



WHITEWATER-RICE LAKES MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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MINUTES

The September 8, 2022 Whitewater/Rice Lakes Management District board meeting was called to order at **6:03PM** by: Rich Charts. **Roll Call:** Completed by Rich Charts, Donna Sherman, Jerry Grant, Mike Lindemuth, Chuck Chamberlain, Carol Ducommun, Larry Brady safety committee, guest Jeff from JNT's, Norm Prusener arrived late.

ADMINISTRATIVE - Rich made a motion to adjust the agenda to include JNT announcement under public input. Seconded by Jerry all in favor motion carried.

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 July 14th minutes as submitted Larry motioned to approve Jerry seconded all in favor motion carried.

Rich asked for a motion to approve the August 27th 2022 Brief meeting minutes as revised by Jerry Jerry moved Chuck seconded all in favor motion carried.

Public Input-Jeff announced he is in the process of selling the Marinas it has not yet closed but a commitment is expected to be signed tomorrow with closing on Monday September 12th. He and his crew is staying on with the new owners – he will stay on to assist with moving equipment into storage and he will work with them. Employees will go under the new business as well as they will take care of workman's comp insurance under the new owner.

He is not leaving the area. The new business is honoring the current contract for harvesting and storage.

Jeff said he will be around in the spring to bid on new contracts under a different entity.

One asked who would be in charge Jeff thought Eric. Rich asked about bog and Jeff said he would have to work with the new owner.

Mike mentioned in August we normally would get a form about boat pickup and storage will that still take place. Jeff said flyers will be going out.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS:

Secretary's Report/Correspondence- Rich asked if there was any comments going around about the annual meeting – he said he her positive feedback. Mike received information from a company called White Cloud MN Mike thought this could come into play when we look at the Rice Lake studies.

Finance- Rich provided an overview of the August expenses on behalf of Brad:

Rich highlighted some expenses JNT caught up on invoices – \$3,380.00 weed harvesting-7ft cutter rebuild \$13,872.00 - \$312.93 for Parts - \$384.00 postage \$1,200.00 newsletter printing-\$750.00 for website design. Rich made a motion to approve August expenses for \$26,960.36 Norm seconded all in favor motion carried.

Weed harvesting-Larry said with the Boathouse taking over and the potential of them not bidding we will see what happens. Jeff did say he would still bid but like Chuck said what if he does not bid. Rich thought that we may want to consider to hire Jeff on a contractual basis. We will have to wait to see what happens once bids come in. Larry said weed harvesting is over.

Chemical –Mike no report.

Bog Removal- Rich no report Chuck mentioned Jeff would be starting removal after Labor Day however Chuck said equipment has not move. Rich said Jeff's response when he asked was he would start after Labor Day but would do so after lifts and boats would be first.

Equipment— Channel buoy grant check was received for 50% in the amount of \$358.00 Equipment is all in place for bog harvesting. After bog removal which would be the end of September then next step would be remove and prepare equipment for storage. Looking ahead to the 12ft harvester he is working with Aquarius and maybe look into some refurbishing money from the DNR but the work cannot be done until the grant is approved. Chuck is checking with his DNR contact first. Chuck is looking to then replace the 7Ft. harvester which is the one on Rice Lake. It is our oldest piece of equipment purchased in 1996 with a steel hull it is starting to nickel and dime us. Chuck submitted the 7Ft. harvester purchase resolution #2022-001 Part of the grant application process requires the resolution. Chuck made a motion to accept the equipment resolution #2022-001 to replace the 7Ft harvester adopted on the 8th of September 2022. Seconded by Jerry – all in favor motion carried. Carol asked if he would come back to the board to sign for a purchase agreement but you wouldn't ask for that and Both Chuck and Rich said it is part of the 5 yr plan – Chuck said he would submit the grant to the WI waterways if approved then they would follow up with funding that they would provide.

Reports of Standing Teams

Navigator Team Updates- Carol advised when steering team decided to start focus teams one on short term rentals – one on noise, light pollution, and fireworks –and one on parking/speeding on the roads. Carol has not heard from anyone on any of these topics and therefore this tells her to put those items on the back burner for now.

Safety Team under Amy's leadership – There is a need for more funding with the hours of coverage on the lake. Carol will follow up on buoy grant money.

Wakes-The Team will meet and reflect on what they saw this summer.

Pier and Boat Density –. On the topic of Lake Island Drive deed holders forming an association, Norm thought that wasn't likely to happen.he said there is one lady whose brother is a lawyer Rich felt there was some talk. Norm mentioned eminent domain may help speed it up.

Parking and speeding – you can park anywhere but you have to allow 15ft. for emergency vehicles to get through the town goes by the county laws.

For noise/fireworks – The Township can issue a permit for fireworks however they have to have a certified pyrotechnical individual.

Rich mentioned to Norm if they get the bigger rock 5-6 inch ones that the district will pay to be placed for Cruse Lane what is there now it is just washing away.

Fish Stocking – No Report

Wildlife Management- No Report

Safety-Larry no Report

Audit-N/A

Water Quality – Mike has been in touch with Mr. Joe Drozd and will discuss further, Mike has been in touch with Tom Garfield's brother and will be picking up his items from him and then he will have a discussion with Joe Drozd.

Lakeshore management-N/A

2022 Schedule-N/A

Old Business:

Status of Rice Lake improvement studies: next steps was to update the 1990 report for in and out of phosphorous on the lake he said this is going to a intense study the input vs the output Stuart is saying it is important that we understand that balance. In the 1990 report the net input is 60lbs of going into the Lake. USGS report is pretty comprehensive study which is probably a \$10K to \$15K do we really need to do this type of study. Mike said are we going to gain this much more.

Mike said to delay the first step and get with the analysis Stuart said we need to understand if it is in balance or not. Larry interjected saying that maybe the 5YR plan will address some of this. Mike added back in 1990 there was no water going over the dam somewhat of a drought. Mike said he can go to the university to see if they have a comment as well as check with Heidi. Mike said Heidi would like to join a meeting. Norm mentioned for a complete study it would be good to have low water as well as have the wake surfing boats to stir up the water. Larry said once the preliminary plan comes up then meet with Heidi.

Lake Management Plan update: Larry said the target date is still October Larry will invite Heidi for our October board Meeting.

New Business:

Website next steps-meetings with Kristina

JNT discussion – Chuck thought of some additional questions what is happening with all of the keys for equipment as well as operator manuals he will follow up with Jeff.

Discuss and agree on new vice chair role - Addition of Vice-Chair title to be filled within existing Board

- No additional Commissioners
- No By-law change needed, a simple vote by Board
- Position would act as a subordinate to the Chair and serve as such in the latter's absence
- The individual would act on behalf of the Chair and assist the Chair in his/her responsibilities
- The newly created position would alleviate assigning Chair duties and responsibilities to an existing officer (such as the Treasurer or Secretary) in the absence of Chair
- The newly created position would be filled at our abbreviated Board Meeting following the Annual Meeting

Rich asked if there was any other questions Chuck mentioned the position should be mentioned in the bylaws Rich suggested it be voted Jerry moved Carol seconded all in favor motion carried.

Other Business-

Next meeting date- October 13th, 2022

Adjournment- Rich asked for a motion to adjourn Norm motioned seconded by Chuck @ 8:05 PM – all in favor motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Donna Sherman- Clerk