Town of Rib Mountain Town Hall., Wausau, Wisconsin Meeting Minutes Recorded: Bobbi Winebar

Presenter/ Time	Agenda Item	Key Points	Outcomes, Next Steps, Assignments
8:30 AM	1. Call to Order	Members Present: Chair, Jim Rooney, Roger Walsh, Ralph Brzezinski, and Maureen Kinney. Others Present: Bobbi Winebar, Annie Loechler, Chris Halbur, Ed Slaminski, Donna Kempf, Jessica Terrien, Cheryl Housley, Mary Rothenmaier, applicants and members of the public.	Meeting called at 8:32 AM by the Chair. Members of the Commission introduced themselves.
	2. Agenda Repair	Summary of legal request opinion on whether RBF can fund projects on lakes with parking lot closure ordinance.	Roger Walsh presented the summary of the legal opinion request. This opinion indicated that if a municipality has an ordinance where there is a temporary closure of a boat launch due to the parking lot being full, projects can still be funded with recreational boating facilities funding.
	2. Acceptance of Minutes of Previous Meeting	Minutes of January 29, 2019	Motion by Ralph Brzezinski seconded by Maureen Kinney to approve the minutes of January 29, 2019. Motion passed unanimously.
	3. Department Reports	Fund Condition (see attached budget)	Bobbi Winebar presented the budget indicating that out of a total appropriation of \$2,900,000 plus \$57,875 of Segregated Fee Funding carried over from last fiscal year we have the following available for this meeting: • Segregated Fee Funding: \$303,677 • Stewardship Bonding Funds: \$369,884 • There have been no enumerations from legislature this fiscal year. • Previous small projects, navigational aids and project commitments: \$2,284,313.68

		Total funds available this meeting: \$673,561.
4. Recreational Boating Project and Action	A. Projects and funding requests at this meeting: INLAND LAKES Development 1 Town of LaValle Section 11 Boat Access	Project presentations: INLAND LAKES Development 1. Town of LaValle Section 11 Boat Access Amendment – The boat launch was completed but there was a big storm which basically destroyed the parking lot. The water undercut and lifted up the asphalt. The plan is to add rip rap and a small curb which will help to improve drainage and will help to divert the water away from the parking lot. 2. City of Manitowoc Public Safe Harbor Transient Docking – Location of project is located near the Maritime Museum by the submarine. Transient dock would provide a safe tie up spot for boaters. Tie up would be limited to a 24-hour period. There is a bridge tender house that would be able to keep an eye on the dock and keep track of the use. They have also received a Coastal Management Grant. Only other area to tie a boat up to is by the Marina and there is a charge to tie up there. 3. City of La Crosse Municipal Boat Harbor – Applicant was not present. Ed Slaminski indicated that they are only asking for 11% (\$30,000) which is what would be the percent of the public using the restroom site compared to the private sector. Ed Slaminski indicated what items on the budget sheet are for the restroom. This would be located by a huge public boat launch near a Marina. Other funding may be coming

	from a TIF district. Currently, the nearest restroom facility is about ¼ mile away at a softball complex.
	 Dredging 4. City of La Crosse Swift Creek Dredging – WDNR Fisheries biologists have asked the applicant to remove the wing dams and instead install another type of flow reflector on one side that would work better in this area. The City is obligated to provide a navigable channel due to an agreement the city made with the DNR back in 1973 – establishment of a Bulk Head Line. Last time it was dredged in 2014 with no grant funding. The slough area has at least 70 residents along it.
	Harvesters 5. Lake Beulah Management District Weed Harvester Conveyor is from 1982 and have been keeping it repaired over the years but it has come to the point that it needs to be replaced. Lake is 840 acres and harvest 30 acres along the shore. Lake is pretty deep in the middle but there are some small pockets of weeded areas.
	6. Delavan Lake Sanitary District Weed Harvester Rehabilitation – Plan to reengine and replace hydraulic pump on a 15-year-old machine instead of replacing it. Had a lot of maintenance issues with it last year. Outlet and Inlet are basically at the top of the lake and used to have to take it in and out and move it but purchased a smaller unit last year so now one is dedicated for the

	other side. The hull is still in really good shape.
	7. Blue Spring Lake Management District Weed Harvester & Shore Conveyor – Current equipment was purchased in 2002 with grant funding. Equipment is used on a daily basis in different parts of the lake. Repairs are getting pretty expensive. Transport trailer/conveyor is in very poor condition and isn't safe, so that is why they are also asking for a shore conveyor. There is one public landing owned by the township of Palmyra. They are instituting a launch fee of \$8 this year. They inspect the dam a couple of times every year and an engineering firm inspects it every 2 years. Only residential along the lake.
	8. Buffalo Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Weed Harvester Transport Unit – 2,245-acre lake and is odd in shape and divided by a causeway. Average depth is less than 4 feet out until about 250 feet from shore and then it gets deeper. Requesting fund for equipment to replace one that was obtained in 2001. They have one harvester on the west side and 2 harvesters and a transporter on the east side (larger side
	9. Black Otter Lake District Weed Harvester — They work with the village of Hortonville to maintain the 75-acre lake. Current harvester has been decommissioned and have sold the scrap materials. This lake has 60 acres of navigable waters.

	10. Shawano Area Waterways Management Weed Harvester Repair (River Unit) — Shawano Lake - Asking for funding for repair of a 4 th machine. Have done some chemical treatment but hasn't lasted as long as they would like so they are continuing to do some spot treatment. It is a 6,800-acre lake. The harvesting that they do in the Wolf River and channels is mainly private cuttings which they charge for.
Finding of Feasibility	11. Clam Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Shore Conveyor – Requesting funding for a 3 rd conveyor. The small lake is 325 acres and the larger lake is 1200 acres. The small lake has always had a lot of weeds. They refurbished their harvesters this past year which include installing adjustable heads on them. They can't use chemicals because of the wild rice and because of the flowage.
Project placement on priority list	Maureen Kinney motioned to find all projects feasible. Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Ralph Brzezinski has some reservations regarding the dredging. Motion passed.
Recommendation for project funding	Maureen Kinney motioned to approve the project placement on the priority list Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
	Maureen Kinney made a motion to fund: 1. Town of LaValle Section 11 Boat Access Amendment – 50% of total project costs not to exceed \$45,399. Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

2. City of Manitowoc Public Safe Harbor Transient Docking – 50% of total project costs not to exceed \$69,949. Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
3. City of La Crosse Municipal Boat Harbor – 11% of total project costs not to exceed \$30,000. Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. City of La Crosse Swift Creek Dredging – 50% of total project costs not to exceed \$108,500. Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Ralph Brzezinski indicated that he has reservations on this project. He doesn't believe that this is going to solve the problem. Maureen Kinney asked if there is other funding available to do this besides the city funding. Maureen Kinney proposed that they could fund at a lower percentage like they do for harvesters. Roger Walsh stated that this is different from harvesters due to this project mainly for the benefit of private residents along the slough. Maureen Kinney voted yes, Ralph Brzezinski voted no. Jim Rooney broke the tie with a no vote so motion did not pass.
5. Lake Beulah Management District Weed Harvester – 35% of total project costs not to exceed \$12,775. Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Delavan Lake Sanitary District Weed Harvester Rehabilitation – 35% of total project costs not to exceed \$7,454.30.

		Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
		 Blue Spring Lake Management District Weed Harvester & Shore Conveyor – 35% of total project costs not to exceed \$67,856.25. Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
		8. Buffalo Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Weed Harvester Transport Unit – 35% of total project costs not to exceed \$63,793.45. Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
		9. Black Otter Lake District Weed Harvester – 35% of total project costs not to exceed \$35,852.25. Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
		 Shawano Area Waterways Management Weed Harvester Repair (River Unit) – 35% of total project costs not to exceed \$31,475. Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
		 Clam Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Shore Conveyor – 35% of total project costs not to exceed \$11,200. Ralph Brzezinski seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Public Comments		Blue Spring Lake Management District thanked the commission.
7. Commissioner Update	Jim Rooney is retiring from the commission and Maureen Kinney is also retiring from the commission but both will continue to serve until they are replaced.	Gifts were presented to both commissioners!
8. Next Meetings/Locations		August/September – Once budget has been passed; Location TBD

9. Adjournment	Motion by Ralph Brzezinski to adjourn,
	seconded by Maureen Kinney. Motion
	passed unanimously.