



WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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MINUTES

The October 13, 2022 Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District board meeting was called to order at **6:05PM** by: Rich Charts. **Roll Call:** Completed by Rich Charts, Donna Sherman, Jerry Grant, Mike Lindemuth, Brad Corson, Chuck Chamberlain, Carol Ducommun, , guests Ernie and Lillian Roy, Nancy Lindemuth, Norm Prusener

ADMINISTRATIVE - Rich made a motion to adjust the agenda Jerry and Mike seconded Motion was made to accept the modified agenda by Jerry seconded by Larry all in favor motion carried.

Rich asked for a motion to approve the September 8th, 2022 minutes as submitted Mike moved with revision Norm Seconded Jerry seconded all in favor motion carried.

Public Input-Rich mentioned this Saturday October 15th 2022 there will be a meeting held at the Geneva Lake Environmental Agency regarding Walworth County Land Use and Resource Management Time 9AM speaking will be Mandy Bonneville

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Secretary's Report/Correspondence-Mike None.

Finance- Brad has September Expenses totaled \$14,018.68 which consisted of the Aquarius bill for the hydraulic pump and fluid needed in the amount \$8,831.50 admin cost for the University of WI Whitewater for the Rice Lake water analysis \$3,960.00 Brad motioned to approve the total expenses for September of \$14,018.68 Motion to approve Sept expense Carol seconded all approved motion carried

Brad said today he filed the 2023 budget with the WI Dept. of Revenue. Notification was provided to both Richmond and Whitewater Township each treasurer have acknowledged receipt this will be used for the tax levy's for the upcoming property tax bills. Brad mentioned our budget that was approved was about \$20K less than the prior year the amount for Richmond went up year over year. That is because the property value which is the equalized value which is the basis between the two townships when up by 2 points Richmond last year was 21% this year now 23% and Whitewater was 79% and now 77%.

Brad updated our Zoom account.

Outstanding JNT Financials Brad stated no response- Walworth County document filed which confirms it sold land but it does not specifically says it sold JNT Marina LLC. Brad reached out to the Boat House requesting info.

Equipment- Winter Pull and Storage Proposals –Chuck equipment has not moved – trucks are parked across from JNT's Parkside in the lot. Sept 20th he went to Marine Pros – and no word from Boat House he spoke with Matt, explained he has keys and manuals etc. he did not know anything about that. He asked Jeff about bids for winter storage and maintenance he asked about using the parking lot across the street from Parkside. Not sure where it will go Jeff said he could store it on his property so maybe between the parking lot and his property.

Chuck contacted Scott said he was concerned about keys/manuals he followed up with Chuck I know where they are all at if he could gather them up and get them to Chuck. He received proposal from Jeff it was provided to the Board. It was noted that Jeff does not have insurance. Brad said our insurance requires us to carry a rider for workman's comp. Brad said it was approximately \$6K for last year. Brad stated Jeff confirmed he owes the District \$5K. Chuck asked about shrink wrapping of the harvesting equipment however it would be costly because it is too big and it would be better to leave outdoors due to potential condensation. Chuck suggested maybe looking to look into a piece of property to house equipment. Brad said definitely need a plan going forward but priority is to get equipment winterized and out of the water.

Chuck mentioned storage options and Rich and Brad will review. Norm provided a name of someone for possible storage which Brad/Chuck will look into.

Brad made a motion to accept Jeff's bid for equipment maintenance with the understanding there may be an increase to include the shore conveyer seconded by Jerry all in favor motioned carried.

Jerry made a motion for the parties reviewing storage options to have the authority to enter into an agreement for the 2022-2023 storage season Seconded by Brad all in favor motion carried.

Weed harvesting- Carol advised that Larry received an email from the DNR and is working with Heidi Bunk to obtain an extension of our weed harvesting permit.

Chemical –Mike no report

Bog Removal – Rich no season

Equipment – Chuck did a little research on the claw and transport barge he showed a photo of a transport barge with a back hoe on it. The approximate cost was \$300K

Reports of Standing Teams

Navigator Team Updates- No Report

Fish Stocking – Mike Reported the DNR has approved Rice Lake for carp netting. Carp will be removed over the next three years. There is no cost to the Management District unless there is a need to offer an additional incentive to the contractor to perform.

Wildlife Management- No Report

Safety- No Report

Audit-No Report

Water Quality – Mike couple of days ago received the fall water quality analysis he has the numbers of interest is he was under the assumption those numbers would be sent to the DNR but they have not he does not know what the requirements are to report them to the DNR he is looking into it Rich felt it was not mandatory but an expectation. Clark Aquatic Service does this for one district in the state which is for us. Rich said to review with Rachel.

Lakeshore management-N/A

2022 Schedule-N/A

Old Business:

Status of Rice Lake improvement studies: Mike submitted the final report from UW-W which can be viewed here- [Rice Lake Study OC and P assessment. UWW. 2022-08.pdf](#)

The majority (+80%) of the phosphorous is sourced from the sediment. The study team's recommendation is that we focus on available options to reduce the phosphorous content in the sediment resulting in improved water quality.

The Rice Lake study team will begin identifying and quantifying potential solutions to address the Phosphorous content.

Carol asked if he were to say to them (the team from whitewater) based on what they found out the phosphorous generation 52lbs a year how different is that experience in Rice Lake be from any other Lake around to share in the cost in the research or are we just doing research stuff to benefit everybody. Mike said we have been doing it for applications research for Rice Lake and Whitewater because the SWRPAC report says 90% of Whitewater Lake is 15Ft or less a good portion if you go to other areas are 10Ft or less our thought is that what we learn there would be beneficial to others. One asked about septic systems draining into the lake and Norm commented very few.

Mike said he will send a final report and input to the lake studies. Part of this is that the students would produce a report as part of their education. Mike said he will put his opinion in writing so we have it for our files.

Carol added to the large wake boats that stir up the sediments it would interesting to know what was measured in the study meaning if the phosphorus that is sitting dormant but then if equipment such as large wake boats disrupt it is there a measurement of agitated vs non agitated.

Lake Management Plan update: Larry said we have a plan it is an addendum to the 2015 plan. Heidi wanted to update the chart. Some stand out items. Diversity to plant types Rice Lake has gone down in diversity in plant type. Larry needs to update the date when chemical was applied
In terms of phosphorous from a harvesting perspective it is a net –not adding not removing.

The Rice Lake dam there is a gate at the bottom which is a potential source of removing the phosphorous. Whitewater Lake dam (owned) by the county it is in rough shape (seepage). Once the plan is approved but have someone from the county to take a look at that. Three years ago it would be a 10 year fix so we are now down to 7 but tree maintenance would be in order.

Larry said he will ask Heidi for an extension and would also like to add the Rice lake report.

Brad asked if they have billed us, or at the very least a progress bill. Larry thought we wouldn't see a bill until January.

Lastly the dump site for bog which is now owned by the Boathouse Rich mention Ann may have some farmers that may want Brad thought the cost to deliver to farmer's maybe more than it's worth. Larry said there is one on Hwy 89 and town line road.

Website update- Carol provided an overview of the New Website. Rich made a motion to buy the following web links: [whitwaterricelakesdistrict.org](#) and [whitwaterricelakedistrict.org](#) seconded by Carol.

New Business:

Review 2023 RFP requirements (Storage/Harvesting/Chemical)

Discuss long tabled capital upgrades

Rich asked for a motion to table the items under new business to the November meeting – Norm seconded all in favor motion carried.

Other Business-

Next meeting date- November 10, 2022

Adjournment- Rich asked for a motion to adjourn Chuck motioned seconded by Carol @ 8:36 PM – all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Donna Sherman- Clerk