



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Agenda June 17, 2017, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

- Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:31 AM

**2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

- Tom Kelly, Rod Preble, Ray Sloss, Steve Rediske, Ed McGlynn, Dave Mariani, Bill Mork

**3) OTHERS PRESENT:**

- Patty Kabus (recorder)
- Andy Huss
- Rose and Bob Moodi

**4) APPROVE AGENDA:**

- Rod motioned to approve the agenda, Steve seconded, all approved, motion carried

**5) APPROVE MINUTES:**

- Ed motioned to approve the April meeting minutes, Bill seconded, all approved, motion carried

**6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- None

**7) TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:**

- P&L, balance sheet and budget for April were reviewed by the board
- Bills presented for payment:
  - \$39.47 Balsam Lake Hardware
  - \$25.00 WI State lab of Hygiene
  - \$152.50 Accountant

- \$347.83 Rob Preble (gas and Harvester parts)
- CBCW landing monitor work payroll (various amounts)
- \$450.00 Balsam Lake Rental (office space)
- \$75.00 JJ Webb
- \$1361.00 Harmony Environmental
- Tom motioned to approve the April financials and pay bills, Ed seconded, all approved, motion carried
- Accountant does quarterly reports and the CPA audits them, as well as the end of year audit of income and expenses
- Expense reports for January through June 30th need to be sent in as soon as possible

#### **8) 2018 Budget**

- Discussion on the 2018 budget

#### **9) 2017 Annual Meeting**

- Review agenda for the annual meeting in July (from the Dockside) – Tom asked commissioners to pay attention to when their various items come up
- Bill Mork and Rod Preble are up for reelection – agenda notes that 2 commissioners are up for reelection (Chairman Tom Kelly would have to be notified at least 30 days prior to the meeting) – floor nominations and write in votes can occur at the meeting. Last year people voted as they came in at the door – this year voting will happen from the floor
- Posting will happen 2 weeks in advance – Rod volunteered to post the agenda in the required businesses
- Patty will work the slide show and take notes
- Enter on playground side of the building – the meeting will be in the cafeteria due to construction

#### **10) Water Quality**

- June 29<sup>th</sup> – meeting with Polk County Land & Water
- East Balsam Study / McGlynn
  - # Cedar Lake HAB Aquatics - Alum treatment started this week on Cedar Lake and is being monitored by the commissioners (Ed and Ray monitored yesterday). Using a new approach, Cedar Lake is splitting into 5 treatments over a 3 year period. They are able to apply for a \$200,000 grant each treatment which is why they splitting out to more, lighter dosages. They are focusing first on areas over 19 feet because that is the most problematic in Cedar Lake. The thought is that doing less over time may work better in the long run but improvement may be less visible the first year.
- Sedimentation - Dredging / Preble
  - Work on the permit is ongoing – down to just a couple pieces of information needed, then will go out for review prior to actual submission
  - Rod is working to have the Peterson property perked and documented for depositing material from Raskin Bay. Will likely use bags for the other 2 sites – you have to put plastic and a channel for water to escape. A board

- presentation will happen before the project commences. The DNR will approve the plan before it begins. Possibly may need to have an August meeting to review the plan.
- Possibility to move sedimentation to the compost site after a month or two
  - Discussed other dredging options – more expensive but much faster turnaround time, and could also be used for East Balsam. We could have a presentation down the road after the DNR has provided input
  - Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
    - Harmony Environmental has completed most of the inspections. Currently down to 25 approved. She verifies space and slope and makes recommendations to the homeowner on other things they can do in addition to rain gardens. There is a nursery who is handling the plants. Harmony will refer the homeowner to the garden centers that have the plants
    - \$1000 max grant per homeowner. Homeowners is responsible for up to \$300 (and can use labor at \$12 per hour as part of the \$300)
  - Core/Watershed Study
    - Meeting scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> with the county to discuss studies needed
  - Aquatic Plant Management
    - CLP treatment / Sloss-Preble
      - CLP treatment on East Balsam was very successful
      - CLP is very visible on the main basin. Treatment would not be as effective in the main basin because of currents, etc. Ray reported that this year the early ice out followed by cold water, are ideal conditions for CLP.
      - This year, there are 100 acres approved.
      - This will be the first full year of harvesting so it will be interesting to see how effective it is in helping control the population
      - Both harvesting and chemical treatments (aquathol) could be used in combination to help control it. We are on year 3 of 5 years for chemical treatments.
      - A suggestion was made to have Matt help identify the best spots to treat.
      - Spraying is best for areas over 1 acre
      - Suggestion to post the map showing where the weed is prevalent on the website?
    - CBCW / Sloss
      - Friday/Saturday/Sunday coverage
      - East Balsam – hard to find people willing to cover this landing
      - Could use 2-3 additional people for East Balsam
      - 3 main landings are staffed 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday
    - Harvester / Preble
      - Worked 10 days, average 25 tons per day
      - 450,000 CU feet

- First tooth was bent/broken this last week, hammered back in place (97 cents a tooth)
- Every bed in the lake has been covered already because you can only harvest once it surfaces. But 6-12" down cannot be covered until it gets closer to the surface
- No complaints, but one person texted that there was a lot of weeds floating (however, this was caused by boats, not the harvester)
- The Harvester company sales person will come out and check out the harvester next week
- # Harvester Building
  - No new numbers yet – need to determine if the Menards price has changed
- AIS Rapid Response
  - \$10,000 budgeted is not enough, could ask for an increase the amount available to collect for it (unfunded but approved to spend if needed). This is another reason to have liquidity in the funding.
    - Bone Lake has permits already prepared in the event they need it, have the divers identified, etc. Everything is all documented and ready to go. We will get a copy of their plan and could put our own plan together.

#### **11) LONG TERM PLAN:**

- Long Range Plan Update 2017-18 Kelly
  - May want to delay the 5 year plan until after the watershed study is complete, if it is determined to do it
  - Harmony Environmental will update the plan for us

#### **12) OLD BUSINESS:**

- Summer DockSide
- Lakeland easement on 46 / Kelly - CLOSED
  - They went under the stream without the easement. Bill noted that before we would ever go do anything, we would contact them. Not sure if they went on county land or on BLPRD land
- Bylaws – Special meetings Language / Mork & Kabus
  - To be prepared for the annual meeting

#### **13) OTHER REPORTS:**

- Village / Rediske
  - Summary of village actions provided
  - Dam to be funded by the village this year because there is enough money with the village to cover it
  - New walkway from beach to town, to avoid people walking on the road

- Looking for bids to extend the concrete pads so the sand doesn't get washed out – need to figure out how to prevent power loading. This year, ticketing will be done.
- It is legal to charge people to use a landing (up to \$8.00). Money to use landing would help maintain and improve the landing. This may be discussed in the future.
- County / Dave Mariani
  - Shoreline zoning is being posted in the Dockside
  - Ray – noted the state is currently removing NR-115 (35 foot natural buffer) and will allow counties to write their own zoning rules but cannot be more restrictive than the state
  - Email distribution list – requested again in the dockside (remove from agenda for next month – we will continue our own campaign)

**14) NEW BUSINESS:**

- Balsam Lake T-shirts are in now
- Raffle items
- Ray suggested meeting with the election judges this year for training. May have one additional person, otherwise all are the same as last year. Same lead as last year. Takes a couple hours for training and need a book with everyone's name and address.
- Need to mail to constituents. Patty and Ray to get list from Tom to convert to excel and create book/pages. Meeting is open to the public but only registered voters can vote.

**15) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- None

**16) ADJOURN:**

- Rod motioned to approve the agenda, Ed seconded, all approved