



## WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### MINUTES

The May 12, 2022 Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District board meeting was called to order at **6:00 PM** by: Rich Charts. **Roll Call:** Completed by Rich, Lillian Roy, Ernie Roy, Jeff Panek, Chuck Chamberlain and Mike Lindenmuth. Norm and Jerry arrived after Roll Call  
Online Carol Ducommun, Amy Rodgers, Brad Corson, Larry Brady

**ADMINISTRATIVE** – Rich asked for a motioned to approve the amended agenda for the May 12, 2022 meeting to include a closed session meeting after the adjournment of the regular meeting so the commissioners can have a free discussion that will then be brought to the next meeting. Mike motioned to approve the amended agenda for the May 12, 2022 meeting to include a closed session meeting after the regular meeting Chuck seconded all in favor motioned carried

Rich motioned to approve the April 14, 2022 meeting minutes –Mike motioned to accept the April 14, 2022 meeting minutes as distributed. Chuck seconded all in favor motion carried.

**Public Input-** Rich mentioned fern leaf pond weed to Mike something to keep in the back of his mind. Rich asked Donna if there was any word about spraying of Gypsy moths from the town over by cruise lane – Donna replied she has not heard Rich said he will follow up with Norm when he arrives.

### COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

**Secretary's Report/Correspondence-**Mike no report

**Finance-** Brad –

Brad made a motion to accept the April expenses of \$2,136.60 of which 2 items spring newsletter for \$1,136.43 and WI Lakes Convention for \$671.53 the remaining was admin expenses Brad made a motion to approve the April expense of \$2,136.60 Mike seconded – all in favor motion carried.

**Weed harvesting-**Larry – issued a one year extension on the harvesting permit hoping it will turn into a 5 year permit. Heidi is working on 2 other Lakes and we would be next. Spoke with Jeff about a safety check list and planning on training the first week before Memorial Day and will not start harvesting until the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June. Mike said Rice Lake has a few weeds just popping up to the surface.

**Chemical** – Mike not enough weeds up yet for Clark Aquatic to do the survey – the University of WI Whitewater on Rice Lake taking core samples. Mike stated as a correction the samples will only be taken in May not June and July they took 15 samples and will be back next week to take the additional 15 samples. Mike said they will have the report of findings by the annual meeting in August Carol said that it would be interesting if they took samples later in the boating season to see if they are different with the boating season. Mike said the quote provided only covers samples in May. Jeff concurred it would be good to take a sample later in the boating season, he felt it would give us additional data points maybe in July/August, depending on what the May results show-Mike said based on UW staff/students maybe June would be better he will get a quote on cost.

**BOG Removal-** Rich communications have been started with Heidi at the DNR regarding Bog dredging, Heidi referred him to another person who would handle that.

**Equipment-Chuck**– Pickup truck was repaired and picked up on Monday. Chuck is working on a list of equipment serial numbers and model numbers and is working with Aquarius, once completed he will get it to Brad to share with our insurance carriers. 7ft cutter has been launched on Rice Lake– transport barge has been launched on WW- the shore conveyers cruse - the new trailer conveyor is parked at Parkside – an in service will be scheduled for Jeff and others put on by Aquarius to go over the new trailer - the old transport is sitting on a trailer at Parkside it is mainly used for bog removal. Once the check is cancelled for the channel buoys he will then apply for the grant money.

Rich Mentioned Chuck’s position is up for re-election and Carol is running for Larry’s position as Larry is resigning as of August 2022.

**Navigator Teams Updates-** Carol reported what was used at the GWLPOA meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> of April it was the Safety Team Summary.

Rich asked if anyone needed a recap of what was discussed at the meeting. Rich explained before the vote the board would like to have a discussion.

Lillian said the final safety report needs the board’s approval to be printed and run in the newsletter Carol went through the items

Boater safety recommendation passed by the GWLPOA #1 awareness campaign flyer #2 a motion for a 45 MPH speed limit on weekend and holidays #3 encourage stricter enforcement of boater safety laws.

Chuck suggested we have our closed session have the discussion and then resume back into open session for any voting.

Jeff mentioned an action item he would be putting out a doodle poll to find out when special team members will be available. Jeff mentioned buoys would be going in on Saturday but looking ahead in the fall when the buoys have to be removed they would be looking for volunteers.

Norm-Added there is a problem with the boat – the engine had too much idling-a lot of oil in the gas. It was taken out to run. Rich asked Norm if the town did any spraying of gypsy moths, he said no not enough man power. Amy reported there was gypsy moths spotted on E Lakeshore Drive so there could be some tree loss as a result of they are not sprayed.

**Fish Stocking-** Tom – was not present but sent a note saying DNR completed 2022 Spring Walleye electro shocking survey on Whitewater. Identified 97 walleye in 4 miles of travel. Fish appeared healthy, in various sizes and present in good numbers.

**Wildlife Management-** Ernie is still awaiting information about the permit and cost for the geese.

**Safety** – Larry- 18 Students have registered for the May 21<sup>st</sup> class

**Audit-N/A**

**Water Quality** – N/A

**Launch Monitoring-N/A**

**Lakeshore management-N/A.**

**2022 Schedule- N/A**

**Old Business:** N/A

**New Business:** Rich mentioned summer newsletter articles will be due early July so the newsletter can be out by July 21<sup>st</sup>. May need to evaluate the use of the Lions Club based on cost for the annual meeting.

**Other Business – Rich**

Next meeting date-June 9, 2022

Rich asked for a motion to adjourn to closed session Chuck seconded-no discussion all in favor.

\*\*8:12PM Whitewater Rice Lake District Management reconvened into open session

First item for approval was the Boater Safety Tip flyer to endorse and approve distribution of this document with Item #5 to be changed to reflect

**When pulling a skier/tuber/boarder you need to go counterclockwise. There must also be another competent person to act as an observer (recommended) or the vessel must be equipped with a wide-angle rearview mirror. A PWC must have an observer.**

Rich asked for a motion to accept the wording of #5 as stated above – Jerry made the motion to accept the new wording of item #5 Chuck seconded all in favor motion carried.

Rich referred to the motions made by the GWLPOA referenced in the meeting minutes dated April 26<sup>th</sup> 2022. All motions stated are accepted by the Whitewater/Rice Lake Management district with the exception of item #2 under Boating Safety regarding speed limit which will be tabled. Jerry made the motion to accept all the motions made by the GWLPOA as referenced in their April 26<sup>th</sup> 2022 Minutes with the exception of item #2 regarding speed limit Chuck seconded all in favor motion carried.

**Adjournment-** Rich asked for a motion to adjourn – Chuck motioned Norm seconded the adjournment motion. All in favor motion carried adjourned @ 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted by -Donna Sherman- Clerk