



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

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting February 21st, 2015
Polk Business Center Meeting Room**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Ray Sloss.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ray Sloss, Carl, Holmgren, Glen Jones, Rod Preble and Howard Seim.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Bill Mork and Ed McGlynn

OTHERS PRESENT: Mindi Anderson

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Rod Preble to approve the agenda. Approved.

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Glen Jones and seconded by Howard Seim to approve the minutes from January 17th, 2015. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Wisconsin Lakes Convention; Carl will do the registrations and make room reservations. Commissioners need to forward to Carl if attending and what sessions they want to attend.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Carl reported that as of February 21st, 2015 we had a Bank Balance of \$62,666.60 (includes Checking, Protection Fund Checking, and Savings) and payment of Claims totaling \$10,422.68 for the period January 18th thru February 21st, 2015.
- Noted that the IRS Mileage rate for 2015 is \$0.575.

- A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Rod Preble to approve the Treasurer report and pay claims as provided. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL: (Rod / Carl)**
 - We made the deadline to get the AIS grant in. Shelly Thompson emailed back saying that is was received.
 - It is a 50/50 grant, total for the grant is \$141,235.00
 - Ray suggested we investigate option to hire high school students to do the bathometric mapping.
- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER: (Carl)**
 - Working on Volunteer recruitment; will be more selective for people who will work.
 - Will have landing leaders
 - 2 people to work each landing together
 - Training set for April 11th 10 – 12 at the Polk Business center.
 - Ray suggested to ask if Sheriff Pete Johnson could attend. Carl will ask.
- **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER: (Ray)**
 - Need articles.
 - Carl noted that we need the information regarding the spring notification for Herbicide spraying.
- **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**
 - Balsam Lake Village: (Glen)**
 - Nothing going on
 - Polk County: (Carl)**
 - Business as usual, quiet
- **BLPRD PUBLIC INFORMATION: (Ray)**
 - Nothing.
- **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT: (Howard / Rod)**
 - Signed letter has been sent in
 - They will be out March 9th to take the samples
 - Will get the final bid report back in 2 weeks.
 - Rod is still waiting for Christ Nelson to get him the information on his bay.
- Other Activity:**
 - Little Balsam: None.
 - Sedimentation Basin (1): None
 - Raskin Bay: Rod/Howard provided report.
- **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP): (Bill / Ed)**
 - Carl noted that we have not received an extension for 2015.
 - Payment request submitted has not been paid to date.

- Carl will follow-up with DNR.
- **WEBSITE: (Ray)**
 - Tab has been added for job postings
 - Tab has been added for the Clean Boats Clean Water volunteers.
- **WATERSHED PROTECTION (Ed / Bill / Howard)**
 - Water Quality:**
 - No update (see January minutes).
- **CONSERVANCIES: (Ray)**
 - Ray was contacted regarding a property in for-closer on East Balsam. Includes 500 feet of lake front with 11 acres. Will follow-up.
 - Bill Mork and Ray Sloss went to the Georgetown meeting to discuss the East Balsam Landing. They asked to acquire the property or have them maintain it. No decisions were made.
- **LAKE TESTING ACTIVITIES: (Ed and volunteers Milt Stanze and Dick Miller)**
 - Secchi Disk Measurement: None.
 - Water Temperature: None.
 - Chemical Balance: None.
- **BLPRD EXECUTIVE:**
 - None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update APM Plan**
 - New dates scheduled are March 7th, March 28th, and April 18th. The meetings will be held in the Polk Business Conference Room from 1-3 on Saturday.
 - All Commissioners are expected to be present and Ray will notify other Balsam Lake homeowners to also participate.
 - Carl noted that he will not be available on March 7th.
- **Herbicide Bid Opening:**
 - Ray completed and Bill reviewed the analysis to why we selected the bid Clear Lakes, Inc.
 - Carl sent acceptance letter to Clean Lakes, Inc. and a rejection letter to Lake Restoration.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **None**

FUTURE AGENDA:

- March 21st, 2015

ACTION ITEMS:

- Ray Sloss to contact Aaron Cole for an article in Dock side
- Ray Sloss to get a riparian list to Carl Holmgren.
- Ray to purchase office equipment.
- Ed will contact Milt Stanze about lake testing.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Glen Jones to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Mindi Anderson, Administrative Assistant for
Carl Holmgren Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting: March 21th, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the Polk Business Center