



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes February 15, 2020, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

- Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM

**2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

- Steve Rediske, Andy Wilhoit (teleconference), Rod Preble, Liz Vickman (teleconference), Dave Mariani (teleconference), Tom Kelly

**3) OTHERS PRESENT:**

- Patty Kabus (teleconference – recorder)

**4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- None

**5) APPROVE AGENDA:**

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

**6) APPROVE MINUTES:**

- Review December minutes draft. Dave motioned to approve the December Meeting Minutes, Steve seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

**7) TREASURER REPORT:**

- December/January financials / Vickman
  - Review of 2019 financials as well as December. Positive balance of approximately \$56,000 was primarily due to the fact that we did not need to spray in 2019. Will discuss movement of funds to protection account in the March meeting.
    - (1) Discussion of tax levy income timing.
    - (2) Rod motioned to approve the December financials, Steve seconded, all approved. Motion carried.
  - Review of January financials

- (1) Discussed movement of protection fund DDA balance to our higher interest rate savings account.
- (2) Total Budget – lake biologist survey. We budgeted \$1100, total was \$5300. Need to review and make a correction to where things are being allocated to. Liz to review and send to Tom to verify things are coded correctly.
- (3) Andy motioned to approve the January financials, Dave seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

## **2) Water Quality**

- East Balsam EBWQ / Wilhoit / Kelly
  - Andy has spoken with different people about getting bids from qualified companies. Rod will assist in analyzing competitive bids. Still waiting for grant approval for Alum Treatment. HAB seems to have done most of the lakes, but we still need to attempt to get other competitive bids per our bylaws.
  - Monitoring grant has been approved for \$23,000.
  - DNR grant application for Alum Treatment is still in process. We expect to hear in the next few weeks.
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
  - No updates

## **3) Aquatic Plant Management and Invasive species**

- CBCW / Mork
  - Bill acquired a \$16,000 grant for 2020 - \$4,000 per landing. We also had some grant money from 2019.
- Harvesting CLP / Preble
  - No updates
- Lake biologist year-end 2019 reports / Preble
  - Year end reports have been distributed for review. Rod reviewed the report, focusing specifically on count results.
  - There was an increase in 2019 in turion counts but still not at peak. This was expected. Beds are also getting richer in native plants which is a positive.
  - Tom asked if those areas that have CLP and cannot be harvested, should be treated with chemicals. Rod mentioned that there is a minimum cost to haul the chemicals in. He also mentioned that turion counts reflect potential for growth, not actual growth.
  - Purple Loosestrife – we need to request homeowners to pull their own as we cannot go onto homeowner property without permission.
  - Tom noted we need to ask the homeowner's association if we can put an article in their newsletter/email blast explaining that this is an invasive species and how to remove. Same article could go in the dockside. Tom and Rod will work together to put it together.
- Tom noted this is the last year of our 3 year AIS grant period. Tom talked to Cheryl/Harmony Environmental and she has agreed to work on it. Grant application needs to be submitted by December 10th.

## **4) OLD BUSINESS:**

- Bylaw review / Mariani
  - Will have everything we need by next month. Waiting response from Eric Olson (UW Professor) from 'People of the Lakes' publication.

**5) NEW BUSINESS:**

- Tom noted April 1-3 is this year's Wisconsin Lakes convention. He encouraged any board member to attend.

**6) OTHER REPORTS:**

- Village / Rediske
  - Looking to add a light to Juneberry Park.
  - Looking to update shrubs in front of the Village offices.
  - City water looking at new water meters. Would result in increased taxed to cover it
  - Looking to remodel the village offices.
  - Combined police force started January 1. Applications out for 2 new police officers.
  - Homeowners Association funds private costs for the boat patrol and the DNR funds the rest. It will be reinstated this year.
  - Boxes for the boat landing donation boxes will be worked on but haven't been started yet (they are busy plowing snow).
  - Paradise Landing is being considered for a redevelopment with a portion of the property converted to condos and half will remain as a bar.
- County / Mariani
  - No updates. Dave will send an email to the board once he gets an update.

**7) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- None.

**8) ADJOURN:**

Rod motioned to adjourn, Steve seconded, all approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM.