



WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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MINUTES

The April 14, 2022 Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District board meeting was called to order at **6:02 PM** by: Rich Charts. **Roll Call:** Completed by Rich, Jerry Grant, Lillian Roy, Ernie Roy, Amy Rodgers, Jeff Panek, Brad Corson and Mike Lindenmuth.
Online Carol Ducommun, Chuck Chamberlain, and Larry Brady

ADMINISTRATIVE – Rich asked for a motioned to approve the March 10, 2022 Agenda Brad moved Jerry Seconded all in favor motioned carried

Rich motioned to approve the March 10, 2022 meeting minutes –Jerry motioned to accept Brad accepted all in favor motion carried.

Public Input- Carol presented the Boat and Pier Density Report in March and she then presented a new version and wanted to remove March the board determined Carol and I will discuss off line.

Rich provided an overview of a variety of topics from the WI Lake conference that Rich attended in Stevens Point last week

If you're looking for local ordinances on the DNR website just do a search and they will come up. Lake Ripley has done a study on capacity loading (carrying capacity) go to Lake Riply.org you will file the report.

There is a project with the Milwaukee School of Engineering measuring waves and they have developed wave measuring devices and drone analysis.

MN boaters may soon require licenses similar to your auto driver's license if one is taking out a power boat.

Fern leaf pond weed was another low growing dense aquatic vegetation for fish habitat and keeps the muck in place.

The June NRB will review the rules NR7and NR9 looking to combine weed harvesting and chemical treatment into one rule – Chemical would be one year and weed harvesting can be multiyear permits. Aqua thrusters the things are piers are in limbo until the rules are defined.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Secretary's Report/Correspondence-Mike no report

Finance- Brad – January –February- March entailed basic admin expenses.

January paid the final capital expense of \$44,785.00 for the weed trailer and a transfer from the capital fund leaving just admin expenses for January of \$180.00

February newspaper and administrative expense and the same for March with the addition of the permit that Larry paid for the aquatic management plan of \$307.00.

Brad made a motion to accept the January expenses of \$180.00 Jerry seconded – all in favor motion carried.

Brad made a motion to accept the February expenses of \$242.88 Mike Seconded – all in favor motion carried.

Brad made a motion to accept the March expenses of \$519.56 Mike Seconded-all in favor motion carried.

Brad mentioned Chuck had asked about insurance on the hydraulic weed trailer that they are replacing to be removed and the time line of the removal. This also led Brad to review what liability coverage the district would have given the recent accident on Lauderdale Lake which resulted in a death. Given we have a third party operating our equipment we have liability – and medical insurance we also require JNT to carry workers comp insurance and liability insurance we also have a certificate of insurance from them naming the district as an additional insurer. We carry \$1MM liability per occurrence and \$3MM aggregate Brad reached out to our insurance broker to review our content of our policy to determine what we have is appropriate. He will then present to the board the finding. The Autos are all set at \$250.00 whereas the other equipment is \$500 deductible. Chuck will get with Jeff to get all equipment ID numbers – make –model so that can be turned over to the insurance carrier. He will ask about the liability insurance on the vehicles so Brad can evaluate the low mileage on the vehicles.

Weed harvesting-Larry had some communication with Heidi Bunk working on our permit extension. Regarding the management plan Rich did not have an update other than a reduced report 40 from roughly 400 pages. Delavan has the same problem as long as we have the extended permit we will be fine until the report is ready.

1st look – post Memorial Day to survey the Lakes and see what is out there.

Chemical – Mike Clark Aquatic has received everything for the chemical application we have submitted the 5 year tally of what was sprayed on both lakes. Regarding the University and Professor Levas he will do the core sampling of Rice Lake in May-June-July. He will preserve a core sample incase the DNR wants to sample. Mike is awaiting the final agreement/cost. Brad just reminded Mike to account for this as part of his chemical budget. Mike said Rice Lake we are in the 3rd year of the 3 yr application and within the Rice Lake budget there will also be excess in the Whitewater Lake budget. Where we are headed with this is once we get the analysis back this will determine what is organic vs inorganic and to know what is there then determine next steps.

BOG Removal- no report awaiting for the management plan to prepare the permit is due September 2023

Equipment-Chuck–new Pick-up truck will be picked up Monday from the repair – regarding the grant reimbursement the paperwork was returned and re-mailed it was still not received Chuck ended up emailing his representative the paperwork directly. Once he gets the cancelled check for payment of the buoys he will submit the grant paperwork.

Regarding safety he wanted to get with Jeff as well as Shawn to review with the operators a safety check. This will be done the beginning of June to have a safety overview

Safety – Larry-spoke with Shawn also operator permits and/or boater safety course he will inform Jeff when he stops in there – Ernie suggested it would be a good idea to have the operators sign off on the safety check list that it had been presented to them. Larry and Chuck will tag team regarding the sign off of the check list. Safety course is going forward in May as previously mentioned in the March minutes.

Fish Stocking- no report.

Navigator Team Updates

Amy presented the Take One boxes and she will coordinate the install of those boxes at JNT's- Scenic Ridge and Ranger station. For now this cost will go against the \$5,000 line item that was approved in August for the special teams. This can then be review again in August.

Lillian has a connection with a print shop to get a discount.

Amy mentioned it was confirmed with the DNR that the state requires anyone renting a boat to watch an online safety video. Also JNT or Scenic Ridge will put the flyers on the rental boats. Shawn will also offer a safety check for boats so they will schedule a boat safety day.

Chuck mentioned in the past DNR used to be present on the lake with wave runners and they were checking fishing licenses.

Lastly Amy asked if we wanted to go forward with the ordinance of a speed limit of 45mph on weekends and holidays. This will be revisited once the team reports have been presented to the GWLPOA

Own Your Wakes Campaign – Jeff presented the final copy which is reflected here in the link [Own Your Wakes-Team Document FINAL.PNG](#)

They are looking into different ways to get the communication out window clings, website presence this will allow people to report back any damage due to a wake boat. Just making people aware of the wake one is making.

Jeff mentioned when speaking with Shawn regarding the buoys grant being sought he was concerned that the cost was coming out of his salary of the grant does not come through. Jeff just wants to be sure that if the grant fails that we try and find the funds to make sure Shawn can get paid. Rich said we cannot commit to reimburse him directly however it can be revisited when the time comes. Chuck mentioned the grant is usually a 50/50 match.

Carol mentioned social media or a website – maybe maintaining their own website. Currently in discussion the GWLPOA and Lake Management websites are important to us and there needs to be more discussion about the websites. Jeff and Rich had a discussion maybe were would be a way to link all the domain names to the existing websites. David is the web expert.

Lillian said the GWLPOA has to be informed of what the Teams are wanting to propose/recommend. Ernie ask once these teams are done what happens after that. Jeff mentioned a web presence will allow to get feedback or further follow up questions for any future surveys going forward. Carol said it will also depend on each team individually whether they continue or not going forward.

Jeff said Shawn said it would be nice to take your street address sign at the end of their pier to identify the location – Jeff also said he could do an excel document to map out addresses along with the GPS Coordinates. Maybe a fundraiser for the ski team or Lions club to sell pier numbers.

CAROL Boat and Pier Density Team Report – hand out attached in the meeting attachments. Updated version dated April 14, 2022 - [BPD Presentation 4.14.22 FINAL DRAFT.pdf](#)

This report will be presented to the upcoming GWLPOA and then report back to Lake Management.

Rich said he will do a special notice for special attendance of the WW/Rice Lake Management to attend the upcoming GWLPOA meeting where the special teams will do their presentations. This will be held at the GWLPOA Meeting on April 26th 2022 7PM

Wildlife Management- Ernie said he will be send a permit application for goose management.

Audit-N/A

Water Quality – N/A

Lakeshore management- Rich provided some print outs for the Lakeshore Resource Guide for Walworth County also on the county websites.

2021-2022 Schedule- Rich asked if we have the Fall Grant Cycle – Chuck said for equipment the same cycle of August 1 is still the same.

Brad mentioned insurances starts September 23, 2022

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Other Business – Rich mentioned the county wide lakes association is having Brian Smetana, held at the Lauderdale Lake Community Center. Julie Hill in June at Ivanhoe lake – In August Mike Engelson the executive director of WI Lakes will be at Waters Edge in Delevan to present the N107 109 proposed rules also associations vs district. Then October in Honey Lake Walworth County land use Lindsay will do a presentation.

Next meeting date-May 12, 2022

Adjournment- Rich asked for a motion to adjourn – Larry motioned Chuck seconded the adjournment motion. All in favor motion carried adjourned @ 8:12 PM

Respectfully submitted by -Donna Sherman- Clerk