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# Round Lake Management District 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> 2023, 2:30 PM

# Round Lake Management District – Board Members Present:

Terry Schwartz, Jim Dooher, Greg Younker Appointed Lake Commissioners Trade Lake Town Board Representative Burnett County Board Representative

Meeting called to order by Terry Schwartz at 2:30 PM. Seconded by Jim Dooher.

# **Election of Commissioners**

Volunteers for elected commissioners were requested from those in attendance, there were three volunteers. Voting eligibility was determined using a printed sign in sheet. 33 ballots were distributed, 25 ballots were collected.

Trade Lake Town Board Representative Ramona Moody arranged a vote count and presented the results. Each of the three volunteers received 25 votes.

Wisconsin statute requires staggard three-year terms and appointment of titled roles. Trade Lake Town Board Representative Ramona Moody interpreted the statute and mediated the process with the final result:

| 1-year term | Secretary:       | Jim Dooher     |
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| 2-year term | Committee Chair: | Terry Schwartz |
| 3-year term | Treasurer:       | Greg Younker   |

Wisconsin Statute allows lake district boards to create positions such as recording secretary and bookkeeper. These positions are not considered officers and are not voting board members. Kathy Younker volunteered to serve as recording secretary and assist the district Secretary with recording and publishing of the meeting minutes.

### **Financials and Meeting Minutes**

This was the first annual meeting so no previous financial report or previous meeting minutes are available for approval.

# Presentation and Approval of 2024 Budget

The 2024 budget proposal was presented in a "line item" form as described in the printed budget proposal distributed at the meeting and included as Appendix A.

One-Time Expenses were presented by Greg Younker.

Motion to Approve "One Time" expenses made by Jim Dooher. Seconded by Terry Schwartz, vote held by raise of hands, motion carried.

Required Expenses were presented by Greg Younker.

Motion to Approve "Required" expenses made by Terry Schwartz. Seconded by Jim Dooher, vote held by raise of hands, motion carried.

A recommended list of budget expenses was presented by Greg Younker.

1) Proposal: Dedicated district email and website

An alternate proposal was made to consider a Facebook group rather than a web page. A Facebook group that has no financial cost and would allow more constituent engagement due to its ability to allow discussion.

Trade Lake Town Board Representative Ramona Moody advised the constituency that the Lake District is a government entity and requires a public forum. Constituency Facebook advocates assured that this could be done via Facebook and

documents and information can be publicly available via shared drives.

Round Trade Lake Improvement Association Treasurer and Round Lake District Commissioner Greg Younker, who was the advocate and volunteer to support a district website, agreed that the Facebook group seemed it could meet the needs of the association and he would monitor the effectiveness in 2024. The \$300 expense to establish a website was removed from the 2024 budget.

2) <u>Proposal: Spring newsletter and Educational Meeting. Membership in the Burnett County Lakes and Rivers Association</u>

Commissioner Greg Younker presented an option to provide a Spring Newsletter, an educational Spring Meeting with a lake specialist presenter and acquire a membership in the Burnett County Lakes and Rivers Association. Since a large portion of lake management planning occurs during the winter and a spring newsletter and meeting would benefit the lake community.

Motion to Approve "Spring Activities" made by Terry Schwartz. Seconded by Jim Dooher, vote held by raise of hands, motion carried.

3) Pursue a Surface Water Educational Grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

A request to allocate \$1000 to support application for a grant to acquire equipment to monitor and improve water quality and to update the signage at the boat launch was made. Clarification was made, that unused funds would roll over into the following year budget and the based on our interpretation of the statute, the district is not allowed to accumulate a cash balance.

Motion to Approve a Surface Water Educational Grant Application was made by Terry Schwartz. Seconded by Jim Dooher, vote held by raise of hands, motion carried.

### **Open Discussion**

Open discussion included some questions related to activities sponsored by the Round Trade Lake Improvement Association (RTLIA). The Round Lake Management District to date, has not participated in any projects related to the lake or the Lake Association. Since there is some overlap with the volunteers that support these activities (RTLIA Lake Representative Jim Dooher and RTLIA Treasurer Greg Younker) it is expected to be some confusion. The Lake Association questions were answered as a courtesy by the RTLIA board members but since they were not pertinent to the lake district discussion they will not be included.

There were also questions/comments related to the activities of the lake district.

- Round lake daily panfish bag limits and stocking efforts will be investigated by volunteers during 2024 and progress will be presented at the 2024 quarterly meetings.
- Use of Round-Up herbicide. recommendation was made to include an educational article in the Spring newsletter.
- Role of the Trade Lake and Burnett County Representative Trade Lake Town Board Representative Ramona Moody
  explained the role of the appointed Trade Lake Board and Burnett County Representative is to assist the elected
  commissioners and assure they follow the Wisconsin statue and comply with all Wisconsin ethics and behavioral
  standards.
- Status of the CAFO Trade Lake Town Board Representative Ramona Moody advised that there are no updates since those presented at the previous Town Board meeting.

### Schedule of next quarterly and 2024 Annual meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in January Annual 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of August

Motion to Adjourn Motion made at 3:33pm by Greg Younker. Second by Jim Dooher. Motion carried.

# Appendix A

# Proposed - APPROVED 2024 Budget Vote:

All expenses below assume the district can be registered with the Wisconsin Department of Revenue in time to collect taxes for 2024.

### One-time Expense to Cover Recording of Property Records for the Wisconsin Department of Revenue

- 1) \$749 charge (\$7 per parcel) paid to Burnett County Abstract to resolve property description records
- 2) \$41 for Post Office box, Department of Revenue requires the Lake District have an address.
- 3) \$31.50 payment to Burnett County Register of Deeds

Total One-time Expense for 2024:\$821.50Cost per \$100,000 of property value:\$3.23

### **Required Expense for 2024:**

- 1) \$400 required expenses, mailings, PO box, and posting of a public notice of quarterly meetings.
- 2) \$50 charge Membership Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers.

Total Required Expense for 2024:\$450.00Cost per \$100,000 of property value:\$1.77

### **Recommended Expenses for 2024**

 District Website and Email Account (District Cost \$300, cost per \$100,000 of property value: \$1.18)

- Printed and Mailed Spring Newsletter and Spring Meeting (District Cost \$200, cost per \$100,000 of property value: \$0.79)
- 3) Pursue DNR Grant (\$1000)

(District Cost per \$100,000 of property value: \$3.93)

Total Recommended Expenses for 2024:\$1500.00Cost per \$100,000 of property value:\$5.90

# Final Budget Proposal:

If the total budget, <del>\$2771,</del> (approved: \$2471) is approved the cost per \$100,000 of property value would be <del>\$10.90,</del> (approved: \$9.72)