



P.O. Box 202, Balsam, Lake, WI 54810

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting April 18th, 2015
Polk Business Center Meeting Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Ray Sloss.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ray Sloss, Carl, Holmgren Bill Mork, Ed McGlynn, Glen Jones and Rod Preble, Howard Seim.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None.

OTHERS PRESENT: None.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Glen Jones to approve the agenda. Approved.

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Rod Preble and seconded by Howard Seim to approve the minutes from March 21st, 2015 with corrections. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Discussed later on

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wisconsin Lakes Convention; Carl completed registration and room reservations. Carl Holmgren, Ray Sloss, Rod Preble, and Howard Seim will be attending.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Carl reported that as of April 18th, 2015 we had a Bank Balance of \$117,238.80 (includes Checking, Protection Fund Checking, and Savings) and payment of Claims totaling \$10,668.87 for the period March 22nd thru April 18th, 2015.
- A motion was made by Ed McGlynn and seconded by Howard Seim to approve the Treasurer report and pay claims as provided. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL: (Rod / Carl)**
 - **Herbicide Treatment (Carl)**
 - Noted that all the involved people are engaged and ready when the conditions are suitable. Water temp 50 – 60 degrees and quiet.
 - **Harvesting (Rod)**
 - Noted meeting with DNR that was very positive and open to a trial test of areas yet to be defined.
 - Noted that equipment options including rent, buy, and or borrow.
 - Continued contact with other lake groups that have done harvesting to blend into our lake situation. CLP herbicide treated areas would not be candidates for harvesting
 - Navigation is also a consideration with DNR approval.

- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER: (Carl)**
 - Training was held on April 11th with small attendance.
 - Ready to start on Fishing opener May 2nd.

- **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER: (Ray)**
 - The Spring Dockside is out and the next issue with annual meeting information will be out July 1st.
 - Ray noted that added cost; however everyone agreed the quality is good and to continue as is. Will address the increased production cost with the next budget cycle.

- **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**
 - Balsam Lake Village: (Glen)**
 - Noted that the Village has approved a Dam inspection by Ayres Corp.

 - Polk County: (Carl)**
 - Noted that County is working with a resolution for Gandy Dancer to approve some motorized use (special permit) to equal Minnesota laws.

- **BLPRD PUBLIC INFORMATION: (Ray)**
 - Discussed BLPRD promotional (what we do) ads in the local papers Ledger and Laker. Ray will check into cost and options.

- **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT: (Howard / Rod)**
 - Report received from Braun Intertech provided the good news that we did not have prohibitive minerals in the samples from either Pine Island or Raskin Bay test sites.
 - Property owners concerns **regarding funding methods were discussed.** ~~and will be notified with any proposed activity.~~
 - Rod working on the next steps for sediment redistribution.
- Other Activity:**
 - Little Balsam: None.
 - Sedimentation Basin (1): None

- **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP): (Bill / Ed)**
 - Carl noted extension received through December 31, 2015 with current grant with estimated balance of \$20,000.
- **WEBSITE: (Ray)**
 - Updates are in process. Adding two pages, one to advertise open employment positions and one to capture applications. The Web designer requested employment position descriptions so that they could be added. Carl: CBCW and Ed: East Balsam bathymetric.
- **WATERSHED PROTECTION (Ed / Bill / Howard)**
 - Water Quality: (Ed)**
 - Waiting on contract to be provided (Ed will sign) and begin testing in late April.
 - Noted preliminary report to be available by the annual meeting.
 - Drainage Issues: (Bill)**
 - Noted the drainage issues reported regarding the East Balsam drainage pattern with farm run-off to the lake. Will follow-up with Cheryl to see what WRP activity would be utilized.
 - Noted the Pine Ridge (East and West) drain-off concerns and will follow-up.
- **CONSERVANCIES: (Ray)**
 - Discussed the east Balsam property and the general consensus was that we should pursue acquisition options. Noted that this is an annual meeting approval item.
 - Rod noted that the Deaver Property sign was down; Ray will investigate.
- **LAKE TESTING ACTIVITIES: (Ed and volunteers Milt Stanze and Dick Miller)**
 - Secchi Disk Measurement: None.
 - Water Temperature: None.
 - Chemical Balance: None.
- **BLPRD EXECUTIVE:**
 - None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update APM Plan**
 - Meeting today at 1:00. Project is moving with citizen participation.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

FUTURE AGENDA:

- May 16th, 2015 is the next meeting.
- May-June work on budget for 2016

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ray to follow-up with Deaver Property sign.
- Bill to research East Balsam and Pine ridge run-off concerns
- Carl and Ed, provide employment opportunities write up to Ray.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion was made by Rod Preble and seconded by Bill Mork to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Carl Holmgren Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting: May 16th, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the Polk Business Center