



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting February 18, 2017, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM
- Steve Rediske will be recording this month's meeting minutes

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Tom Kelly, Rod Preble (telecom), Ray Sloss, Ed McGlynn, Steve Rediske, Dave Mariani (telecom)

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Milt Stanze, Tom Miller, and Tadd Barrow (from HAB aquatic solutions)

4) APPROVE AGENDA:

- No comments or changes. Ed motioned to approve the agenda. Ray Seconded, all approved, motion carried

5) APPROVE MINUTES:

- Ray motioned to approve the December 16, 2016 meeting minutes. Ed Seconded, all approved, motion carried
- Ray motioned to approve the January 17, 2017 meeting minutes. Ed Seconded, all approved, motion carried

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

7) TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:

- Ray reviewed the bills presented for payment
 - i) 29,756 Harvester Grant paid towards loan
 - ii) 19,514 regular Harvester Payment
 - iii) 387.50 – accountant
 - iv) 200.00 PC Abstract purchase to Pat Johnson
 - v) 1600 for Herbicide Spraying

8) LONG TERM PLAN:

9) Water runoff program

- Presentation by Tadd Barrow from HAB on alum treatment.
- He discussed the treatment on Bald Eagle lake in White Bear Mn.
- The first lake that was done in Wisconsin was 1973. They did not know how it is doing now
- Treatment should be done in spring or fall when the water is about 45 degrees
- Treatment lasts about 7-15 years
- The cost to treat East Balsam is about 1.1 million
 - Dredging project – Preble
 - Rod is working on obtaining permits for dredging
 - Lakeshore owner dredging discussion. Ed and Ray are against this and asked that it be notes in the comments sent in that the vote for owner dredging note that the vote was 5 for, 2 against.
 - Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
 - (from prior meeting) Grant application has been submitted, will hear back by end of March
- Aquatic Plant Management
 - AIS Rapid Response will need to be voted on at the annual meeting in order to increase the money in the fund.
 - CBCW / Sloss
 - (from prior meeting) Application for spraying is 90% done, need to add areas and calculate rate
 - Harvester / Preble
 - No discussion
- Conservancies

- Stumps Bay 3 acre acquisition – The owners have decided not to sell at this time so this is no longer an open issue. Close item.

10) OTHER REPORTS:

- None

11) OLD BUSINESS:

- Discussion around the contract with Lakeland easement on 46 / Kelly/Mork
 - No Discussion
- Harvester Building / Preble
 - We will discuss the storage building and lease agreement in the March meeting.

12) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Rediske
 - Optometric repair shop coming to town
 - Perry Mound turning to condos
 - Occupancy limits set for bars and restaurants
 - Working on an outdoor recreation plan for 2018 - 2023
- County / Mariani
 - No discussion

13) NEW BUSINESS:

- Lake Conference
 - Coming on April 5th, 6th, and 7th Rod, Tom, and Ray are going as of now. Ray needs input if anybody else wants to go.

14) REVIEW AND CLOSE OLD ACTION ITEMS:

- None

15) ACTION ITEMS FROM PRIOR MEETINGS:

- Discussion with Dan Harrington as to whether we can pump onto land / Preble
 - still in discussion
- Settling pond sign needed repairs / Sloss
 - Ray will speak to sign company about getting it replaced. Steve suggested talking to the high school about seeing if the woodshop may do it
- Bylaws additions and wording Change / Mork
 - New wording – (From last meeting) Any special meeting of the district shall be held between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Bill will have amended for the annual meeting. Bill and Patty to work on wording – Patty proposed wording for discussion. No discussion in this meeting
- Rod - Obtain a gas pressure washer to wash weeds off harvester while it is still in the water for next spring.
- DNR to come to March meeting to discuss water quality - close
- Sloss – CBCW application for spraying
- Building connections with fishing clubs. Explore asking townships to minimize parking access to limit excessive use at smaller landings

- See if Brian Masters can come to the April meeting – goal is to get a calendar of the tournaments to make sure we have CBCW coverage those days and possibly limit landing use to main landing(s)
- Still waiting on response from Lakeland regarding subsurface repairs only
- Bill verified with Rochelle that we do not have to file an extension on exempt organization - close
- Tom: Discuss the Lake Management long range plan. Plan needs to be updated and reviewed every 5 years. Last update was 2012. Needs to be budgeted and done this year. Estimated cost - \$8000-10000. Can include lake owner surveys to get feedback. Recommend inviting Cheryl Clemens with Harmony Environmental to discuss the process. Ray – better to use a facilitator to help with it. Bill will report back whether the board can update the plan versus hiring it to be done. Bill feels it's just refining the current plan so we should be able to handle it. Ray noted fish sticks is a new thing, Bill thinks invasive species is now a big deal. Healthy Lakes initiative is also new. Noted possibility to advertise for feedback in the Dockside, and put a feedback form on the website. Also possibility to send postcard or letter. Bill Mork analyzing for update.

16) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Third party dredging expert to come to the annual meeting to explain how dredging would help the lake

17) ADJOURN:

- Ed motioned to adjourn, Ray seconded, all approved. Motion carried.