



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes December 15, 2018, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:37 AM

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus (recorder)

4) APPROVE AGENDA:

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

5) APPROVE MINUTES:

- Changes noted: Dick was present in person, not via teleconference
- In New Business, replace Richard with Bill as authorized signer
- Rod motioned to approve the November Meeting Minutes as amended, Dick seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Paul Duxbury – requested to please post agenda on website
- East Balsam Landowner – reported a house is going in with no silt fence, straw bales or tubing. Has now been backfilled but the dirt is still piled at the top of the hill going down to the lake.

7) TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:

- Dick noted that July is a very difficult time for a new treasurer to take office. The accounting firm leaving at the same time made it even more difficult this year. Going forward, the new accounting firm will do payroll, quarterly and year end reporting.
- Balance Sheet, P&L and budget for November were reviewed by the board.
- Bill motioned to approve the November Balance Sheet, P&L and Budget and payment of bills, Andy seconded, all approved, motion carried.

8) Water Quality

- East Balsam Miller / Wilhoit
 - Committees will begin after the first of the year. Suggest an outside resource recommend how funds will be collected (Harmony?).
 - We have 6 names so far and would like a few more. A few more names were suggested and will be contacted.
- Sedimentation - Dredging / Preble
 - Balsam Lake dredging is a major topic at the DNR.
 - Shallow water produces more phosphorous than deep water – there is 10 times more phosphorous in the sedimentation than what is recommended. Alex Smith would like to see the documentation showing this.
 - There have been no permits in the northern district issued based on water quality. Tom noted that Raskin Bay is now considered a sensitive area, which equates to limited 'touch'. Work continues on the permits.
 - Alex Smith – focus on water quality. Dan Harrington – focus on Lake Bottom. Aaron – focus on fish count. Aaron has said that fish count is 'adequate'.
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
 - We have received notification that payment has been approved and is coming.
- Aquatic Plant Management and Invasive species
 - CBCW / Mork
 - Grant application is in. Need to focus on recruiting additional staff.
 - ACTION ITEM: Tom/Bill to work on getting this posted on the website.
 - Harvester / Preble
 - We also need one more person to help run the harvester
 - CLP Purple loosestrife / Preble
 - Purple Loosestrife is in Town Bay and Raskin Bay. We need to ask the homeowners permission to pull it out. Bill noted the board needs to just take on this task and speak to homeowners to explain the damage it does (it takes over everything and chokes out the native plants). Rod noted the best way to get rid of it is to cover the plant with plastic and then pull it out by the roots.

9) OLD BUSINESS:

- PINE ISLAND BAY PROPERTIES – add to district / Mariani
 - The recorder says we need to provide the full legal description, not just the property ID and the address. Dave following up.

- Rice Creek sedimentation pond sign / Mariani/Kelly
 - The sign company who created the previous signs has retired. Dave will contact the high school to see if they want to take on the project. If not, we will find another sign maker.
- Independent contractors vs Employees / Miller
 - CBCW workers will be employees moving forward. It was noted that other lakes treat them as employees.
- Polk County Shoreline Zoning / Mariani
 - This was just wording changes.
 - The county has discussed BLPRD getting involved in the permit process. After discussion, we may be better off working with the inspectors to enforce ordinances already in place to help protect the lake, rather than getting directly involved as a board.
 - ACTION ITEM: Dave to clarify whether 'involvement' would include all requests, or just variance requests. We may just want to get involved when erosion control is involved.
 - ACTION ITEM: Tom will forward variance requests to the entire board.

10) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Rediske
 - i) The hotel study has been completed and a broker will be secured.
- County / Mariani

11) NEW BUSINESS:

- BLPRD needs to review the DNR Aquatic Plant Management Plan – it is a 300 page document. Rod will review and report back to the board.

12) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- None

13) ADJOURN:

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