



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, May 9, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll call was taken.

Board Members Present: Carol Ducommun, Jon Tanis, Chuck Chamberlain, Dan Berg, and Jerry Grant; Mike Lindenmuth attended via Zoom.

Others Present: Donna Sherman, Ernie Roy, and Steve Ducommun (pro bono counsel)

Carol motioned to amend the agenda to add an item to the closed session agenda as follows: to consider employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility; seconded by Chuck; motion passed unanimously.

Jerry motioned to approve the April 11, 2024, regular meeting minutes as well as the closed session minutes; seconded by Chuck; motion passed unanimously.

Public Input: N/A

Reports of commissioners:

Chair: Carol introduced a discussion about honoring the founders and former leaders of our Lake Management District next year. Separately, Carol made a motion to honor outgoing board members with a plaque and a monetary gift Jerry seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Carol said Cheryl Rezabek is available to help with surface water grants as needed at \$20 per hour. A suggestion was made to also consider a PhD chemist from Rice Lake.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence: Carol received a letter from Don Oker and had a nice phone conversation to follow up.

Finance: Dan presented and motioned to approve April Expenses of \$2,403.80; it was seconded by Chuck; all in favor, motion carried.

Dan cashed a check for \$4,243.54 that Richmond Township sent to us and was later told that the check should have gone to Town of Whitewater, so he issued a reimbursement check to Town of Whitewater.

Carol said Dan's 2024 financial spreadsheet with expenses projected by month will be a useful tool to closely manage weed harvesting and maintenances expenses this summer.

Transaction Date	Vendor	Check #	Disbursements			Notes / GL Reference Account		Invoice Number
			Amount	Description	GL #	Account		
4/3/24	Casey's	x EFT	\$148.39	Sludge Nabber	Capital	Capital: part of the water testing kit.		
4/11/24	Donna Sherman	x 3976	\$200.00	March retainer	6020	Clerical Services		
4/11/24	Donna Sherman	x 3976	\$27.20	Postage	7150	Postage		
4/11/24	Southern Lakes	x 3977	\$111.71	Notices	6010	Association and Notices		
4/11/24	Marlin Printing	x 3978	\$1,173.69	Newsletter printing	7050	Printing & Stationary		
4/11/24	Southern Lakes	x 3979	\$32.85	Notices	6010	Association and Notices		
4/11/24	Southern Lakes	x 3980	\$31.40	Notices	6010	Association and Notices		
4/11/24	US Post Office	x 3981	\$42.00	PO Box rental	7150	Postage		
4/11/24	WI State Laboratory of Hygiene	x 3982	\$486.00	Field tests for algae in November	7450	Other permits-Chemicals		
4/29/24	Casey's Rebate	EFT	\$(17.44)	Rebate	6950	Office		
4/29/24	Casey's	EFT	\$168.00	6 state park stickers for summer crew \$28 per	7350	Weed Harvesting Permits		
			\$2,403.80					

Weed Harvesting: Operations will begin on June 3rd two weeks after herbicide spraying. Scott and two other crew members will attend an Aquarius safety seminar held in the Dells on May 10th. Carol is reviewing potential, alternative locations for dumping weeds. Vehicle parking will remain as it has been for now.

Chemical/Herbicide: The tentative date for spraying is May 20th with harvesting beginning on June 3rd. Mike asked Chuck about weeds in the south lobe, but Chuck has not seen much from his pier. We will offer \$25.00 per boat per day used for getting the signage out prior to spraying. There was no update on the barley straw project.

Bog Removal: We have received DNR approval for a ten-year dredging permit, with a five-year extension option. We will need to negotiate rates, hours and other terms with possible vendors.

Equipment: Our new seven-foot harvester is complete and will be launched soon on Rice Lake. Chuck will investigate scrapping our old trailer and conveyer. We plan to pull equipment out of storage beginning May 20th. Chuck and Carol toured the Aquarius facility and discussed equipment options for bog removal.

Navigator Team updates:

Wakes: Discussion regarding wakes legislation and studies was postponed to a later meeting.

Safety: The district's safety class was held on April 27th and 28th at the Lion's Club. Twenty people enrolled, and 18 attended. The next class is scheduled for June 15th-16th.

Old Business: N/A

Audit: No Report

Water Quality: No Report

Launch Monitoring: No Report

Lakeshore Management: No Report

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Carol introduced bylaw amendments regarding annual meeting voting procedures to comply with WI statutes and to be internally consistent since our bylaws specify that we will adhere to these state statutes. WI Statutes in Ch. 6 and Ch 33 specify who should receive notice of our annual meeting, who can petition to put an item on the agenda of the annual meeting, and who

is eligible to vote at the annual meeting, as well as who can do business with the district to comply with the State's conflict of interest provisions.

Carol also discussed updating our bylaws to reflect that WI Ch. 33 now allows email notifications for annual meetings with permission of individual members. Dan made a motion to accept the recommendations as Carol presented which was seconded by Chuck; all in favor; motioned carried. Dan will consult with Brad about a recommendation for an audit committee as specified in the bylaws.

In our summer newsletter, we will notice our intent to issue debt for land and building.

Summer newsletter dates: articles will be due by July 1st, and we will review them at our board meeting on July 11th.

At 7:33 PM Carol made a motion to adjourn to closed session per WI 19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and per WI 10.85(1)(e) to deliberate the purchase of public property; seconded by Jerry; motion passed with a roll call vote with affirmative votes from Carol Ducommun, Chuck Chamberlain, Mike Lindenmuth, Dan Berg, and Jerry Grant; Jon Tanis abstained from voting.

8:05PM open session resumed.

Jerry made a motion to proceed as discussed in closed session seconded by Chuck all in favor motion carried.

Other Business: N/A

Next meeting Date: June 13, 2024.

Adjournment: Chuck made a motion to adjourn @ 8:06 PM; Dan seconded; all in favor motioned carried unanimously; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Sherman, Clerk