



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes April 15, 2017, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

- Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM

**2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

- Tom Kelly, Rod Preble, Ray Sloss, Steve Rediske, Ed McGlynn (via Webex), Dave Mariani (via Webex)

**3) OTHERS PRESENT:**

- Patty Kabus (recorder)

**4) APPROVE AGENDA:**

- Rod motioned to approve the agenda, Steve seconded, all approved, motion carried

**5) APPROVE MINUTES:**

- Rod motioned to approve the March meeting minutes, Steve seconded, all approved, motion carried

**6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- None

**7) TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:**

- P&L, balance sheet and budget for February and March were reviewed by the board
- Rod motioned to approve the February financials, Tom seconded, all approved, motion carried
- Steve motioned to approve the March financials, Ed seconded, all approved, motion carried
- Bills presented for payment:

- Stokley Truck & Equipment-truck maintenance: \$672.61
- Village of Balsam Lake – Dam Maintenance: \$5000.00
- Ledger paper: \$75.00
- JJ Web Services: \$45.00
- Recorder invoice for DNR meeting (January): \$75.00
- Rod motioned to approve the February financials, Ed seconded, all approved, motion carried

#### **8) LONG TERM PLAN:**

- Long Range Plan Update 2017 / Mork & Kelly
  - Tom distributed the long range plan proposal prior to the meeting via email. Need to update in 2017 and finish in 2018. This needs to be current and complete. Bill noted via email that we cannot just update the old plan. It's logical to contract Cheryl again.
  - Citizens should be heavily involved in the process.
  - Need to create and distribute surveys to residents. Can use last version as a base.
  - Estimated expense is just over \$10000.00. We will request a grant – it will fund up to 67% of the cost.

#### **9) WATER RUNOFF PROGRAM**

- Water Quality
  - East Balsam Study / McGlynn
    - Need to repeat probe. It got buried late last year so needs to be repeated this year. Ray has a boat on the water and can take the probe out.
    - Ray – Rod and Ray discussed East Balsam needs with Land and Water relating to drainage needs on the basin. Jeremy Williamson (Land & Water) is putting together a cost menu of options by May. Need to also get a cost from Bill James (other contact) for comparison. Studies are done by basin so East Balsam covers only that basin.
    - Tom asked what we are trying to determine. Ed and Rod: How much phosphorous and when over the years – is it due to human activity or just how the lake is. This study would be a 4 part process.
    - Tom –as part of the St Croix watershed, some information is already available.
    - Ray – we are looking at spending a lot of money on East Balsam which is an impaired body of water, and need to understand cause and sources before spending money on corrective measures. Need a watershed study before recommending a solution to the constituents.
  - # HAB Aquatics - Alum Presentation
    - Cedar Lake Alum Treatment will begin this year. Ability to watch how successful that effort is will be valuable to see. Short term to see results is a 3 year time period. Noted that the Alum treatment in Wapogasset was not

successful because there was too much flowage and possibly because the treatment was too light.

- HAB said in their presentation that this is really only a 7-10 year solution. Ray noted he's heard it can be 7-10, 10-30, or permanent depending on the lake and situation.
- Rod noted – if we can identify and minimize the cause, it will help us determine how long it is likely to last. Flow monitor in the stream on the north side of the lake would help identify how much flowage and how much phosphorous is coming in from there.
- Ed noted understanding the full impact watershed study is important before deciding what to do.
- Over 30 micrograms affect the lake. East Balsam is over 40.
- Steve noted salt runoff affects the fish species in the lake.
- Sedimentation - Dredging / Preble
  - Still working on it. We don't know yet whether Dale came out to take pictures yet. Rod will call him this weekend to set up a time. Rod still trying to reach Thomas Kay to see if pumping is an option. Otherwise it will be 2 bags a year. Possibly trying to submit the permit before the annual meeting but this cannot be rushed. May want to get the DNR involved in the pre-permit process.
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
  - We did get the grant. Tom will work with Harmony Environmental on that.
  - 32 applicants. Room for 25 if each maximizes the dollars. Will be based on the date the application came in. Some people will fall out so more applicants will be addressed.
  - Harmony Environmental will begin site inspections in May to see which sites qualify. They will make initial recommendations.
- Aquatic Plant Management
  - CLP treatment / Sloss-Preble
    - Waiting for the permit. Amy is ready to send notifications.
    - Water temp is 46-47 degrees. Still too early. Matt has pushed date back to beginning of May based on water temp.
  - CBCW / Sloss –
    - No Change. Applications need to be discussed before putting on the website. Disclosures came from the Polk County information. Should be ready this week.
  - Harvester / Preble
    - Truck done, Harvester will begin preparation for use in the next few weeks. Should be put in the first or second week in May.
    - # Harvester Building
      - Looking for ways to reduce the bid. Rod got some other information. Bids are 31k, 36k, 41k based on buying from Menards and possibly

going with other construction companies. Cost to move electric pole and cement not included in any of the bids.

- # Lease with City
  - Waiting on slight lease change but almost done
- AIS Rapid Response
  - Budgeting for this year, need to increase potential budget item.  
Consider allocating a portion of liquidity to fund AIS and Rice Creek
- Conservancies
  - No action

#### **10) OLD BUSINESS:**

- Lakeland easement on 46 / Kelly
- Bylaws – Special meetings Language / Mork & Kubus
  - By annual meeting
- Audits Healthy Lakes Conference / Mork & Sloss
  - Ray went to Audit meeting, get update next month
- Discussion with Dan Harrington as to whether we can pump onto land / Preble
- Settling pond sign needed repairs – Spring 2017 / Sloss
- Chapter 33 Auditing requirements / Mork & Sloss

#### **11) OTHER REPORTS:**

- Village / Rediske
  - New rules for reporting
  - Outdoor recreation plan in progress
  - Maps will be added to new kiosk by Pine Park
  - Serenity house lease underway
  - Inspector is retiring
  - Fire Dept requested fireworks increase to \$15,000 from \$10,000
  - Crosswalks will be repainted
  - Park Drive, Mill Street and 46 repairs will be done this year
  - Agreement with County for land swap for the new county building approved subject to attorney review
- County / Mariani
  - No updates

#### **12) NEW BUSINESS:**

- June Dockside
- Watershed Management
  - Rod and Ray will work with Ed on this
- Rod noted – we need to budget for rear tires for next year – will be \$1200-\$1500

- June Dockside – Tom requested an article from each commissioner on their area of support for the June Dockside, as well as the agenda, financials as of April , proposed budget, for the annual meeting
- May meeting – each person should be prepared with their budget needs so the budget can be prepared in May so it can be put in the June Dockside. Send initial draft to Tom for May discussion

**13) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

**14) ADJOURN:**

- Rod motioned to adjourn, Ed seconded, all approved, motion carried