



WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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MINUTES

The March 10, 2022 Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District board meeting was called to order at **6:03 PM** by: Rich Charts. **Roll Call:** Completed by Rich, Jerry Grant, Lillian Roy, Ernie Roy, Amy Rodgers, Jeff Panek, and Don McComb- Norm Prusener arrived after Roll Call. Online Carol Ducommun Steve Ducommun, Chuck Chamberlain, Mike Lindenmuth, Tom Potrykus and Larry Brady

ADMINISTRATIVE – Rich asked for a motioned to approve the March 10, 2022 Agenda Rich moved Fish Stocking, Safety and Newsletter articles will be moved up on the Agenda to allow for Carols Teams updates – Jerry seconded all in favor

Rich motioned to approve the February 10, 2022 meeting minutes – Chuck motioned to accept Jerry accepted all in favor motion carried

Public Input- Amy mentioned a person who was involved with fish tournaments was going to come to the meeting to voice their opinions about weed management and fish stocking he was a no show.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Secretary's Report/Correspondence-Mike no report

Finance- Brad no internet to join meeting he will present Feb and March financial updates at the April meeting.

Weed harvesting-Larry was in touch with Sophia Noe she is with SEWRPC and is working on the draft is still delayed & a draft copy is not expected now before May or June. Work on studying the Rice Lake Dam will be complete this month. No big changes are expected. Heidi Bunk is willing to extend the Harvesting Permit (currently expired) for this season.

The grant from the DNR should not be a problem as we have to 12/22 to complete the update.

Larry said that Heidi made mention of a drawdown of Rice Lake, however something that will not happen until they would look at controlling the dam.

Mike said he had communication from Stuart Hersh, and that the DNR would not consider a draw down based on how long it would take to refill.

Chemical – Mike said Stuart Hersh's team has done a lot of research and studies regarding phosphorous on lakes they reviewed a lot of white papers and case studies also some legal research on what chemical companies can or can't do with fertilizer. They have come back to action required before anything else can be figured out. There was some discussions with Professor Levis at the University. Take core samples from the lake and take them back to the university to analyze and see what the composition of the sediment, what is the volume of it, also phosphorous levels. The study would take place May-June and July at a cost of \$4,200 asking for an agreement to move forward.

Mike made a proposal to enter into an agreement with the University WI Whitewater to conduct a study of the lake sediment of Rice Lake Larry seconded all in favor motion passed.

BOG Removal- no report

Equipment- Chuck F350 Ford Pickup is in at Ketterhagen to repair the tail gate as well as oil change. He applied for the balance of the grant money it was returned from the Milwaukee address and was not forwarded. Chuck provided a new address as they moved in July. Donna re-mailed the grant info to the correct address on 3/2/2022.

Safety – Larry said a Boaters Safety Course will be held May 21st and 22nd at the Lions Club there will be one at Scenic Ridge and Whitewater Town hall dates to be determined. Cost is \$10.00 contact Larry to register larry@whitewaterlake.org - If the course is taken online via the DNR the cost is \$25.00.

Fish Stocking- Tom wanted to provide some history based on a stir on Facebook. But it has to do with the Northern Pike. Back in the 50's and 60's said the DNR would like to get 5 Northern Pike per Acre. Tom said you have to balance the pan fish back in 2018 Tom said we stocked 750 fingerling with the state park and public access. When he called the DNR we don't target lakes we they try to spread it around based on surveys. Tom said we are to be surveyed in the spring and fall for bass pan walleye and crap on both Rice and Whitewater Lake that will be during the night shocking the fish with electric current count weigh and tag them. Bass have come in at 14.4 in about 2012. The DNR wants a variety- Bass are about right size, Northern are about 4 yrs. old 27 inches. Tom has seen several photos of nice ones. Rich mentioned the Lions may host a fishing tournament for the blind again. Tom said in order to get a permit you have to have 20 boats. He is going to try and get the \$1500 from the county for the fish cribs.

Rich mentioned that newsletter articles are due next week and would like them in the hands of the property owners by late March but we also need to notify them of chemical treatment Mike wanted to include the new Whitewater sampling for the newsletter as well.

Lillian mentioned that Norm is retiring and they wanted to post something in the newsletter to possibly recruit some people. Rich will add to the newsletter that one has to get at least 20 signatures to petition for the April 2023 election Lillian asked for this letter and the fall letter to get someone interested. Every two years the board is up for election.

Rich mentioned Julie Hill created a Lakeshore Properties Resource Guide for Walworth County where you go to find resources and references. Theresa Stegemann will be adding an article for a newsletter

Newsletter article for Navigator Teams on what to put in there it could be basic and say the teams have been working hard for the past 6 months Carol said she will evaluate after tonight meeting to get something together. She will get it to Rich by Monday of next week.

Navigator Team Updates

Carol said we have several items – Mike covered Stuart Hersh's team

Boaters Safety- Amy Rodgers looking on a decision from Lake Mgmt. and GWLPOA regarding the speed limit proposal – Rich stated we would not vote until next month when Brad has returned.

The ordinance change from 150 Ft to 100 Ft. to match the buoys as Rich stated something to clarify and to make it simple - Carol asked if that would be something they can take to the Board regarding the no wake distance.

Jeff mentioned there is still a discretion of where they are placed by the Sheriff so he is worried about the communication on how this is rolled out to the boaters and the lake property owners. Jeff just wants to be clear on the messaging.

Amy said she mapped out all buoys 100ft. from shore with the exception of – Camp Joy swim area, scenic ridge swim area, state park and bird island those are all out further.

Rich stated an example is Cruse lane there is a hook and an inlet there where they can't be 100ft.

Amy said the Avg. is 100Ft from shore with the exception of those stated areas

Shawn was stating if moved to 150ft that it would reduce the useful part of the lake by 25% so it's the communication on how it's rolled out.

Carol has on her sheet request the ordinance from 150 to 100
The speed limit will be tabled until April meeting
Buoy update slated to come in the mid-April
Safety team approval to buy 6 of the take one boxes for \$150.00

Then the Launch sign will be updated once everything will be finalized they will then approach the Town – Norm stated once Lake management came along that some of those thing will fall on the Lake Norm said it is not the towns responsibility to have lake signs for the fee boxes. Chuck will look into it. Tom asked Norm to clarify saying he is putting Lake Mgmt. on alert that the town will not be supportive – unlike the Lake management Norm said we cannot spend we are at the tip of what we can spend Norm said there is no money as it was elected to raise money for roads repair. As Norm said don't expect the town to kick in any money. Rich said half the district is on the lake half is not. We have to be cautious that we do not alienate the non-riparian's.

Carol asked if there is a tax cap on town taxes – Norm said their budget was frozen 12 – 14 years ago it was frozen across the state in WI – The Township asked for \$100K this year for road repair.

WW Lakes Wakes and Shoreline Erosion Team - Jeff Panek – see meeting minutes handout from Jeff as well as The Own Your Wake Campaign- Carol asked if Shawn could hand out the flyer – he was suggesting the following ways to communicate:

Directory

Mailer

Websites-Lake management and Township Richmond and Whitewater websites

JNT Marina

Shawn to see if he can assist-including enforcement

Real Estate Agents

GWLPOA newsletters

Social Media

Other Teams

Jeff said a lot of research regarding wave impact at the shoreline – people who have extra weight on the back of the boat are those that cause a significant wave and impacts the shoreline. On the second phase they are looking at those calculations. Boats are getting manufactured to create large waves. They are seeking 300ft. as a starting point based on the buoys being set at 100ft. Jeff mentioned collecting some data regarding some measurements and that would be a proposed cost of \$3-4K.

Jeff said he would like to have a place where they could monitor the wave activity

Lillian asked what the distance between lobes Carol is thought 900 to 1000 ft. south lobe would be too shallow.

The own your wake campaign is not an ordinance but more informative. Tom asked not so much where I can't but where I could do it

Tom asked of other lakes have done this own your lakes campaign and the effectiveness but no studies Steve said this is one of the reasons why they are asking for the measuring equipment. There is a 50/50 split on the Team.

Carol Pier and Wharf Ordinance for the Towns of Whitewater and Richmond – attached in the meeting attachments.

CAROL Boat and Pier Density Team Report – hand out attached in the meeting attachments.

*Pyramiding is defined as the grant of an easement or any other right with respect to a lot fronting on a lake that is granted in exchange for consideration of any amount and which provides access to a lake to persons not occupying that lot either by right of ownership or by a lease of the entire lot for a period of at least (one week). If such access would increase the number of persons who have access to such lake to a greater degree than would occur if only a single-family property owner were using such lot.

Tom mentioned Township of Williams Bay that people rent out their piers

Tom also asked when the lake is full where are the boats coming from?

Carol said to review the attached and be ready to come to the next meeting with questions

Lillian asked the survey was done at the onset of the meetings how are the 2 groups GWLPOA and Lake Management going to both respond to those surveys. Carol said she started a document which entails Communication – Enforcement and Ordinances – Carol will pull that together and get it to GWLPOA -Lillian asked if Carol will work with her and Amy to communicate with her team.

It was asked about doing a Special newsletter in June

Wildlife Management- N/A

Safety-Larry N/A

Audit-N/A

Water Quality – N/A

Lakeshore management-N/A

2021-2022 Schedule-N/A

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Other Business –

Next meeting date-April 14, 2022

Adjournment- Rich asked for a motion to adjourn - Jerry motioned before the second-Chuck asked about the next meeting date if that should be changed due to the Easter holiday keep as is no objections– Larry seconded the adjournment motion. All in favor motion carried adjourned @ 8:47 PM
Respectfully submitted by -Donna Sherman- Clerk