

ROCK LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

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Minutes for January 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Via ZOOM

1) Call to Order – 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Jim Colegrove, Mike Neemann, Susan Trier, Bruce Ward, Jim Kerler, Tom Krejcie, Danny Durow, Cynthia Chmell

Absent: John Thode

Guests: Marisa Ulman

2) Good News Minute – Participants shared recent good news.

3) Motion to accept the agenda - Made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

4) Secretary's Report (Mike)

A) Motion to approve 11/17/22 minutes made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

B) Our insurance policies will be up for renewal, the general liability 3/1/23 and D&O 5/23. Discuss renewal at next meeting.

5) Treasure's Report

A) Motion to approve the financial reports for November, December and overall 2022 reports made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

B) CD rates are currently renewing at 0.25% at BLM so as previously decided, as each 6-month CD comes due the money will be transferred to our checking account while searching for fiscally better options. See 8 C) below for further discussion of this issue.

C) Tom applied for \$132 as reimbursement for the Quicken subscription necessary to fulfill his duties.

6) Public Comment(s)/Correspondence

A. Guests. None.

B. Mail. Jim said mail was very light.

C. Email/Facebook. Susan would like to post something about the Salt Wise in a few weeks.

7) Other Reports

A. County Representative Marisa Ulman. Not a great deal to report. We will be doing chloride and phosphorous testing again this summer.

B. JRLC. Wendy was not available but Susan said the JRLC had held a planning meeting, using the Executive Summary of the Rock Lake Management Plan to propose a list of projects. Both Susan and Marisa Ulman participated in that meeting. The JRLC will decide which to pursue in February.

8) Old Business

A) Board Member Recruitment. Susan sent out a third email blast to members requesting volunteers, no interest. Directors discussed some potential candidates and overtures will be made.

B) Review closeout of surface water grant. A question was raised re exactly what the phosphorous concentrations meant, e.g., how to compare that in Miljala with other runoff estimates. Apparently it's difficult to compare runoff with sediment sources due to technical issues and different reporting rubrics.

Tom said we should be getting additional grant funds from the Miljala Tributary DRN grant and recognized the time donated by the RLIA (130 hours), Jefferson Co. Land and Water Conservation Department (43 hours plus over \$200 in printing costs), and the Wisconsin Dpt of Agriculture, Tourism, and Consumer Protection (24 hours worth of surveying) . If the final report to the DNR is approved we should receive \$1,623 to cover all of our cash outlay. RLIA would not be responsible for any of the monies we paid to the consulting firm, Resource Engineering Associates, Inc. (\$8,375), or soil sample analysis (\$651) that was proposed in the grant.

C) CD replacement strategy. Current BLM CD rates are exceptionally low so upon maturation, the cash is rolled into a non-interest bearing checking account. Jim reminded us of our fiduciary duty, i.e., we are restricted to basically risk-free "investments" due to our being a 501.c3 organization. Money market funds are currently returning over 4% so that option should be pursued. Directors will look at companies like Fidelity and Mike may contact Eric Olson of Wisconsin Lakes for information on what organizations similar to ours do.

D) Membership Survey. Jim has been working on Mailchimp/SurveyMonkey for the membership survey. A technical discussion ensued regarding the program's capability as well as the most appropriate purchase plan for us. Jim will send out a sample survey for review and approval by the Board by 1 February. If approved, it will then go out to the membership.

9. New Business

A) Planning session schedule. Deferred

B) Conflict of interest forms. Mike reviewed the bylaw's requirement for review of conflict of interest statements and no conflicts were reported. He could not locate John Thode's and will contact him.

C) City Council election. A candidate for City Council requested the chance to discuss lake issues with the Board and RLIA membership. All agreed it was a good to obtain information re candidates' stands on lake issues. A long discussion ensued over the type of forum to use, e.g., live ZOOM debate with open mic, sequential candidate ZOOM appearances to answer written questions with or without open mic for more questions, etc. However, given our stricture against appearing partisan and concerns over a live debate/ZOOM appearances getting out of control, it was decided to send written questions to the candidates and publish their responses on our website and possibly via email. Questions will need to be finalized in February.

D) College St. Renovation. Susan lauded the efforts of Phil Gaebler, Water Resources Engineer and Green Infrastructure Pilot Program Manager, who is willing discuss Madison's approach to stormwater management using green infrastructure (GI) in older urban communities with City staff and the RLIA. to address the City and share Madison's approach to green infrastructure, with a particular eye towards runoff. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to present him with a \$10 coffee shop gift certificate to show our appreciation.

Susan did a personal survey of College St. and provided some thoughts to the Public Works Board, during the public comments section of their January meeting. Although it's apparently too late for changes in the

upcoming College St. work, she will given an overview of GI practices at their 2/14th meeting (5 p.m.) She will share the presentation material with the Board and appreciates any feedback.

E) The Izaak Walton League of America had given us two Salt Watch kits to be used at the Millpond and County Hgwy A/Rock Creek. A motion to donate \$20 to the League was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

10. February Agenda. Susan reminded Directors to advise her re agenda items for the next meeting.

11. Adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and unanimously passed at 8:25 P. M.

Next Board meeting: Monday 2/20/232 at 6:30 P.M. (ZOOM).