rich asked for a motion to adjourn Mike motioned seconded by Chuck @ 8:01PM – all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Sherman- Clerk