



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes April 16, 2022 8:30 AM

Call in phone number 612-508-0879

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Commissioner Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Tom Kelly, Gary Schneider, Dale Ulbrich (teleconference), Andy Wilhoit (teleconference), Dave Mariani (teleconference)

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus (recorder, teleconference)

4) APPROVE AGENDA:

- Commissioner Mariani motioned to approve the agenda, Commissioner Wilhoit seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

5) APPROVE MINUTES: March 2022

- Review March Minutes. Commissioner Schneider motioned to approve the March Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Wilhoit seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

7) PUBLIC MEETING – Marina no wake zone ordinance amendment

- This meeting was delayed until 9:00 AM per the official meeting notice

8) TREASURER REPORT:

- March Financials / Schneider
 - Financials / Schneider - Commissioner Schneider noted that due to tax season, the financials are not ready. They will be reviewed next month.

9) Water Quality

- East Balsam EBWQ / Wilhoit

- 2022 Alum treatment is scheduled for June 19th, Financing is being finalized at 3.25%

10) Aquatic Plant Management and Invasive species

- CBCW / Mork
 - All set for this year, pay needed to be increased
- Purple Loosestrife Yellow Iris eradication / Mork
 - No update
- Harvesting CLP & Navigation / Kelly
 - Pay needed to be increased
 - Waiting for decision on whether to spray or harvest this year

11) Water Patrol / Schneider

- In process of purchasing some equipment such as cell phones, computer, etc.
- Tommy Thompson will target 180 hours this year, an increase from the 150 hours last year. He does not feel it necessary to hire a second person this year
- Gary has asked for a schedule. Depends on weather and traffic on the lake, plus 4 hours each Saturday and Sunday. Tommy will set the schedule
- It was noted that it would be good to have him do some sunset time, we have been getting some complaints about waterskiing after sunset
- Boater safety classes will be May 6th and 7th and 8th, and June 9th and 10th. The Village will be teaching them this year

12) OLD BUSINESS:

- No Wake Zone Marina / Schneider
 - Public meeting scheduled for today
 - Vote will be after the public meeting
- Polk County AIS decontamination ordinance / All AIS Transportation Amendment - BOAT CLEANING STATIONS / Mark Apfelbacher CD3
 - Site recommendation information was distributed with the meeting packet. Both spaces are somewhat tight
 - Commissioner Kelly asked if we should continue down this path. Next year would be the earliest it would go into effect. Everyone is still interested in moving forward.
 - CBCW is anticipating that this will slow things down a bit since if it is put in, the law states that it must be used.
 - Support in the community seems to be favorable for this program
 - The grant will pay 75% of the installation cost, and ongoing cost will be a couple thousand a year.
 - The station would be used by the boater – we don't need to hire anyone to run it.
 - Commissioner Kelly asked Commissioner Ulbrich to assist him with this project. Commissioner Ulbrich agreed, and also offered to write an article for the Dockside. Commissioner Kelly mentioned we should also have it on the website.
 - Commissioner Ulbrich said he may also be able to have the Dockside sent electronically in the Homeowner's Association Blast.

- **Meeting was temporarily suspended at this time for the 9:00 AM Public Meeting on the no-wake zone, then re-commenced**
- Shoreline title lien Wenger Property
 - Wenger will issue a refund check to the BLPRD. Once that has been received, we will initiate paperwork with the DNR for their sign-off. This will hopefully be wrapped up in the next 30 days.

13) NEW BUSINESS:

- Summer dockside
 - Commissioner Kelly requested articles be sent to him before May 15th
- 2023 Budget
 - Commissioner Kelly asked that everyone review their areas of responsibility and let him know what their feedback is so a draft budget can be finalized next month
 - Harvester will be paid off this year. Next year, we will have the second alum treatment and the CD3 system, as well as pay increases for CBCW and Harvester employees. Commissioner Schneider will reach out to get costs for the CD3 treatments
- Large wave boats
 - Thoughts are that if the no wake zone are 200 feet from shore, that will let the waves dissipate. Commissioner Kelly mentioned that per a U of M study, 400 feet was recommended. U of Illinois recommended 200 feet. The Wake Board Boats Association recommended 100 feet. Currently we require 100 feet all day. We will need to keep this on our radar and come to a decision on what we want to do.
 - Commissioner Kelly noted that we would need to get buy-in from the homeowners on Little Balsam as it would affect that area of the lake more than any other areas.
 - Commissioner Kelly noted that rip rap also precludes erosion.
 - Commissioner Ulbrich mentioned we could ask Matt Berg if there is a way to monitor erosion.
 - Commissioner Schneider asked if Health Lakes could be used to help pay for rip rap. Commissioner Kelly didn't think so as that's nor runoff.

14) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Schneider
 - The village will do some water safety
 - Milltown is interested in joining the Balsam Lake and Centuria Police Force
 - Commissioner Kelly said he talked to someone at the village to see if they were going to do anything to recognize Rod Preble. She will let him know.
 - Commissioner Kelly asked what people think of adding the name 'S.S. Preble' onto the side of the harvester. Everyone seemed to think that was a great idea. Commissioner Wilhoit suggested putting a picture of it in the Dockside.
 - The incumbents all won re-election.
- County / Mariani
 - The County is changing. Chris Nelsen is no longer on the board.

- A podcast is being planned to talk about our county and possibly the entire state.
- Chris will not stop being involved as most of the county board still support him.
- Commissioner Kelly noted that Chris recommended that he reach out to Jason or Vince to find out who Commissioner Mariani should be reaching out to for information moving forward.
- Margaret will head up the election judging again this year. 2 people are up for election this year.
- Commissioner Kelly noted that we need to think about filling Rod's position as well.

15) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

16) ADJOURN:

- Commissioner Wilhoit motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Schneider seconded, all approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM

