



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

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting January 17th, 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, Ed McGlynn and Howard Seim.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Bill Mork

OTHERS PRESENT: Mindi Anderson

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

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Glenn Jones and seconded by Howard Seim to approve the minutes from December 20th, 2014. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Polk County Tourism Book is out.
- Carl Holmgren is running for Village President
- Balsam Lake Winterfest is coming up, January 30th thru February 1st.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Carl reported that as of January 17th, 2014 we had a Bank Balance of \$46,801.21 (includes Checking, Protection Fund Checking, and Savings) and payment of Claims totaling \$137.37 for the period January 1st thru January 17th, 2015. Also noted that the year-end checking balance of \$18,221.06 was transferred to the Balsam Lake Protection Fund. A motion was made by

Howard Seim and seconded by Rod Preble to approve the Treasurer report and pay claims as presented with updated balance sheet. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

• **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL: (Rod / Carl)**

Carl provided update regarding Herbicide application noting that he is working with Cheryl Clemens to submit necessary grant documents for years 2015 – 2017. Also noted was:

- Proposals received from Matt Berg regarding Pre-post treatment surveys, CLP Bed mapping, landing inspections, and Turion density survey. Noting that no increase in cost.
- Noted that herbicide application rate was discussed and recommendation received was to decrease the dosage to lessen impact on the native plants. After discussion; the board felt the need to keep the option open for any rate needed to perform adequate CLP control.
- Also noted discussion to consider native plantings in treated CLP beds.
- Letter received from Polk County land and Water regarding control assistance with other invasives Japanese Knotweed and Purple Loosestrife.

• **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER: (Carl)**

- Working on the 2015 plan for volunteers.

• **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER: (Ray)**

- Spring issue will be out in April.

• **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**

Balsam Lake Village: (Glen)

- Made the paper for having the shortest meeting ever; 14 minutes.
- Smart Growth committee still working Grocery Store and senior housing issues for Balsam Lake.

Polk County: (Carl)

- Noted that he will be attending the County board meeting January 20th; to follow up on the agenda resolution regarding compensation for appointees to Lake Districts.

• **BLPRD PUBLIC INFORMATION: (Ray)**

- None

• **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT: (Howard / Rod / volunteers Milt Stanze / Greg Moore)**

- Rod provided noted that he waiting on updated regarding test borings in Raskin Bay. Estimates to be in the \$1,000.00 - \$1,500.00 range. Also requested bid for borings in the Boston Bay area.
- Working on the pre-application; waiting on information Chris Nelson has regarding the dredging permit previously issued for the Boston Bay dredging.

Other Activity:

- Little Balsam: None.
- Sedimentation Basin (1): None
- Raskin Bay: Rod/Howard provided report.

- **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP): (Bill / Ed)**
 - None
- **WEBSITE: (Ray)**
 - Rod's information has been corrected.
- **WATERSHED PROTECTION (Ed / Bill / Howard)**
 - Ed provided update with meeting he had with Bill James including:
 - They will start right around ice off (May-April)
 - Preliminary report with presentation at the Annual Meeting in July.
 - Final report scheduled for completion in December.
 - Cheryl figures we could get around apply for a grant to fund part of the cost with balance raised through the Lake District.
- **CONSERVANCIES: (Ray)**
 - Did a walk down of the Peterson property.
- **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**
 - Dates scheduled are March 4th, March 25th, April 15th, and May 6th. The meetings will be held in the Polk Business Conference Room from 7 – 9 p.m.
 - All Commissioners are expected to be present and Ray will notify other Balsam Lake homeowners to also participate.
 - Carl will talk to Cheryl regarding telephone call-in for Commissioner unable to attend due to work schedules.
- **Herbicide Bid Opening:**
 - Bill Mork is working with Clean Lakes to provided language to allow changes or updates to the 5 year bid.
 - Have been in contact with Clean Lakes, working on way that either one of us can get out of the 5 year contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **CLP Objectives Discussion**
 - Leave dosage option open
- **Lakes Conference**
 - Cal will follow-up with registration information when it is available.

FUTURE AGENDA:

- February 21st is the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Bill Mork will contact Clean Lakes will also red line the bid for the next meeting for us to go over at the next meeting.
- Carl to follow-up with Cheryl Clemens regarding AIS Grant Opportunities
- Ray to purchase office equipment
- Ed will contact Milt Stanze about lake testing.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion was made by Ed McGlynn and seconded by Rod Preble to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Approved.

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

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