

**Lake Ripley Management District
Meeting Minutes
March 15, 2008**

I. Call to Order & Roll Call

The Board of Directors of the Lake Ripley Management District (LRMD) convened its regular monthly meeting at the Oakland Town Hall on March 15, 2008. Chairman Molinaro called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Board members present: John Molinaro, Mike Burow, Dennis McCarthy, Jane Jacobsen-Brown and Georgia Gomez-Ibanez. Gene Kapsner and Mike Sabella were absent. Also present were Paul Dearlove (LRMD Lake Manager), Greg Shafer, Kent Brown and Cambridge Cable TV 12.

II. Public Comment

Greg Shafer said he was still interested in acquiring some of the land next to his property that the Board was trying to purchase. He asked if it was possible to get the names of our DNR contacts so he could deal with them directly. Molinaro clarified that the LRMD, and not the DNR, has an option to purchase on the land next to the Preserve. He explained that DNR's involvement in this matter was strictly limited to considering our two grant applications that would help with the purchase. Molinaro said the Board would take Shafer's request under consideration as the acquisition effort progresses.

III. Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes from the last meeting had been distributed to the Board for review. *Jacobsen-Brown moved to approve the 01/19/08 meeting minutes without any additions or corrections, and was seconded by McCarthy. Motion carried 5-0.*

IV. Treasurer's Report

Molinaro requested that the Treasurer's Report be postponed until the next meeting due to Treasurer Sabella's absence.

V. Lake Manager's Report

Dearlove distributed copies of his Lake Manager Report, updated phone logs, and other handouts related to his activities since the last meeting. He said much of his time has been devoted to pursuing the public land acquisition next to the Lake District Preserve. This work has included securing the necessary appraisals, preparing two large grant applications, and approaching a number of prospective donors. He said he would reserve further discussion on the topic for the closed session portion of the meeting. Other work and announcements consisted of the following:

- An operations plan for the weed-harvesting program was completed. The plan had been reviewed by the operators and distributed for Board consideration. He said additional details would be covered under a later agenda item.
- Two rain garden workshops and a native plant sale were set to take place at the town hall this summer. The first workshop will be held on June 17th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. The second workshop will take place on June 21st from 10:30-12:30, with the native plant sale running from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Preliminary details were shared, including proposed curriculum, registration cost, participating instructors, and basic goals and objectives.
- Dearlove said he planned to co-host a half-day training seminar at the Wisconsin Lakes Convention (April 17-19, 2008). The hands-on, interactive seminar will instruct participants on how to design and implement community-based social marketing programs for lake-protection purposes.
- Progress continues on the updating of existing LRMD management plans. An outline will be shared at the May or June meeting to solicit preliminary Board input. It will present upcoming planning and public-participation activities, general report content, priority short- and long-term action items, and estimated completion timelines.
- A report on the status of several pending projects will be presented at the next meeting. In addition, plans are underway to go back and thoroughly evaluate the condition and performance of previously installed practices.
- A prescribed prairie burn at the Preserve is scheduled for the second week in April.
- The Lake Ripley area litter cleanup is scheduled for May 10, 2008, from 10:30-12:30.
- Three legislative bills related to lakes are currently being followed at the state level. The bills pertain to a proposed ban on phosphorus lawn fertilizers, the codification of pier rules, and possible ratification of a Great Lakes Compact.

VI. Old Business

A. Adopt authorizing resolutions for land-acquisition grants

Dearlove distributed copies of the authorizing resolutions that were required for grant-application purposes. *Burow moved to approve LRMD resolutions #2008-1 and #2008-2 for purposes of completing the DNR Stewardship and Lake Protection grant applications. Motion was seconded by Gomez-Ibanez. Motion carried 5-0.*

