



WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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MINUTES

The November 10, 2022 Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District board meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by: Rich Charts. **Roll Call:** Completed by Rich Charts, Donna Sherman, Jerry Grant, Brad Corson, Chuck Chamberlain, Carol Ducommun, and Norm Prusener

ADMINISTRATIVE - Rich made a motion to adjust the agenda to remove Status of Rice Lake improvement studies since Mike was not in attendance Brad motioned to accept as adjusted and Jerry seconded all in favor motion carried.

Rich asked for a motion to approve the October 13, 2022 meeting minutes –Jerry moved to approve Brad Seconded all in favor motion carried.

Public Input- N/A

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Secretary's Report/Correspondence- no report

Finance- Brad – Expenses were Horton group for insurance annual premium Sept 2022 to Sept. 2023 \$13,272.00 and southern Wakes United for the posting of chemical treatment total of \$1,200(\$700 for 2022 and \$500 from the 2021 Invoice that was never received/paid) misc. admin. Brad motioned to approve to accept the October 2022 expenses of \$14, 685.31 Jerry seconded all in favor motion carried.

He has a signed storage contract with Kevin Vanderpylum

Weed harvesting- Carol advised that Larry received an email from the DNR and is working with Heidi Bunk to obtain an extension of our weed harvesting permit. Since the meeting Larry received a confirmation email from Christine Kozik advising that she received approval from Heidi to extend grant AEPP63721 to December 31, 2023.

Chemical –Mike

Bog Removal – Rich

Equipment- Chuck spoke with Jeff all equipment is over to the new location. Chuck had a call with Bill Morris Clearwater Solutions – he mentioned what our operation was and seemed somewhat interested in bidding.

Rich asked what cost would be to put a back hoe on the 10 footer. Chuck felt you would lose functionality as a harvester. Rich felt it would be beneficial for getting the floaters. Chuck with look into it further to see if this is possible. Also to ask if there would be a comparable piece of equipment.

Reports of Standing Teams

Navigator Team Updates- No Report

Fish Stocking – Tom provided an email with the following update- Rice Lake carp removal On-the -water DNR fish surveys on Rice Lake were completed earlier this fall.

The results showed Rice had a carp population sufficient to warrant approval for a Standard Carp Removal contract...a contract which grants a netter 3 years of exclusive rights to fish Rice for carp and to sell the catch, up to 55,000 LBS.

Expectations are that the process to inform netters of Wisconsin waters qualifying for this type of contract, to obtain expressions of interest and to complete a “drawing selection process” will be completed by year’s end. What’s unknown is the general level of netter interest and the specific interest in fishing Rice Lake. I am maintaining contact with a netter, encouraging his interest in applying for Rice. Any carp removal will be in 2023 at the earliest.

FISH CRIB INSTALLATION-Weather permitting, installation of the two fish cribs is scheduled for this weekend in deep water in the Round lake/Narrows area.

Wildlife Management- No Report

Safety- No Report

Audit-No Report

Water Quality – Carol asked if there was an interest in filling in Tom’s spot Rich said Joe Drozd.

Lakeshore management- No Report

2022-2023 Schedule- Rich will review and update what is needed.

Old Business:

Lake Management Plan Update:

Website Update: Carol advised the domain names will be: www.whitewaterricelakesdistrict.org and www.whitewaterricelakedistrict.org

Carol also provided an updated document.

Donna and Carol will have training next Thursday

New Business:

Prepare and approve the 2023 RFP requirements (Storage/Harvesting/Chemical):

Brad mentioned it was a scramble to get equipment out of the water and right now the boathouse is the only one who has the equipment to manage the bog removal. So right now we don’t know who else would have the equipment with future bids.

Brad recommended to isolate the bog removal under its own RFP and the harvesting under another RFP so it would have a beginning and an end of the harvesting season.

Brad would volunteer to write the RFP. This way there will be a guarantee to get the equipment out of the water and serviced for the end of the season.

Brad will work with Chuck on getting a harvesting RFP together to be finalized by November 28th and published in the newspaper December 1st. with bids posted marked by December 31st 2022 to be reviewed at the January 12th 2023 district meeting.

Regarding the Storage RFP one would not be needed right away – Rich suggested all inside storage and ideally one vendor. Also something to consider would be the option to buy some property. This will be reviewed early spring.

Chuck mentioned some possible property options to look into

Chuck also spoke about outside equipment storage and deterioration.

Moving forward regarding long term storage solutions Brad will review financials – Real estate Jerry and Rich – Chuck /Carol will research contractors- and Carol will work on presentation – Brad will assist with business plan.

Other Business-

Next meeting date- December 8, 2022

Adjournment- Rich asked for a motion to adjourn Carol motioned seconded by Jerry @ 8:38 PM – all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Sherman- Clerk