



WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

P.O. Box 301
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MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Board of the Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District was held at the Whitewater Town Hall on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Carol Ducommun, Chuck Chamberlain, Mike Lindenmuth, Dan Berg, Jon Tanis, and Jerry Grant

Others Present: Donna Sherman, Clerk; and Steven Ducommun

BUSINESS MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Carol asked for a motion to approve the December 14, 2023, agenda as posted Jon motioned to approve the agenda seconded by Jerry all in favor motion carried.

Carol asked for a motion to approve the November 9, 2023, regular meeting minutes as well as the closed session minutes Jerry motioned to approve the minutes seconded by Jon all in favor motion passed.

Public Input: N/A

Secretary's Report/Correspondence: Mike No Report

Finance: Dan presented November Expenses of \$7,943.95 Carol questioned whether the winch expense of \$1,084 could be capitalized; Dan will investigate capitalizing that expense and another recent expenditure for a Bimini top, which together totaled \$1,900.00 Dan also will work with the accountant to review the layout of our expenditures report. Chuck made a motion to approve the November Expenses second Jon all in favor motioned passed.

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District						January 08, 2024		Invoice Number
Transaction Date	Vendor	Check #	Disbursements		Description	GL #	Notes / GL Reference Account	
			Amount					
11/2/2023	Payroll	EFT	\$3,252.55			7510	Bog Labor	
11/2/2023	US Treasury	EFT	\$562.54			7510	Bog Labor	
11/9/2023	Rich Charts	3945	\$129.94		gift for Brad Corson	6600	Gifts expense	
11/9/2023	Carquest	3946	\$446.66		various parts	6850	Maint	
11/9/2023	D&D Products	3947	\$117.75		air filter, PVC belting 12"	6850	Maint	
11/9/2023	D&D Products	3947	\$660.98		bimini top	6850	Maint	
11/9/2023	D&D Products	3947	\$61.52		air and fuel filter	6850	Maint	
11/9/2023	D&D Products	3947	\$1,083.75	\$1,924.00	18,000# winch	Capital	New Winch	
11/9/2023	Pat's Services, Inc.	3948	\$120.00		porta potty rental	7360	Grading & Outside Services	
11/9/2023	Frawley Oil	3955	\$322.13		Diesel	7540	Bog Fuel	
11/9/2023	Donna Sherman	3950	\$200.00		October retainer	6020	Clerical Services	
11/9/2023	Ace	3951	\$73.05		various parts	6850	Maint	
11/9/2023	Scott Center	3952	\$100.00		Greg Moll repair of a pump motor	6850	Maint	
11/15/2023	Casey's Gas	EFT	\$(13.43)		Rebate	7540	Bog Fuel	
11/15/2023	Casey's Gas	EFT	\$61.94		Gas	7540	Bog Fuel	
11/15/2023	Casey's Gas	EFT	\$100.06	\$148.57	Gas	7540	Bog Fuel	
11/15/2023	Payroll	EFT	\$510.87		11/17 Payroll	7510	Bog Labor	
11/15/2023	IRS	EFT	\$83.76		11/17 Payroll	7510	Bog Labor	
11/15/2023	Unemployment	EFT	\$11.70		11/17 Payroll	7510	Bog Labor	
11/15/2023	Larry Jacobs	3953	\$17.41			6850	Maint	
11/16/2023	Scott Center	3954	\$40.77			6850	Maint	

\$7,943.95

Weed Harvesting: No Report

Chemical: Mike sent an RFP to five companies, of which three responded. These include: Solitude, who we currently use but only partially responded to the RFP; Lake and Ponds Solutions, based in Elkhorn; and Wisconsin Lake and Ponds, located in Alvarado, WI. We discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the two companies that fully responded to the bid. The bid sheets showed a \$600 difference in chemical cost, which is finally determined when the spraying is concluded.

Mike made a motion to accept the bid from Lake and Ponds Solutions for 2024 year, to then re-evaluate after that. Jon seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Bog Removal: No Report

Equipment: All equipment is in storage. Chuck signed a rental agreement with Aquarius for a 7 ft. harvester for Rice Lake for the summer of 2024. The contract was reviewed by Steve Ducommun.

Navigator Team: No Report

Fish Stocking: Tom advised that fish stocking took place in whitewater Lake on November 1, 2023. With DNR encouragement, crappie and perch were stocked, 1760 in total. At the suggestion of the DNR biologist, no stocking took place in 2023 in Rice Lake.

Wildlife Management: No Report

Safety: No Report

Audit: No Report

Water Quality: The water sample report for Whitewater and Rice Lakes was submitted to the DNR and posted on our website. Additionally, Mike and others met with Heidi Bunk of the DNR to discuss strategies for improving water quality on Rice Lake. We will investigate using a structure known as a floating 'island', continue the three-year barley straw project as planned, and study the planting of emerging, non-invasive vegetation. Mike will continue to direct these efforts.

Launch Monitoring: We discussed getting volunteers to ensure the removal of aquatic vegetation from boats leaving the lake, including people who need community service hours or high school students. Jerry will reach out to the new judge to continue discussions on the topic.

Lakeshore Management: no report

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Jerry made a motion to adjourn to closed session per WI 19.85(1) (c) to deliberate the purchase of public property @ 6:35PM; seconded by Jon; motion passed with a roll call vote: Carol Ducommun, Jon Tanis, Chuck Chamberlain, Mike Lindenmuth Dan Berg, and Jerry Grant.

6:56PM PM open session resumed –

Jerry made a motion to proceed as directed toward acquisition of property as discussed in closed session. Seconded by Chuck; motion carried with an affirmative roll call vote of all board members present.

Other Business: N/A

Next meeting Date: Carol said the next meeting date to January 11, 2023.

Adjournment: Jon made a motion to adjourn @ 6:59PM Chuck seconded all in favor motioned carried meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Sherman, Clerk