

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: February 19, 2025

Josh Estreen: Chair	x	Don Putnam: Treasurer/Commissioner	x
Chris Olsen (Secretary)	x	Peter Gallagher/Commissioner	x
Doug Edwardsen/City Rep	x	Bob Anderson/County Rep	
Randy Bina/Commissioner		Dave Blumer (LEAPS) Consultant	x
Christina Solie (LD Coordinator)	x	Carol Kettner /WQ&LP Committee	
Guests: Pat Tyler Grystmacher, Pat Brown		Nat Emerson (operations)	x

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. Call to order by Chair: Acknowledge posting of meeting minutes and agenda.	Call to order 8:30
2. Roll Call & Introductions:	
3. Pledge of Allegiance:	
4. Public Input: (limited to five minutes) No Board action will be taken	a) None
5. Consent Agenda: a) Secretary's Report Approval of minutes of January 15, 2025 b) Treasurer's Report Approve as presented c) Approve the payment of bills as presented	a)
6. Motion to approve Consent Agenda	a) Gallagher/Edwardsen - Approved
7. Consent Agenda Items pulled for further discussion and/or action:	
8. Old Business: a)	a)
9. New Business: a) Update on dam rebuild	a) Update from BC Land Services on replacement of gear boxes on dam. Shooting for July/August replacement. Future update will be given when project is closer to completion.
10. Standing Committees: a) Finance-Putnam	a) Transferred \$50000 to retire portion of debt. Checking

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Lake operations-Bina c) Consultant/Grants-Blumer d) Lake Protection/Water Quality-Gallagher e) Inter-governmental-Edwardson f) Lake District Coordinator-Solie 	<p>balance \$153455.02, Money Market balance \$17374.67. Move \$30000 from checking to money market.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Everyone coming back for 2025 season. Nate completed the grant and it is submitted for harvestor reimbursement. c) 2 contract ready for review. APM will be done midmarch. Contracts for CBCW and consulting. 88 hours total. See addendum. CBCW 400 hours total. See addendum. d) Postponing fairgrounds project until later this spring. Will contact Rotary about working with them on pollinators. e) Governor's fishing opener in Rice Lake. Deal made for old hospital property. Must go to council for final approval. f) Couple conferences, Red Cedar Watershed, WI Lakes and Rivers. NW Lakes in Hayward in June. Presented at Rotary.
<p>11. Closed Session – 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) MM/MS Gallagher/Edwardson - Approved. b) Discussion on 2025/2026 Leaps Contracts c) Discussion on Lake District Coordinator Job Duties and compensation 2025/2026

<p>12. Open Session – Motion to reconvene into open session to take any action resulting from the closed session.</p>	<p>a) Approved 5% COLA for employees beginning March 16 2025, not board members. Gallagher/Edwardsen - Approved</p> <p>b) Discussion on 2025/2026 Leaps Contracts – Accepted and signed MM/MS - Approved Putnam/Edwardsen- Approved</p> <p>c) Discussion on Lake District Coordinator Job Duties and compensation 2025/2026 - Allotted 2 hours of 20 hours for training with Leaps. MM/MS to allocate 2 hours per week to training and fill out timesheet for 2026 planning- Putnam/Gallagher - Approved</p>
<p>13. Future Agenda Items</p>	<p>Dock near Heritage Lakeside</p>
<p>14. Set next meeting date/time:</p>	<p>Monthly Meeting: March 19, 2025</p>
<p>15. Consideration of Adjournment:</p>	<p>a) Putnam/Gallagher - Approved</p>

Submitted 2/19/25

Chris Olsen