



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Agenda February 16, 2019, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

1) **CALL TO ORDER:**

- Bill Mork called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM

2) **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

- Rod Preble, Steve Rediske, Bill Mork, Andy Wilhoit, Dave Mariani (teleconference)

3) **OTHERS PRESENT:**

- Patty Kabus (Teleconference – data recorder)

4) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- None

5) **APPROVE AGENDA:**

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

6) **APPROVE MINUTES:**

- Rod motioned to approve the January Meeting Minutes, Andy seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

7) **TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:**

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

8) **Water Quality**

- East Balsam Miller / Wilhoit
 - 13 people will be meeting with Cheryl, 10 are committed
 - Meetings scheduled in April and May

- Will be going through things with Cheryl over the next month to prepare for the meetings
- Sedimentation - Dredging / Preble
 - Rod feels the DNR will not allow us to dredge Raskin Bay. May need to look into other options and it is probably time to let this go. Dave reported that he spoke with the guy at the DNR meeting and told him about his idea to have Pine Island Bay privately dredged (paid for by landowners). The DNR said he would approve that based on the fact that it is maintenance dredging. But he did affirm that since Raskin Bay is sensitive, it will not be approved. However, thrusters are a possibility at \$2500 each and they will blow sediment about ¾ HP will blow 100 feet. 2 HP will blow.
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
 - No Comments
- Aquatic Plant Management and Invasive species
 - CBCW / Mork
 - Landing Blitz will be over the 4th of July weekend
 - 1099's have been sent out
 - CLP Purple- Loosestrife / Preble / Mork
 - Discussed identifying them this spring with Matt Berg when he does the landing studies and turrien count. It is on the agenda for spring.

9) OLD BUSINESS:

- PINE ISLAND BAY PROPERTIES – add to district / Mariani
 - Dave contacted an attorney
- Rice Creek sedimentation pond sign / Mariani / Kelly
- Polk County Shoreline Zoning / Mariani
 - We need to get someone on the board of adjustments. There are 2 vacancies as the chairman and assistant chairman are gone. If we could find another candidate who will help protect the lake, it would be an asset.
- DNR proposed aquatic plant management plan review / Preble
 - No activity

10) NEW BUSINESS:

- Tourist Boarding Houses
 - Tom sent an email to the env services committee, Bill attended the meeting.
 - Those who want to put them up, abuse the property by renting them for parties, well in excess of the septic capabilities. This is not a good use of the land as they are not familiar with the lake and don't care about land or lake conservation. This year, the ice is full of trash from the current rental places. Many, many people have lodged complaints against them, and more are on the bandwagon wanting to get them off the lake and shut them down.

- One more meeting coming up this month.
- Bill urged as many commissioners to attend this spring's Healthy Lakes conference. It is a great way to learn about different topics related to healthy lakes.
- Dick Miller is planning to move closer to the cities to be closer to his family, and will not be able to stay on the board once his cabin sells. We can appoint someone local and we have an accounting firm lined up but will need a new board member, and a new treasurer. Be thinking about it.

11) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Rediske
 - The Chief of Police is retiring this spring. Not sure if anyone will be hired or not. He was the one who was running the boat monitoring.
 - Hotel study meeting was postponed due to weather
- County / Mariani
 - Trying to reach Chris. Nothing new other than the boarding house issue.

12) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Hiring for CBCW – Terry Morton handles the hiring. Everyone on the crew is related, and this is not a positive thing. Also, we should have a larger pool of people to help out when someone isn't available. Patty Kabus is interested in doing this. Bill may want to get more hands on as a backup for Terry. Want to put the word out to get some more people to sign up.
- Rod has gotten 5 applications for harvester workers. Suggested that we put information on the website asking who is interested in applying for the CBCW job. Bill will discuss with Terry and inform at the next meeting.

13) ADJOURN:

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