



## WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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### MINUTES

The June 9, 2022 Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District board meeting was called to order at **6:05 PM** by: Rich Charts. **Roll Call:** Completed by Rich, Brad, Chuck, online Mike and Larry –Guests in attendance Lillian, Ernie, Tom, Steve, Carol and Amy

**ADMINISTRATIVE** – Rich asked for a motioned to approve the amended agenda for the revised date of June 9, 2022 – We also have to approve the closed session minutes.

Rich requested a motion to approve the agenda Larry motioned to approve the agenda Mike seconded all in favor motion carried.

Rich requested a motion to approve the main meeting minutes from May 12, 2022 Brad motioned Larry seconded all in favor motion carried

Rich requested a motion to approve the closed executive session meeting minutes from May 12, 2022 Chuck motioned Larry seconded all in favor motion carried.

**Public Input-** No input given

### COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

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

**Finance-** Brad – stated May expenses of \$8,943.23 of which consisted of \$1,675.00 for Truck tailgate repair- \$2,605.20 Frawley Oil for 2 drums of oil, and \$3,500.00 Goose Round up permit- no weed harvesting expenses as of yet – the remaining items were administrative  
Brad made a motion to accept the May expenses of \$8,943.20 seconded by Chuck all in favor motion carried.

Brad completed the reorganization and boxing of all the financial records from 1987 to date he will be entering them into a database. He felt we should contract out for external storage next to Pete's Tire the smallest one is a 6x5 climate control @ \$54.00 per month. If no one has any objections Brad wanted to make a motion to set up a contract for annual storage for all records from commissioners who leave- Chuck seconded all in favor motion carried.

Rich mentioned we have a file cabinet at the town hall as well as the lockbox at the bank  
Brad suggested that all records stored in the unit be in uniform boxes and clearly labeled on the box with date range and content description this is what he will enter into the database.

Mike said we are designating the Treasurer will be the record keeper for the warehouse.  
It was also suggested to purchase shelving for the storage unit.

Brad met with two representatives from the Horton Group Julie Meyer and Michelle Strauss first and foremost the main point of the meeting was for them to review discuss and confirm the liability coverages are sufficient and appropriate for liability pertaining to risk related to the Lauderdale Lake death. Also that the liability coverages are sufficient and appropriate for board members.  
Question was asked and will follow up on coverage for volunteers.

Brad said it was recommended we increase deductible for inland marine and auto to \$1,000 from \$500 & \$250 respectfully- and made a motion it was seconded by Norm all in favor motion carried.

Brad did say they confirmed we have ample coverage based on industry standards. It was also suggested to have a meeting with the above mentioned representatives in person or zoom to answer any additional questions schedule in the fall when things calm down a bit.

It was mentioned we would continue to insure the 2006 Ford F250.

**Weed harvesting-Larry** – Reviewed Harvesting – Both cutters the 10ft and 12ft are in the water. Jeff was planning on training to be complete by next week. Saturday pick up started. Larry expects Lake Plan draft soon.

**Chemical** – Mike said completed Thursday 6/2/2022 Final bill with surveys & permits \$76,812.70.

**BOG Removal-** Rich said he had a discussion with old team members and they want to work with Rich on the new plan and permit request.

**Equipment-Chuck**– confirmed all equipment is in and ready to go. Jeff said several people already hired and training completed. He also mentioned Aquarius wanted to come out and go over the new trailer/conveyor.

Chuck mentioned he contacted the DNR representative about the outstanding grant money he stated it would be a lot less than what they initially thought he confirmed the amount should be \$13,800 and some change.

The grant for the channel buoys will be submitted.

Lillian mentioned some navigation buoys (channel markers) were placed and the no wake buoys but people are handling them in an opposite manor she was asking if 2 more no wake buoys could be placed in the front and back. It was stated that the buoys cannot be modified or marked up.

**Navigator Teams Updates-** Carol/Amy Discussion on the PWC (personal water craft) spotter requirements and use of a spotter vs just a mirror. State law allows mirror only. Rich said one line was added to say PWC's must have a spotter Rich mentioned there is new evidence Amy said a law passed WI act 163 eff date March 30, 2018 it can be a competent observer or a wide angel mirror for boats and jet skis. It can be overturned the only way is you have to have at least 1500 hours of water patrol and we are not even close to that. State law allows mirror only it was determined we will follow State Law. Chuck made a motion to change our documentation accordingly based on state standard for PWC's seconded by Brad all in favor motion carried Rich said the flyer would be updated accordingly.

Carol mentioned boat and pier density one of the suggestions was to document the pier regulations also how to talk to the pier suppliers. Under the good neighbors teams Lynn turned over the work back to Carol and it would be time to make some progress on fireworks – sound- lake pollution and short term rentals. Norm added there is one on Hwy P and three on the lake. They are supposed to have their septic up to date he will check with the county. Amy mentioned there is also one on E. Lakeshore Drive. Stuart Hursh will be back and will be looking into parking. Carol also mentioned a website meeting coming up on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

Norm stated an ATV Club approached him on the use of ATV's on public roads-Norm said looking into adding it as a referendum.

Norm said the Town is looking at compliance with short term rentals on the Lake.

**Fish Stocking-** Tom – His team is beginning to work on fish cribs. DNR is conducting fish surveys with a report in the fall. Carp will be surveyed in late summer. No expectation anyone will offer harvesting services.

Lions Club will be making a donation to fish stocking.

**Wildlife Management-** Ernie goose round up scheduled with USDA

**Safety** – Larry- from the May safety class 23 students graduated and there are 17 scheduled for the next session.

**Audit-**Don Olinger will complete the audit again for 2021, he will start in the next week or so.

**Water Quality** – Mike mentioned samples will be scheduled for Rice Lake.

**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 July 11<sup>th</sup>. Annual meeting will be held at the Lions Club.

**Other Business** – Rich stated districts desire to help home owners establish proper and legal right of pier access but will not take position of authority on the matter.

Norm will host meeting with parties related to Isabel Island area to assist with non-authorized piers Carol will assist.

Next meeting date-July 14, 2022

Rich asked for a motion to adjourn Larry motioned to adjourn Chuck seconded all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by –Brad Corson and Donna Sherman- Clerk