



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

## **BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT**

**Regular Meeting January 18, 2014  
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:** Howard Seim, Caroline Rediske, Carl Holmgren, Ray Sloss, Ed McGlynn, and Loren Johnson.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Dave Wagner

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mindi Anderson, Bill Mork (East Balsam), Alex Smith (DNR), and Carl Pentland (Raskin Bay).

**APPROVE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Loren Johnson to approve the agenda. Approved.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Loren Johnson and seconded by Howard Seim to approve the minutes from December 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013. Approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Lakes Conference-Carl would like to know who is going so he can make reservations.

**GUEST SPEAKER: (Alex Smith – DNR)**

Ray noted our major issue with East Balsam water quality and Raskin Bay navigation.

**Alex Smith Comments:**

- Spraying needs to be done early in the spring. Harvesting, done more in June-you need to have timing down if you're going to harvest.

**East Balsam Notes:**

- Is on the 2014 impaired body of water, next is the public comments
- State will put together a TML, they will put together a plan on what needs to be done to get it back where it needs to be.
- Federal money is out there for us to use.
- State grants are also available.
- Our updated APM plan outlines what we will do to help get it back to where it is healthy, we are one step closer.

**Raskin Bay Notes:**

- The DNR is more willing to work with residents that don't have any other access to the lake.
- Dredging is an option to remove silt. Will also help with navigational trails also.
- Suggest doing 2-3 core samples, the whole bay wouldn't be able to be dredged, just a channel.
- Would need to submit an application to the DNR.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Carl reported that as of December 31, 2013 we had a Bank Balance of \$8,346.57 (includes Checking, Protection Fund Checking, and Savings) and payment of Claims totaling \$3,038.80 for the period December 22<sup>nd</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2014; and
- Carl reported that as of January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014 we had a Bank Balance of \$28,890.11 (includes Checking, Protection Fund Checking, and Savings) and payment of Claims totaling \$3,139.85 for the period January 1<sup>st</sup> thru January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

A motion was made by Ed McGlynn and seconded by Howard Seim to approve the Treasurer report and pay claims as presented. Approved.

- **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL:** (Loren Johnson)
  - Discussed the option to re-bid spraying for East Balsam to cover the entire water basin with a smaller ppm application rate. Following discussion; committee decided to stay with what has been bid originally.
  - Committee will evaluate option for a smaller ppm rate and treat entire basin when bidding for 2015 treatment.
- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER:** (Carl)
  - Getting organized for the 2014 season.
  - Data form has been modified.
  - Team leader has agreed to work for the season.
  - Noted that our current grant expires 12/31/14 and will have to submit a grant request prior to the December deadline.
- **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER:** (Ray)
  - None.
- **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**

**Balsam Lake Village:** (Caroline)

  - New liquor store going in where the Laundromat is
  - New business in the business park going in
  - Caucus are being help

**Polk County: (Carl)**

- BLPRD got a letter from the snowmobile club as requested.
- Ongoing 'Shoreland Zoning' discussions. Final draft is completed and will be available for Public Comment prior to County Board approval.

- **BLPRD PUBLIC INFORMATION: (Ray)**

- None

- **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT:**

- **Little Balsam:**
  - o None.
- **Sedimentation Basin (1):** None

- **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP):**

- None

- **WEBSITE:**

- The monthly meetings and Dockside are on the site.
- Water Quality is on-going.

- **WATERSHED PROTECTION**

**Water Quality:** None

- **CONSERVANCIES:**

- None.

- **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**

- **Secchi Disk Measurement:** None
- **Water Temperature:** None.
- **Chemical Balance:** None.

- **BLPRD EXECUTIVE:**

- Discussed the options for East Balsam and Raskin Bay.
- Agreed to have 'Action Items' included with 'Committee Reports'.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Culvert Replacement Project (Bridge Project):**

- Bridge committee met January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 to discuss outstanding concerns, identify outstanding project costs, retainage payment, and when transfer from Village ownership to County ownership would occur.
- Discussed retaining \$8,000.00 of retained funds after Spring run-off drainage is approved.
- Carl noted that all funds approved by the BLPRD have been expended and unpaid engineering expenses would require approval at the annual meeting.
- Noted that BLPRD paid the approved \$270,000.00 for the project from January 10, 2010 through December 30, 2013. Total shared (BLPRD, VOBL, and Polk County) project cost paid to date is \$491,331.80. Retained amount to be paid by the Village.

- **Water Diversion Project**
  - Howard provided update on the project regarding options for diverting some of the water that flows out at the Dam to have flowage out from East Balsam to the South.
  - There are no culverts under County Road I; it is part of the dam.
  - AYRES-mapped and elevation of where water flows and which direction.
  - January 1<sup>st</sup> will start the feasibility study, will cost around \$9,600.00.
  - The study will identify what can be done, alterations that we can make, recommendations of what we can do.
  - Should be completed before Annual meeting.
  
- **Long Term Work Plan Discussion: (Noted comments)**
  - None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

**Review New Action Items:**

- **Loren:**
- **Carl:**
- **Ed:**
- **Ray:**
- **Howard:**
- **Caroline:**
- **Dave:**

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Carl Holmgren and seconded by Howard Seim to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Approved.

**Respectfully submitted:**  
**Carl Holmgren/Secretary**

**Next meeting: March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the Polk Business Center;**

**Note: A February meeting will be scheduled if the need arises (Ray Sloss).**