



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

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting January 19, 2013
Polk Business Center Meeting Room**

MINUTES

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Howard Seim, Caroline Rediske, Carl Holmgren, Loren Johnson, and Ray Sloss. Ed McGlynn arrived late.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Dave Wagner

OTHERS PRESENT: Mindi Anderson

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Ray Sloss and seconded by Caroline Rediske to approve the agenda. Approved.

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Ray Sloss and seconded by Caroline Rediske to approve the minutes from December 15, 2012. Approved. A motion was made by Ray Sloss and seconded by Caroline Rediske for Carl Holmgren to retract property donator from the December minutes as requested prior to placing on the web site. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Gene Tourville from the Bass Masters approached Howard about wanting to start putting small mouth bass and walleye into the lake. They don't have the money to do it. His request was to provide help to find grant dollars for this project. I referred them to the DNR.
- It was also stated that this would be a good project for the Balsam Lake Homeowners Association (BLHA) to get involved with.
- There will be no February and March meeting unless something important comes up.

- WI Lakes Conference is April 9 - 11; Carl needs names of who is going so he can make room and conference reservation.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Carl reported that as of December 31th, 2012 balances that included; Bank Balance of \$188,611.26 and payment of Claims totaling \$6,102.29 for the period December 17th, 2012 thru December 31th, 2012. Carl reported that as of January 19th, 2013 balances that included; Bank Balance of \$196,392.31 and payment of Claims totaling \$5,265.00 for the period of January 1st, 2013 thru January 19th, 2013. A motion was made by Caroline Rediske and seconded by Loren Johnson to approve the Treasure report and pay claims as presented. Approved.

- **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL:** (Loren/Ed)
 - Caroline is responsible for watching the plant growth in Raskin Bay. Loren will be notified when plant growth has surfaced for action with DNR contact (Mark Sundeen). Nothing can be done until June.
 - Loren will follow-up with any required treatment in the Millpond.
 - Current proposal is to treat 14.4 acres of CLP at a cost of \$10,000.00.
- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER:** (Carl)
 - Nothing new to report, Carl was awarded the grant.
- **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER:** (Ray)
 - Next issue will go out in April. Issue will include Annual Meeting information along with a 2014 budget.
- **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**
 - **Balsam Lake Village:** (Caroline)
 - Had the biggest caucus they have had in a long time. Carl Holmgren and Geno D'Agostino will be running for Village president in April.
 - Cobble Stone Hotel change is looking at coming into Balsam Lake; they are currently looking at the Highway department site. (Noted that there is discussion underway for the Highway Department to relocate).
 - Updates for the Village Beach (leased property) are on hold.
 - No update on the proposed grocery store.
 - The park committee has a meeting on January 29th; Cheryl Clemens is writing the grant for park improvements; still looking for donations.
 - Working on approvals to proceed with noted dam spill-way repairs.
 - **Polk County:** (Carl)
 - Redistricting is done, went from 23 to 15, will happen with 2014 election.
 - Village of Balsam Lake is included with the Village of Milltown and Town of Milltown.
 - There is no longer a Polk County Library.
- **BLPRD PUBLIC INFORMATION:** (Ray)
 - None.
- **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT:**
 - **Little Balsam:** None.
 - **Sedimentation Basin (1):** None.

- **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP):**
 - Finishing grant reimbursement (\$8,094.40) for the VOBL 46 Landing project.
 - Estimated grant balance is \$21,754.76.
- **WEBSITE:** Ray has assumed responsibility for website updates.
- **WATERSHED PROTECTION**
 - Water Quality:**
 - Jeremy of LAWRD has proposed 'Core sample project' (working on DNR Grant) for East Balsam. Noted that for 2013 we have budgeted \$15,000.00 for Core sampling.
 - Need to establish the baseline, so a basic core sample with where the phosphorus levels are at.
 - Ed is going touch base with Jeremy at LAWRD on this to see if we can move up the timeline for this project. Current proposal is 2013-2014 winter get samples and final report December 2014.
- **CONSERVANCIES:**
 - Ray is checking on doing a Covenant with the land instead of being owners of the land. He had done some checking into this but is going to do more and get back to us.
- **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**
 - **Secchi Disk Measurement:** None.
 - **Water Temperature:** None.
 - **Chemical Balance:** None.
- **BLPRD EXECUTIVE:** None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Stump Bay Signage:**
 - All done, painted and put back up.
 - Ordered signage for sump Bay turn around, won't be done till spring.
 - The neighboring property owners are not interested in selling their 5 acres; other options are being explored.
- **APPROVED STUMP BAY CONSERVANCY ACTIVITIES:**
 - Discussion regarding signage for Rice Creek donated property to have signage indicating boundaries and ownership. Ray suggested types of signage he will work on with Board in agreement.
- **Culvert Replacement Project (Bridge Project):**
 - Next meeting is February 14th. The bids will be ready to go out.
- **Rice Creek Conservancy Proposal:** Done.

NEW BUSINESS:

Work Plan Discussion: None.

E3-Improve & maintain water clarity

- Looking at a grant for Core sampling.
- Noted that 2013 budget has \$15,000 for this line item.
- Sediment/phosphorus study – waiting on proposal from Barr.
- It is agreed upon that a study needs to be done so we know where we're at.

E4-Village to consider Storm water management

- The village is looking at 4 different locations.
- The village along with Cheryl Clemens are looking at this and working on a plan.

FUTURE AGENDA:

- Next meeting is April 20th.
- No meeting February/March unless needed.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion was made by Caroline Rediske and seconded by Ed McGlynn to adjourn the meeting at 11:07 p.m. Approved.

Respectfully submitted:

**Mindi Anderson, Administrative Assistant for
Carl Holmgren/Secretary**

Next meeting: April 20th, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the Polk Business Center meeting room.