



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes April 20, 2019, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:36 AM

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Tom Kelly, Steve Rediske, Andy Wilhoit, Bill Mork, Rod Preble (teleconference), Richard Miller (teleconference), Dave Mariani (teleconference)

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus (recorder, teleconference)
- Jeff Hollenbeck (resident)

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Jeff stated he is at the meeting because he is interested and to see what happens at a meeting.

5) APPROVE AGENDA:

- David motioned to approve the agenda, Bill seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

6) APPROVE MINUTES:

- Dick motioned to approve the March Meeting Minutes, Andy seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

7) TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:

- Balance Sheet, P&L and budget for March were presented and reviewed by the board.
- Bill motioned to approve the March Balance Sheet, P&L and Budget, Steve seconded, all approved, motion carried.

8) Water Quality

- East Balsam Miller / Wilhoit
 - Bill James has changed his recommendation for the dosage of Alum from 1 heavy dose year 1 followed by 2 years of lesser doses, to 4 doses but the first dose would be less (about half of the original dose) – this would bring our first year and total cost down significantly, for a total estimated cost of 1,295,070 with a little over \$15,000/year maintenance for 10 years with a 20-25 year benefit
 - Citizens committee meeting is set up for next Saturday at 9:00 AM – 11 citizens will be attending
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
 - Due to low participation, the program will be changed next year. Instead of going for funding, the same amount will be set aside each year but used for residents to consult with Cheryl about runoff mitigation. More to come as Tom flushes out the details
- Aquatic Plant Management and Invasive species
 - CBCW / Mork
 - An Ad has been placed on the website for new CBCW employees
 - Training is scheduled for April 25th and June 14th, Caitlyn will facilitate the first training. Rod and Dave will attend the first training. A lunch will be served before the April 25th training
 - CLP Purple- Loosestrife / Preble / Mork
 - Mark Sundeen sent an email for signature, acknowledging that no spraying was done last year, and monies will be rolled to this year (assuming we need to spray this year)
 - The Ice Out Prediction is May 10 but it may be earlier. Tom feels it will be gone by this time next week
 - Harvester application will be placed this week. Truck has been driven this week and is running fine
 - Job applications for harvester are coming in. Apparently it was re-posted by a website called Jobs Indeed
 - Insurance will only cover people who are in the BLPRD district. There are a few applicants from our lake district so there may be up to 2 additional operators
 - Bill and Rod will organize with Matt Berg, and will contact the owners who have purple loosestrife on their properties and attempt to eradicate it around the lake. Matt identifies the locations of purple loosestrife in his annual report
 - Matt does CLP mapping for our grant request, identifies how many acres need to be sprayed or harvested, then does the turrien count
 - Matt also monitors all 7 landings for invasive species, 4 times a year. He will notify us if any invasive species are found and the AIS plan would then go into effect.

9) OLD BUSINESS:

- PINE ISLAND BAY PROPERTIES – add to district / Mariani
 - Attorney has been paid to get the 3 properties re-filed
- Rice Creek sedimentation pond sign / Mariani
 - Dave still hasn't gotten through yet to get someone to make the sign. Now that it is spring, he will follow up on it
 - Taking Kelly off this task
 - Re: Rice Creek Sedimentation dredging, there is a very small dredger that is available, that may be good for future Rice Creek maintenance. The website is Weeder's Digest.
- Polk County Shoreline Zoning / Mariani
 - County board are reviewing the 300 page document from the state, and would like to form strong bonds with the lake districts to assist with setting Shoreland Zoning rules
 - Board is very close to limiting boarding house to 8 rooms. Enforcement will be strengthened and enforced, and if rules are not followed, then licenses will not be renewed.
- DNR proposed aquatic plant management plan review / Preble
- 2020 Financial Budget / All
 - Tom thanked those who have sent in their numbers. A draft form is in the packet for this week, please review
 - Bill mentioned that now that we have employees, we will need an additional 7% in the budget numbers and the budget will reflect this
 - Alum East Balsam numbers are not there yet because of the new recommendation but will be less than originally thought
 - Tom noted that the budget is in a good position, needs to be finished but should be ready by May
 - Steve has asked the village how much is in the fund for the dam. He hasn't heard back yet

10) NEW BUSINESS:

- Dock Side Articles
 - Shoreland Zoning - Dave is working on an article for this.
 - Tom will send an email for those who are to submit other articles.
- Boat Patrol
 - Rod brought to Tom's attention that the boat patrol may not continue as a village sponsored project. We may want to sponsor a boat patrol
 - Current police chief is retiring effective May 3rd.
 - Village may not hire a chief but rather just an officer in charge
 - Tommy (the current police chief) is willing to continue to monitor, but cannot come back for 75 days after his retirement date. Currently, Tommy does grant work and everything else
 - State grant pays for up to 75% of the cost for boat monitoring

- Bill asked for specifics as to what is being asked. Rod stated we would create a police department on the books, Tommy would actually issue tickets. ¾ of the lake villages would need to agree to this
- Rod talked to insurance agent, who is looking into quotes. Rod believes the grant money would include insurance as well
- Tom asked if commissioners would be in favor of us looking into this further. All commissioners are in favor.
- Tom noted that Lake Owen is pursuing a boat cleaning station in Drummond to service lakes in the area. Bill noted that it is very expensive and is really for the benefit of those leaving the lake

11) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Rediske
 - Dollar Store has applied for and received a class A liquor license
 - Pine Park suicide walk is May 18th
 - Food truck up by the courthouse has been approved for one day a week
 - New sewage lift pumps have been put in. Others will be installed as they fail
 - Egg Oiling and goose roundup have been applied for – we did get approval but the permits haven't arrived yet
- County / Mariani
 - Already covered above

12) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Dick asked Tom if he will be at next week's meeting in person. Andy will be in charge of the GoTo Meeting setup. Tom will facilitate the meeting.

13) ADJOURN:

- Rod motioned to adjourn, Dave seconded, all approved, motion carried.