



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, October 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Carol Ducommun, Rich Charts, Chuck Chamberlain, Dan Berg, Mike Lindenmuth, Jon Tanis

Others Present: Donna Sherman, Clerk; Nancy Lindenmuth, President, GWLPOA; Brad Corson; and Rick Olson

BUSINESS MEETING:

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. Roll call was taken. The agenda was approved as posted. The Board approved the amended minutes for the Regular Meeting on September 14, 2023.

Public Input: On behalf of GWLPOA, Nancy Lindenmuth presented the board with a check for \$2,000 for the district's capital reserve. Carol presented Brad Corson with acknowledgement and thanked him for his 13 years of service on the board.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence: Mike noted a thank you card from Richmond 4H club for member's voluntary donation for refreshments at the annual meeting.

Finance: Dan presented September Expenses of \$13,745.03, which were approved. The expense report is attached.

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District 2023 Check Register							October 11, 2023	Invoice Number
Transaction Date	Vendor	Check #	Amount	Description	GL #	Notes / GL Reference Account		
9/6/2023	Greg Mull	x 3920	\$140.00	Transfer pump	6850	Maintenance Expense - Aquadic		
9/1/2023	Caseys Fuel Card	EFT	\$52.06					
9/2/2023	Caseys Fuel Card	EFT	\$94.84					
9/2/2023	Caseys Fuel Card	EFT	\$111.58					
9/6/2023	Caseys Fuel Card	EFT	\$(15.37)	\$243.11 Gas	7340	Fuel - Harvesting		
9/7/2023	Payroll net		\$4,313.57		7310	Payroll Expense W/\$10.50 FEE		
9/7/2023	Payroll w/h		\$893.70					
9/14/2023	Mike Lindenmuth	x 3919	\$211.10	water samples shipping	7470	Chemical supplies		
9/17/2023	Bitco Insurance	3921	\$611.00	Workers compensation insurance	6640	Insurance - Workers Comp		
9/14/2023	Southern Lakes Newspaper	3922	\$118.03	bids, agendas	6010	Advertising & Notices		
9/14/2023	Donna Sherman	x 3923	\$200.00	September retainer	6020	Clerical Services		
9/14/2023	Frawley Oil	3926	\$169.48			Fuel - Harvesting		
9/14/2023	Frawley Oil	3926	\$394.82	\$564.30 Fuel for harvesters	7340	Fuel - Harvesting		
9/14/2023	Caseys Fuel Card	EFT	\$27.54	Gas	7340	Fuel - Harvesting		
9/14/2023	Caseys Fuel Card	EFT	\$81.68	Gas	7340	Fuel - Harvesting		
9/14/2023	Casey Corp Card	EFT	\$49.38	Maint supplies: torch, cutoff wheel, tube	6850	Jackson's Do It Best Hardware		
9/14/2023	Caseys Fuel Card	EFT	\$12.00	Service charge	6200			
9/21/2023	Caseys Fuel Card	EFT	\$27.09	Gas	7340			
9/21/2023	Caseys Fuel Card	EFT	\$58.85	gas	7340			
9/21/2023	Caseys Fuel Card	EFT	\$100.25	\$186.19 Gas	7340			
9/21/2023	Casey's Corporate Card	EFT	\$7.89	Maintenance supplies	6860	Fleet Farm		
9/21/2023	Casey's Corporate Card	EFT	\$62.70	Postage stamps for Treasurer	7150			
9/22/2023	Payroll		\$4,612.16	Payroll bogs.	7510			
9/22/2023	US Treasury		\$1,108.30	Payroll bogs.	7510			
			\$13,442.65	Total September Expenses				

The Board discussed payment for rent for equipment storage and whether it could be made on a monthly or quarterly basis. Carol will contact Tim Redinius, the owner, to see what options

we have. If the District has to pay the rent up front, we will use funds from the capital reserve fund on a short-term basis until we receive taxes in January. A motion to use temporary capital funds for rent payment as needed was made by Dan and seconded by Rich; motion carried with all in favor.

Weed Harvesting: Carol said it seems likely that most of our staff will return next season.

Chemical: no report

Bog Removal: Rich reported 248 truckloads of bog were removed this year, at a rate of approximately 12 loads per day. Our contractor, Brandon, reported to Rich that the process went well overall, despite navigating some mechanical issues.

Equipment: Chuck reported that the DNR approved a 50% grant for \$134,950 to replace the old 7 ft. harvester on August 8th. The DNR will issue a check shortly for half of the award, or \$67,475.

Chuck was able to sell the old transport barge and the old 7 ft. harvester for a total cost of \$7,000 to an out of state buyer. Chuck has inquired about renting a 7' harvester from Aquarius while we are awaiting our new one, which will likely arrive for the 2025 season. Aquarius could rent us a harvester based on our usage, measured by an hourly meter. Chuck will get a quote for insuring a rental harvester and will think about how much we might use one and the cost to do so.

We received one bid to replace the 7' harvester and trailer. Chuck opened the sealed bid from Aquarius, post marked September 27, 2023, for \$269,900. Chuck asked for a motion to accept the Aquarius bid of \$269,900 for the HM420 Harvester and TR23 Tractor. Rich moved, Dan seconded, and the motion carried with all in favor.

Chuck called Pat's to get the porta potty removed from Cruse Lane.

Navigator Team: Mike provided an update on the first year of the three-year barley straw project on Rice Lake. We did not see any change in the level of algae this summer, as expected, since it is likely to take at least a year to get positive results.

Fish Stocking: no report

Wildlife Management: no report

Safety: Jon asked about safety patrol coverage. Carol mentioned that without a greater presence we will continue to see an increase in non-permitted activities on the lake. Jon said the Sheriff's office is short staffed and they are looking for someone to help find additional personnel.

Audit: no report

Water Quality: no report

Lakeshore Management: no report

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Review 2024 RFP Requirements (Storage/Harvesting/Chemical)
Mike and Ernie will meet to review companies and understand our options for rebidding the chemical contract. The industry is consolidating, and the level of service hasn't been consistent with the past. Separately, Mike is checking to see if Solitude completed the fall survey of weeds.

Other Business: N/A

Next meeting Date: November 9, 2023

Adjournment: Chuck moved, and Dan seconded a motion to adjourn, all were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Sherman, Clerk