



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

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

**Regular Meeting June 15th, 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, Ray Sloss, Dave Wagner, and Ed McGlynn.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mindi Anderson

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

**APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Loren Johnson and seconded by Ed McGlynn to approve the minutes from January 19, 2013. Approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Alex Smith sent out the 2013 NW WI Lake Conference brochure, June 21<sup>st</sup> 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Spooner High School, cost is \$40.00 per person. Ray, Loren, and Howard are going. Dave might go.
- Everyone will need to have their expense sheets to Howard by July 8<sup>th</sup> for his approval.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Carl reported that as of June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 balances that included; Bank Balance of \$267,213.26 and payment of Claims totaling \$485.00 for the period May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 thru June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A

motion was made by Caroline Rediske and seconded by Ed McGlynn to approve the Treasure report and pay claims as presented. Approved.

- **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL:** (Loren/Ed)
  - CLP spraying was completed June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Beds 11 (North of entrance to east Balsam) and 15 (between Big Island and Paradise Island) were treated.
  - Water sampling is getting done by Kevin Wagner. He got started following the spraying and will continue as outlined.
  - No spraying was performed in East Balsam; Matt Berg noted that spraying CLP last year also killed off the natives.
  - No spraying will be done in Raskin Bay.
  
- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER:** (Carl)
  - No problems, the kids are working hard.
  - Will be having a picnic at BLICS July 27<sup>th</sup> 12-1
  
- **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER:** (Ray)
  - Working with the postmaster to get a reduce rate for mailings.
  - The July edition is at paper works, will include annual meeting information. Mindi will label and mail.
  - Noted that extra docksides will be produced and made available for business.
  
- **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**
  - Balsam Lake Village:** (Caroline)
    - Ray did a wonderful presentation on the bridge at the meeting on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.
    - Approval of liquor licenses
    - Still trying to decide if the geese away products are working or not.
    - The SMART growth committee is working with MSA on their tiff districts and how they can get more business into Balsam Lake.
    - Going around town and giving notices for homeowners to get their yards cleaned up and lawn mowed.
    - Letter of Condemnation to a house that has a tree growing through it.
    - Street Meeting on Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00
    - Freedom Fest is all set and ready to go, have more crafters this year than in years past. Fireworks will be on Friday night.
    - The grocery store isn't looking promising.
  - Polk County:** (Carl)
    - Working on job descriptions for the elective supervisors.
    - Land and Water Resources Department did not get reduced funding in 2014 Budget.
  
- **BLPRD PUBLIC INFORMATION:** (Ray)
  - Annual meeting signs will be out and notices will be put in the paper.
  - Dockside will be out by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  
- **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT:**
  - **Little Balsam:** 2006 GPS Data was done on Little Balsam. (Dave handed out maps to all board members)
    - **GOAL:** To see how fast Little Balsam is filling up,

- The aquatic vegetation line on Little Balsam looks to be coming out further and agreed to the need to document the changes.
- Discussed mapping the lake bottom contour with option to hire contractor to do the monitoring or do it ourselves as suggested by Barr (with training). The equipment is available through Contour Innovations with costs ranging from \$1,175.00 (for one time use) or \$1,800.00 (annual license).
- **Sedimentation Basin (1):** None.
- **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP):**
  - Discussed working with Cheryl Clemens about follow-ups.
  - Place article in the Dockside noting grant money expires 12/31/13.
  - Cheryl Clemens to give a 15 minute presentation at the annual meeting about how important WRP is.
- **WEBSITE:** Is being kept up to date.
- **WATERSHED PROTECTION**
  - Water Quality:**
    - Cheryl Clemens is willing to help with the water quality.
    - Next steps will include looking at the water shed and Ag loading issues if there are any.
    - Land and Water will be meeting June 20<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 Polk County Government Center Room #120.
    - County interested in being involved; cost unknown.
- **CONSERVANCIES:**
  - Ray did a walk down on the Deaver property
  - No issues, signs looked good
  - Need to look at boundary markers, didn't know where the boundaries are for the sedimentation pond.
- **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**
  - **Secchi Disk Measurement:** None.
  - **Water Temperature:** None.
  - **Chemical Balance:** None.
- **BLPRD EXECUTIVE:** None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Culvert Replacement Project (Bridge Project):**
  - Bids out June 24<sup>th</sup> with Bid opening July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- **Long Term Work Plan Discussion:**
  - Tabled until the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Commissioners Nominations:**
  - Milt Stanze sent a letter in his interest be considered for the open position on the board. A nomination was made by Ed McGlynn and seconded by Dave Wagner to accept Milt Stanze nomination. Approved.
  - Howard Seim previously stated that he would be willing to run again. A motion was made by Ray Sloss and seconded by Ed McGlynn to nominate Howard Seim to be on the ballot. Approved.
  
- **2014 Budget:**
  - Increase the Aquatic plant Management to \$50,000.00. This would include line items for East Balsam WQ Study, Raskin Bay Navigation, and Core Sampling.
  - Water Quality increase to \$20,000
  - Capital- name change to Conservancies (eliminate listing each one).
  - A motion was made by Caroline Rediske and seconded by Ray Sloss to accept the budget as it was reworked. Approved.
  
- **2013 Annual Meeting**
  - No Door prizes
  - Meeting to start at 9:00
  - Registration to begin at 8:30
  - Guest Speakers: Cheryl Clemens and Matt Berg
  - Bridge at the top of the Agenda
  - Ray to do ballots.

**FUTURE AGENDA:**

- Organizational meeting to be held after the annual meeting.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Caroline Rediske and seconded by Dave Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m. Approved.

**Respectfully submitted:**

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

**Next meeting: July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the Unity High School Auditorium.**