



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

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting December 19, 2015
Polk Business Center Meeting Room**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Ray Sloss.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ray Sloss, Carl Holmgren, Rod Preble, Howard Seim, Bill Mork and Tom Kelly.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Ed McGlynn

OTHERS PRESENT: Mindi Anderson

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Tom Kelly to approve the agenda with amendments. Approved.

APPROVE MINUTES:

- A motion was made by Rod Preble and seconded by Howard Seim to approve the minutes from November 21st, 2015 meeting. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Carl reported that as of December 19th, 2015 we had a Bank Balance of \$74,689.58 (includes Checking, Protection Fund Checking, and Savings) and payment of Claims totaling \$9,893.78 for the period November 21st, 2015 thru December 19st, 2015.
- A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Tom Kelly to approve the Treasurer report and pay claims as presented. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **WATER QUALITY-EAST BALSAM (Ed / RAY)**
 - Finishing report
 - Bill James will be at the February meeting
 - We will have the preliminary report by the end of the year
 - Trying to get a hold of Bill James

- **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL: (Rod / Carl)**
 - **Harvesting: Rod**
 - The Grant has been approved
 - Permit is in
 - Will need bid for the building

 - **Herbicide: Carl**
 - None

- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER: (Carl)**
 - Several landing monitors have voiced that they would like to come back and work next year.

- **Discussion on charging a fee per boat to use the lake:**

Board discussion initiated by Bill Mork to emphasize the impact of fishing tournaments on Balsam and options we could implement.

 - Be able to control the landings
 - Local village to help with the collection of the fees
 - Fees go to improving the landing
 - \$5.00 per boat per time to use the lake
 - If there is a toilet at the landing, we could charge more \$8.00
 - How would we regulate the non “main” landings around the lake
 - Charge for just the tournament participants to start

Note: Bill Mork will take this one and report back

- **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER: (Ray)**
 - None

- **EDUCATION: (Ray)**
 - None

- **WEBSITE: (Ray)**
 - Needs to be updated to have Glen Jones name taken off and Tom Kelly’s added.

- **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**
 - Balsam Lake Village: (Tom)**
 - Paradise sold
 - Polk County: (Carl)**
 - There are a few people who will not be running again.

- **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT: (Howard / Rod)**
 - Waiting to hear back from Bill James
 - Received an email from Adam Jarkow regarding dredging reforms
 - AB600 if we get it they will approved it
 - Ease requirements for dredging
 - Need to get the word out to everyone around the lake so they can get on the bill as to whether they are for this or against it.
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- **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP): (Tom)**
 - Met with Cheryl
 - Researching other lakes to see what they do or what they have done and what has worked for them
 - Looking at a new program called 'Healthy Lakes Program' would eliminate deed requirement.
 - Would need to get volunteers on board at the beginning
 - This does qualify for a grant

- **CONSERVANCIES: (Ray)**
 - None

- **BLPRD EXECUTIVE:**
 - None

OLD BUSINESS:

Expense Reports: Air plane tickets do not count UNLESS you get prior approval.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2016 2018 Toilet Bids:** 2 bids came in: Olson Sewer and El Stinko

	STANDARD	HANDICAP (46)	HANDICAP (BEACH)
OLSON	\$120	\$150	\$150
EL STINKO	\$105	\$135	\$135

A motion was made by Rod Preble and seconded by Howard Seim to accept the El Stinko bid for three years. Approved.

FUTURE AGENDA:

- Next meeting is January 16th, 2016

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ray will take Glen off the Website
- Rod will get a thoughts together to be sent off to Sheila Harsdorf
- Carl will have a mass email to all the home owners to send their thought to Sheila Harsdorf if they are for or against dredging
- Bill to get on the May agenda at the Village to talk about the boat landing and charging \$5.00 to each boat during a fishing tournament.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion was made by Bill Mork and seconded by Tom Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Approved.

Respectfully submitted:
Mindi Anderson, Administrative Assistant for
Carl Holmgren Secretary/Treasurer

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