



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, February 8, 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, Rich Charts, Chuck Chamberlain via zoom, Mike Lindenmuth

Others Present: Donna Sherman, Theresa Stegemann, Larry Brady, Jeff Panak, Steve Ducommun.

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

Jon motioned to approve the January 11, 2024, regular meeting minutes as well as the closed session minutes; seconded by Rich; all in favor, motion passed.

Public Input: Theresa spoke about the lesser celandine control. She has contracted with Tall Grass to help eradicate the invasive species on four properties on Ridge Road. With Tall Grass' previous efforts, the species was eradicated from one property. It has been isolated on the peninsula, including along the roadside. The homeowners pay for remediation on their properties but in the past the Lake Management District would support efforts for public areas. The DNR recommends efforts to get rid of it, especially on the shoreline. Theresa presented a contract with Tall Grass for Carol to sign.

Secretary's Report/Correspondence: Mike – No Report

Finance: Carol presented January Expenses of \$14,889.50 on behalf of Dan. Rich made a motion to approve; it was seconded Jon; all in favor, motion carried.

Dan and Carol will be working on monthly cash flow projections due to upcoming payments for the new 7' harvester.

Whitewater-Rice Lakes Management District				February 06, 2024	
Starting Cash Book Balance	12/31/22	4,367.58			Variance should be "0"
Expense Distributions to date:		\$(16,024.93)	Disbursements Verification Check >>>>>>>>>>>	16,025	
Cash Receipts to date:		\$69,669.37			
Cash Book Balance FWD to date:		\$58,012.02	Capital Fund Cash Balance	157,833	

Transaction Date	Disbursements			Description	Notes / GL Reference Account		Invoice Number
	Vendor	Check #	Amount		GL #	Account	
1/11/24	Donna Sherman	x 3960	\$200.00	December retainer	6020	Clerical Services	
1/11/24	Southern Lakes Newspaper	x 3961	\$30.24	December agenda posting	6010	Advertising & Notices Expense	
1/11/24	D&D Products Inc	x 3962	\$11,528.74	Major repairs to hydraulics	Capital	Capital Fund	
1/11/24	Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene	x 3963	\$1,458.00	Field tests for algae	7450	Other permits-Chemicals	
1/11/24	Wisconsin DNR	x 3964	\$763.00	Bog removal/dredging permit	7350	Other permits- Weed Harvesting	
1/31/24	WI Department of Revenue	x EFT	\$443.31	4th quarter payroll taxes	7510	Bog Labor	
1/31/24	WI Unemployment Tax	x EFT	\$429.82	4th quarter payroll taxes	7510	Bog Labor	
1/31/24	IRS	x EFT	\$36.39	4th quarter payroll taxes	7510	Bog Labor	
			\$14,889.50				\$14,889.50

Weed Harvesting: Carol has reached out to Scott Center in preparation for the upcoming season. Scott will see which employees are interested in returning this year.

Chemical: No Report

Bog Removal: Rich will submit the permit application for bogs after January 1st, 2024.

Equipment: Chuck said Aquarius will be able to get the new harvester to us earlier than planned in time for the summer season, which means we won't have to rent a backup harvester for Rice Lake.

Navigator Team - Wakes: Jeff mentioned that people around the state are working to enact regulations on wake surfing, although nothing has come to a vote yet. One proposal would limit wake surfing on lakes less than 1,500 acres in size. The boat manufacturers' association is pushing back and is working to ensure they can continue to sell boats and have them used on lakes. Steve mentioned the boat manufacturers' association advocates that wake surfers stay at least 200 ft. from the shore. Jeff suggested putting an article in the upcoming newsletter about wake surfing boats and doing a short survey of residents on the topic. Rich suggested we share any survey data on the topic with the county and state.

There was a discussion about how much time the Lake Patrol will be on the water this summer to enforce rules and monitor various lake activities. Per Jon, scheduling will depend on staff availability and law enforcement activities in the City of Whitewater.

Jon made a motion to entrust the wakes team to come up with five questions for a brief survey and to work with GWLPOA on distribution; motion seconded by Rich; all in favor, motion carried.

Fish Stocking: No Report.

Wildlife Management: No Report from Ernie

Safety: Larry stated boater safety classes tentative dates May 18 and 19th.

Audit: No Report

Water Quality: No Report

Launch Monitoring: Carol mentioned Jerry wrote a letter regarding a launch monitoring program; discussion to follow.

Lakeshore Management:

Old Business: N/A

New Business: Carol said newsletter articles are due by March 1st.

Carol mentioned that we noticed an open session meeting on February 9, 2024, at 8:30 am with representatives of the City of Whitewater to assist them in thinking about establishing a Lake Management District for Cravath and Trippe Lakes. We had to call an open session since they invited three of our members, Carol, Chuck and Jon, to join them.

Rich has discussed hosting a program on August 17th with Jane Dauffenbach for Aquarius to speak to upwards of 40 people. Rich would like the lake district's support for hosting the meeting and demonstrating the use of one of our harvesters. The proposal to have various pieces of Aquarius equipment on display and for demonstration. Carol is in favor of supporting this activity but not on Saturday morning at the Lion's Club, since that is a narrow and busy section of the lake, particularly on a Saturday. She proposed that the demonstration be conducted on Rice Lake instead of Whitewater Lake. Chuck also agreed with not having it on Whitewater Lake, although it might depend on what equipment is showcased due to water depth. Rich will look further into other options regarding location and follow up with the Board.

Carol made a motion to adjourn to closed session per WI 19.85(1) (c) to deliberate the purchase of public property @ 7:12 PM; seconded by Rich; motion passed with a roll call vote: Carol Ducommun, Jon Tanis, Chuck Chamberlain, Mike Lindenmuth, Rich Charts

7:23PM open session resumed.

Other Business: N/A

Next meeting Date: Carol said the next meeting date to March 14, 2024.

Adjournment: Jon made a motion to adjourn @ 7:24 PM Chuck seconded all in favor motioned carried meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Sherman, Clerk