



WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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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, March 14, 2024, at 6:05 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 via zoom, Mike Lindenmuth, Dan Berg, Jerry Grant. Rich Charts joined later via zoom.

Others Present: Donna Sherman, Cheryl Rezabek, Steve Ducommun, Bob Szcinski, Scott Center.

Jerry, motioned to approve the agenda as posted; seconded by John; all in favor, motion carried.

Jerry motioned to approve the February 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes as well as the closed session minutes; seconded by Mike; all in favor, motion passed.

Public Input: Cheryl Rezabek is working with Whitewater Township on grants and wanted to introduce herself to the Lake Management District. Carol will add Cheryl to the agenda for a future meeting. Possible grants include healthy clean water, lake, and education grants.

Bob Szcinski introduced himself to the Board. He has been in the Whitewater community for about 3 years. His diverse background includes experience in manufacturing, corporate, and even serving as the president of his condo association in suburban Chicago. He's eager to learn more so he can give back and actively participate in the lake's community.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence: Mike – No Report

Finance: Dan presented February Expenses of \$1,194.19. Dan made a motion to approve February expenses. It was seconded Jerry; all in favor, motion carried.

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District				March 10, 2024			
2/8/24	Donna Sherman	x	3965	\$200.00	February retainer	6020	Clerical Services
2/8/24	Southern Lakes Newspaper	x	3966	\$31.40	January agenda posting	6010	Advertising & Notices Expense
2/8/24	Lillian Roy	x	3967	\$67.03	Boater Safety copies for Navigator Teams	7050	Printing & Stationary
2/8/24	WI State Laboratory of Hygiene	x	3968	\$214.00	Field tests for algae	7450	Other permits-Chemicals
2/8/24	Riese Aquatics, LLC	x	3969	\$137.00	Permit to WIDNR for dredging	7350	Other permits- Weed Harvesting
2/8/24	WI State Laboratory of Hygiene	x	3970	\$486.00	Field tests for algae	7450	Other permits-Chemicals
2/13/24	Casey's	x	EFT	\$(2.74)	Rebate	6200	Bank charges
2/13/24	Casey's	x	EFT	\$61.50	Barley Straw permit	7450	Other permits-Chemicals
				<u>\$1,194.19</u>	\$1,194.19		

Weed Harvesting: Scott and Carol discussed staffing; they will have six staff returning for the upcoming weed harvesting season, including Scott.

Chemical: Mike said applications for chemical treatment have been posted to our website; the date for the lakes survey to determine chemical spraying areas is weather dependent, after the

survey is completed, a map will be created and a recommendation will be made to the Board, after which it will then be sent to DNR for approval.

Barley straw bags need to be installed on Rice Lakes soon; they will be attached with zip ties.

Mike sent an email to the DNR asking about materials for testing. The meters are expensive – the one we have is functioning but it is old and temperamental; it would be nice to have two given we will have two different teams testing on Whitewater and Rice Lakes this summer and the age of the existing meter; currently the meters are on back order; Mike made a motion to purchase a new dissolved oxygen meter at a cost of \$2,000 with an additional cost not to exceed \$500 for testing supplies; seconded by Jon all in favor motion passed.

Equipment: Chuck will add a fuel log to each vehicle to track both gas and diesel. Carol confirmed that equipment should be removed from storage by the end of May. Chuck said the new 7' harvester is painted and ready to be assembled once our delivery time is closer.

Bog Removal:

We will reduce bog harvesting expenses this year since we exceeded our budget last fall and need to repay what we borrowed from our capital account last fall and to ensure we meet our 2024 financial plan approved in November. We will investigate a more efficient bog harvesting process and/or using different equipment, as well as reducing bog harvesting time. Our priority will be clearing bogs from navigation lanes and floaters from lake fronts. We are working to get our DNR permit for bog harvesting approved.

Navigator Team - Wakes: An article was placed into the upcoming newsletter.

Fish Stocking: No Report.

Wildlife Management: No Report

Safety: No Report

Audit: No Report

Water Quality: No Report

Launch Monitoring: No Report

Lakeshore Management: No Report

Old Business: N/A

New Business:

Carol made a motion to adjourn to closed session per WI 19.85(1) (c) to deliberate the purchase of public property @ 7:03 PM; seconded by Jon; motion passed with a roll call vote: Carol Ducommun, Jon Tanis, Chuck Chamberlain, Mike Lindenmuth, Dan Berg, Jerry Grant, and Rich Charts.

7:37PM open session resumed.

Jon made a motion to explore what was discussed in closed session seconded by Jerry all in favor motion carried.

Other Business: N/A

Next meeting Date: Carol said the next meeting date to April 11, 2024.

Adjournment: Jon made a motion to adjourn @ 7:39 PM Chuck seconded all in favor motioned carried meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Sherman, Clerk