

# Minutes

## Rice Lake, Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Posted: Town of Rice Lake Municipal Building,  
City Hall of Rice Lake, Rice Lake Area Chamber of Commerce

Place: United Presbyterian Church, 20 W. Messenger St., Rice Lake, WI  
54868 (Handicap Accessible)

Time: 8:30 AM

Date: April 19, 2023

<b>Josh Estreen: Chair</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Don Putnam: Treasurer/Commissioner</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Chris Olsen (Secretary)</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Peter Gallagher/Commissioner</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Doug Edwardsen/City Rep</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Bob Anderson/County Rep</b>	
<b>Randy Bina/Commissioner</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Dave Blumer (LEAPS) Consultant</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Christina Solie (LD Coordinator)</b>	<b>x</b>	<b>Carol Kettner /WQ&amp;LP Committee</b>	<b>x</b>
<b>Guests: Dan Graff, Mark Rogstad</b>			

Notice: A quorum for the City or Town of Rice Lake, or other municipal bodies may be present but, no actions will be taken.

Agenda Item:	Notes:
1. <b>Call to order by Chair:</b> Acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda.	Call to order 8:32
2. <b>Roll Call &amp; Introductions:</b>	
3. <b>Pledge of Allegiance:</b>	
4. <b>Public Input: (limited to five minutes) No Board action will be taken</b>	a) n/a
5. <b>Consent Agenda:</b> a) Secretary's Report Approval of minutes of March 15, 2023 b) Treasurer's Report Approve as presented c) Approve the payment of bills as presented	a)
6. <b>Motion to approve Consent Agenda</b>	Bina/Gallagher: passed
7. <b>Consent Agenda Items pulled for further discussion and/or action:</b>	
8. <b>Old Business:</b> a) Pickup update – Bina/Emerson b) Update - Application for DNR grant to assist in purchase of weed harvester. Bina/Emerson c) Update - Proposal on Lake District owned land near Brill from neighbor who owns adjacent land - Bina	a) Still on schedule for first half of 2023. Will discuss pricing difference with dealer due to delays. b) Harvesting permit not received so application was pulled from this round of grants. Will reapply in June for August grant awards. c) No update, still looking at options.
9. <b>New Business:</b>	a) Dan Graff presenting: 1. Would

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Moon Lake Harvesting – Representative from Moon Lake</li> <li>b) Purchase of Harvester and securing line of credit</li> <li>c) Water pollution – discussion only</li> <li>d)</li> </ul>	<p>like to work with Town of RL and RL Lake District to improve landing. 2. Propose training others on Moon Lake to assist with harvesting. Meeting to be set up to discuss. 3. Looking at fish management with DNR and part of it is aerator and weed harvesting. Concensus of board to continue harvesting of Moon Lake for 2023 with intent to further pursue adding additional property to Lake District in 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Discussion on securing line of credit to assist with purchase of truck. Current line closed after prior loan paid off.</li> <li>c) No action taken. RL Lake District does not have authority to enforce laws/ordinances and all requests will be forwarded to DNR/Sheriff.</li> </ul>
<p><b>10. Standing Committees:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Finance-Putnam</li> <li>b) Lake operations-Bina</li> <li>c) Consultant/Grants-Blumer</li> <li>d) Lake Protection/Water Quality-Gallagher</li> <li>e) Inter-governmental-Edwardson</li> <li>f) Lake District Coordinator-Solie</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) No updates or report</li> <li>b) Grant Application missing harvesting permit, reapply in August. Employees set for summer, adding additional part time person for fill in. Review of employee handbook and compensation in closed session. Harvesters – one has alternator work being done, other has front head rebuild and new aprons and general service. Waiting on updates of pick up. Clam truck done and ready to be picked up for season. Gps units arrived and ready to install on harvesters. 2 red buoys and one white ordered. May 12 training for harvesters. Updated building and equipment listings for insurance policy.</li> <li>c) Permit for harvesting received. Year 2 of milfoil grant.</li> </ul>

	<p>Mapping of curly leaf this year. CBCW renewed, 4 inspectors, 400 hours on RL. Gallagher/Bina Motion to approve CBCW contract from Leaps. Estreen/Edwardson Approved</p> <p>d) Looked at all the sites and in next month install new signs. One major project per year proposed. 3 properties taking part in reimbursement for lakeshore plantings.</p> <p>e) Edwardson appointed to commission again by City.</p> <p>f) Friday is earth day clean up. 45 people signed up. Spoke to Fort Knightly. Working on new brochures. Boat registration updated. Potential of getting signs for residents who participate in plantings.</p>
<p>11. <b>Closed Session</b> – Motion to convene into Closed Session pursuant to WI ss19.85(1)(c) considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility and WI ss19.85(1)(f) considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific persons, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of charges against specific persons except where par.(b) applies which, if discussed in public, would likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation of any person referred to in such histories or data, or involved in such problems or investigations.</p> <p>12. <b>Open Session</b> – Motion to reconvene into open session to take any action resulting from the closed session.</p> <p>13. Action taken in closed session</p>	<p>11. Edwardson/Olsen Motion passes.</p> <p>12. Edwardson/Bina Motion passes</p> <p>13. Approved wage adjustments as presented by Commissioner Bina.</p>
<p><b>14. Future Agenda Items</b></p>	<p>Moon Lake Harvesting</p>
<p><b>15. Set next meeting date/time:</b></p>	<p>May 17, 2023, 8:30am</p>
<p><b>16. Consideration of Adjournment:</b></p>	

Submitted by Chris Olsen