



## 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 July 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken.

**Board Members Present:** Carol Ducommun, Chuck Chamberlain, Dan Berg, Rich Charts and Jerry Grant, Mike Lindenmuth

**Others Present:** Donna Sherman, Ernie Roy, Steve Ducommun (pro bono counsel), Larry Brady, and Stuart Hersch.

Carol motioned to approve the agenda; Larry Brady asked that he be added to speak about safety report and added to the email delivery. Jerry motion to amend as requested seconded by Rich; motion passed unanimously.

Carol asked for a motion to approve the closed session minutes for June 13, 2024, Rich motioned to approve seconded by Chuck motion passed unanimously.

The wrong June minutes were circulated we will approve at the August brief meeting.

**Public Input:** N/A

#### **Reports of commissioners:**

**Chair:** Carol described our final budget as contained in the summer newsletter, which we need to send to the printer by Monday to meet the 30-day annual meeting notice. The bog harvesting estimate for this fall includes 7-8 days to yield approximately 1,000 cu. yd. compared to 1,500 cu. yd. next year and over 2,500 cu. yd. last year.

The 2025 budget includes \$3500 for geese; funds for fish cribs; and chemical costs, excluding permits and surveys, of \$70,000 due to the application in 2024 of ProcellaCOR, a 3-year solution for Eurasian Milfoil.

For 2025, repairs and maintenance costs include \$17,000 of storage costs, as well as an increase in legal and professional fees. We will also need to include expenses for building water, sewer, and electricity. Dan spoke with First Citizens State Bank about potential financing costs to be represented in the 2025 budget in the summer newsletter. Our budget calculations are based on 800 tax parcels from a current count of taxed properties.

Carol presented the agenda for the upcoming Annual Meeting and the Board offered several suggestions for amending the timeframe.

**Secretary's Report/Correspondence:** No Report

**Finance:** Dan presented and motioned to approve June Expenses of \$72,598.74; it was seconded by Rich; all in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Transaction Date	Vendor	Check #	Disbursements		Description	GL #	Notes / GL Reference		Invoice Number
			Amount				Account		
6/7/2024	Payroll	x	EFT	\$4,357.50	Payroll W/O pre 5/18, 5/25/27 & 5/31	7310	WH Payroll		
6/7/2024	Payroll processing fee	x	EFT	\$16.00	Service fee	6200	Bank fees		
6/12/2024	Casey's	x	EFT	\$103.54	Gas for trucks from Casey's	7340	Weed Harvesting Fuel		
6/12/2024	Payroll employer taxes		EFT	\$492.40	Employer taxes and withholding for FICA/Medicare	7330	FICA/Medicare		
6/12/2024	Wisconsin Dept of Revenue	x	EFT	\$139.67	Employee withholding	7340	Payroll		
6/12/2024	Wisconsin Dept of Revenue	x	EFT	\$10.00	Business Tax Registration Renewal	6800	License Expense--Office		
6/13/2024	Lakes and Pond Solutions		3993	void	Final payment for weed treatment	7460	Chemical treatment		
6/13/2024	Donna Sherman	x	3994	\$200.00	June retainer	6020	Clerical Services		
6/13/2024	Frawley Oil	x	3995	\$250.80	Diesel for harvesters	7340	Weed Harvesting Fuel		
6/13/2024	Advance Auto Parts	x	3996	\$44.13	fix a flat & anti freeze	7370	Weed Harvesting Supplies		
6/13/2024	Scott Center	x	3997	138.97	Gas for trucks from Casey's	7340	Weed Harvesting Fuel		
6/13/2024	Scott Center	x	3997	\$29.72	Walmart rags and zip lock bags	7370	Weed Harvesting Supplies		
6/13/2024	Scott Center	x	3997	\$248.88	Hotel for lakes conference	6910	Meetings & Conventions		
6/13/2024	Scott Center	x	3997	\$153.77	Pete's Tire Service	7370	Weed Harvesting Supplies		
6/13/2024	Mike Lindenmuth	x	3998	\$42.16	Menards-stakes for spraying notice	7460	Chemical treatment		
6/13/2024	Ernie Roy	x	3999	\$9.52	postage for letters to 14 owners for goose round up	7150	Wildlife management		
6/13/2024	Carol Ducommon		4000	\$76.98	Microsoft 365 renewal for Donna's computer	6950	Office expense		
6/13/2024	US Department of Agriculture APhi:		4001	\$3,500.00	Goose round up by USDA	7600	Wildlife management		
6/14/2024	Lakes and Pond Solutions	x	4002	\$50,365.00	payment for weed treatment	7460	Chemical treatment		
6/19/2024	Casey's	x	EFT	\$51.93	Harbor Freight	7370	Weed Harvesting Supplies		
6/19/2024	Casey's	x	EFT	\$158.29	Farm & Fleet	7370	Weed Harvesting Supplies		
6/19/2024	Casey's	x	EFT	\$134.73	Gas for trucks from Casey's	7340	Weed Harvesting Fuel		
6/21/2024	Payroll		EFT	\$5,745.50	Payroll 6/1-6/14	7310	WH Payroll		
6/24/2024	Employer taxes		EFT	\$649.25	Employer taxes and withholding for FICA/Medicare	7340	FICA/Medicare		
6/24/2024	Payroll processing fee		EFT	\$20.00	Service fee	6200	Bank fees		
6/25/2024	Lakes and Pond Solutions		4003	\$5,660.00	Final payment for weed treatment	7450	Chemical permits		
6/25/2024	Casey's		EFT	\$69.90	Walmart	7370	Weed Harvesting Supplies		
				\$72,598.74					

Carol recommended that we wait until after the Annual Meeting to move tax funds received into our capital account as budgeted.

The Lions club sent a \$1000 donation for fish stocking.

Dan is working with Horton Insurance Group and Chuck to make sure all our equipment is insured. Discussion of the \$250 deductible was tabled until we receive a quote.

**Weed Harvesting:** Crew hours are down this year due to light weeds. In mid-June, we received permission from Heidi Bunk (DNR), in conjunction with Travis Motl (DNR fisheries manager), to begin harvesting on Rice Lake before the end of June in 2024 only.

**Chemical/Herbicide:** Mike said all the mapping has been done and it is posted on the website.

**Bog Removal:** We opened two bids from Brandon Riese of Riese Aquatics LLC. The first bid was for work in excess of 160 hours, while the second was for under 160 hours at a cost of \$340 per hour, plus \$50 in fuel costs per day. Dan made a motion to accept bid #2 from Reise Aquatics LLC subject to successfully negotiating terms and conditions including a not to exceed amount. The motion passed unanimously.

**Equipment:** Chuck said the new harvester is running with only a minor issue covered by warranty. A minor issue on the goose neck trailer was fixed. We should receive the balance of the grant money for the harvester from the DNR next week.

**Safety:** Larry said two classes were held at the Lion's Club totaling 45 attendees he is looking for another body to assist with the classes. Lauderdale would like to combine efforts with our

management district. We will thank the Lions Club for donating their building for the classes. We will acknowledge Sean's service to the lake patrol at the Annual meeting.

**Goose Round up:** Ernie reported 53 geese.

Rich mention Walworth County Lake Consortium will be held on August 17<sup>th</sup>

**Fish Stocking:** No report.

**Old Business:** Rich said the Walworth County Lakes group will meet at the Lions Club on August 17 and will watch a demonstration of our new 7' harvester on Rice Lake.

**New Business:** The Lake Management District is responsible for determining if the water level on the dam is higher than 1.6 ft. as indicated on the gauge and notifying the Town of Whitewater if it is. Once the Township declares 'Slow No Wake,' our crew will open the metal road signs around the lakes and install banners on several lake front properties on both lakes as already determined by the GWLPOA. The banners are stored in the Town Hall garage.

Carol recommends a future discussion regarding how much herbicide we use each year. Mike said the pool of applicators is smaller with industry consolidation, but he will investigate having a separate provider conduct our annual lake survey.

It was determined there was no need to move to closed session.

**Other Business:** N/A

**Next meeting Date:** August 24, 2024.

**Adjournment:** Dan made a motion to adjourn @ 8:49 PM; Rich seconded; all in favor motioned carried unanimously; meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by: Donna Sherman, Clerk