



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes June 15, 2019, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Tom Kelly, Andy Wilhoit (teleconference), Bill Mork, Rod Preble, Dave Mariani

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus (recorder)

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Nicholas Ward, who is a harvester operator on a different lake, would like to have a discussion about efficiencies in harvesting. Rod will contact him to discuss

5) APPROVE AGENDA:

- Two items were added to New Business. Rod motioned to approve the agenda as amended, Bill seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

6) APPROVE MINUTES:

- Rod motioned to approve the April Meeting Minutes, Dave seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

7) TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:

- Balance Sheet, P&L and budget for May were presented and reviewed by the board.
- Protection Funds have been moved to a money market account at RCU.
- Tom motioned to approve the May Balance Sheet, P&L and Budget, Dave seconded, all approved, motion carried.

8) Water Quality

- East Balsam EBWQ / Wilhoit
 - There will not be a second meeting – 30+ people came for the last meeting
 - 4 registrants/election judges lined up
 - There will be a ballot vote for both the election as well as the East Balsam project (2 colored ballots) – we will need some boxes to collect the ballots
 - The project Ballot will be right after the presentation and Q&A, and then the budget presentation will occur after that
 - Patty to compose the ballot sheets for the election as well as for the East Balsam Project and print at least 200 on 2 different colored cardstock
 - Legal opinion has been secured regarding voting (discussed under new business)
 - We have to do 4 individual loan requests (one per treatment) so will need 4 separate resolutions to borrow the funds, one every two years.
 - The first resolution will be this year (for the targeted treatment next year)
 - Tom asked Andy to prepare the school for the annual meeting. We will also need a microphone on the floor.
 - Guidelines for public comments – 3 minutes max, no repeating what has already been said. One opportunity to speak per person
 - Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
 - 2 people have stepped up, 13 open slots left. People can sign up again even if they have previously participated
- 9) Aquatic Plant Management and Invasive species
- CBCW / Mork
 - CBCW training was conducted, went well
 - Bill reported that 3 male zebra mussels were found in deer lake spread out over the lake. The DNR has refused treatment because the entire lake would have to be treated
 - Bill suggested we put an article, including a picture of a Zebra mussel in the fall Dockside, and ask people to check their docks as they take them out of the water
 - Harvesting CLP / Preble
 - Denny Aubin and Duane Hejny have been trained in the Harvester use
 - 3 loads were removed from Town Bay so far
 - Matt has inspected and said the weeds are really bad this year. The mapping he does will determine where harvesting will occur
 - The harvester sales person came out and brought some spare parts to be carried on the harvester. He said everything looks good
 - The grant money will be approved for Matt's monitoring (we should get 75% of the money paid to him back)
 - CLP Purple Loosestrife / Preble / Mork
 - The board is keeping an eye on the purple loosestrife. It blooms in mid-July. The guys on the Harvester will take pictures as they find any

10) OLD BUSINESS:

- Rice Creek sedimentation pond sign / Mariani / Kelly
 - Dave needs to get the verbiage for the new sign. It will be similar to the Stumps Bay sign. Dave will find out when the sign will be done
- Polk County Shoreline Zoning / Mariani
 - A meeting was called to discuss the boarding house. Proposed changes have been published. In the meeting, a few people spoke up against boarding houses, but then a few who own boarding houses spoke up in favor of them. The recommended is currently being adjusted and should be done within a month or so
 - As of now, the proposed regulations say that if there are 2 complaints, they will be fined and it's likely the license will then not be renewed
- DNR proposed aquatic plant management plan review / Preble
 - Rod has asked Cheryl for a summary and she did not have one. This item will be closed this out
- 2020 Financial Budget / All
 - The budget is ready for the annual meeting
- Dock Side Articles
 - Tom thanked everyone for submitting their Dockside articles
 - One item still needs to be attended to is boat launch fees

11) NEW BUSINESS:

- Annual Meeting July 20th
 - David/Patty working on ballots
 - Working on information/training for registrars
 - Board members need to be there at 8AM
 - Need 2 tables, podium and microphone on main floor. 2 tables in lobby for registration people and one for coffee
- Voter policy / registration
 - Tom obtained an opinion from the attorney regarding voter rules
 - Everyone who resides in the district can vote
 - Need to clarify that where there is a trust, one vote per trust
- Miller pending resignation
 - Dick has resigned from the board due to moving out of the district
- Treasurer appointee
 - Tom has submitted Liz Vickman's background to the board for consideration. She would be willing to act as treasurer. Tom recommended her to the board
 - A question was raised about how many meetings she will be able to attend. Tom affirmed that she would be available
 - Dave brought up that rather than looking for a treasurer, we should be looking for a full board member, and someone who has a lot of history on the lake
 - Bill asked what her position is on the lake and lake management

- Tom noted they are relatively new to the lake (last 3-4 years). She is a retired tax manager who used to be with Deloit & Touche but has retired to raise her children. She is also a treasurer for 2 non profits and has experience with Quick books
- Additional discussion followed as to desired qualifications of a new board member
- Tom proposed appointing Liz Vickman as the board member appointee and installing her in the position of treasurer. The board voted and appointment of Liz as the new board member and treasurer was unanimously approved
- Boat launch fee (donation)
 - If it is a fee, the money can has to go to the villages for launch upkeep
 - Donations could go to BLPRD for launch upkeep, including the CBCW program
 - We would have to get permission from the villages, as well as possibly from the church
 - Bill noted he would like to have permission from the village for the Town Bay and the 46 store landings before he brings it up at the annual meeting
- Power Loading Signs
 - Terry Morton would like to see larger ‘No Power Loading’ signs (the requirement is already a state law)
 - Rod will provide the name of a resource to Bill for follow up with

12) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Rediske
 - No updates
- County / Mariani
 - No updates

13) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

14) ADJOURN:

- Rod motioned to adjourn, Bill seconded, all approved, motion carried.