



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes June 19, 2021 8:30 AM

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1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Tom Kelly, Rod Preble, Gary Schneider, Andy Wilhoit, Bill Mork, Dale Ulbrich, Dave Mariani

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus, Recorder

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Eugene (a resident) expressed concern that Alum Treatment approvals could be rejected for future treatments. He feels we do not need a vote for the loan or the tax levy, but just to approve the Alum treatment. Tom replied that we need very specific wording for the loan so do need a vote. Discussion on the timing of the vote during the meeting.

5) APPROVE AGENDA:

- Andy motioned to approve the agenda, Bill seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

6) APPROVE MINUTES:

- May minutes - Dave motioned to approve the May Meeting Minutes, Tom seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

7) TREASURER REPORT:

- Financials / Schneider - Gary presented the May Treasurer's report. Bill motioned to approve the May Financial Reports, Dale seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

8) Water Quality

- East Balsam EBWQ / Wilhoit

- Alum treatment – Annual meeting presentation will be submitted by Hibbs by July 1st.
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
 - A couple of inquiries about projects this year have come in and have been referred to Cheryl Clemens.

9) Aquatic Plant Management and Invasive species

- CBCW / Mork
 - A couple incidents have happened this year but have been addressed. There is a little concern about the quality of the new inspectors. Bill will follow up with Terry to verify if they are present at the right time and if they are checking all boats.
 - There is discussion at the county level about having spray stations for the boats. 4 counties have already adopted this type of ordinance.
- Purple Loosestrife eradication / Mork
 - We can get the permit to spray. Bill will need to speak with the landowners. It is a late summer spray (mid-July). The worst spot is way back in a bog and needs to be accessed from land. There appears to be 3 locations in the lake where purple loosestrife exists, one is on a bog in town bay and difficult to access.
- Harvesting CLP & Navigation / Preble
 - There have been some electrical issues with the harvester this weekend. They have found the issues (caused by mice) and have been working on East Balsam. The new person is working out very well. The CLP on the lake is looking very sparse. CLP is close to being wrapped up, then they can move to navigation.
- APM Plan / Preble
 - Comments have been submitted on the APM plan, then it will be put into draft form for public input. We will present it at the annual meeting, then there is a comment period and then will be adopted by the board. Rod and Cheryl did a lot of work along with public participation on the new plan. Rod will provide a brief presentation on the new plan at the annual meeting.
 - Zebra mussel plates will be installed and Matt Berg will check them when he is doing his invasive species inspection monthly. One will remain in place all year. There will be 2 at each landing. Dale will take responsibility to get the plates. We have 3 of them and need 11 more. Matt Berg will place them where they are needed.

10) OLD BUSINESS:

- Water patrol / PUBLIC MEETING / Preble/ Kelly
 - Tommy is out there working regularly. He's been out for 3 weekends so far and will be out this weekend. He will provide a monthly report to the board.
 - Discussion around the future of the water safety program, we need to ask the Homeowners Association if they are willing to cover the cost of the program. Tommy would like to offer a program so he can meet the kids and develop a relationship with them. There are two other programs occurring in the area. The board supports Tommy doing a program beginning next season.

- 2021 Budget / Schneider
 - The budget has been published in the Dockside. Tom expressed appreciation for Gary's work on the budget this year. Focus at the annual meeting will be focused on the larger differences in the budget, and on the 2022 tax levy reduction due to the 2021 excess funds being applied to the 2022 budget.
- No Wake Zone Marina / Schneider
 - No progress to report. This will take an amendment to the local ordinance to add an additional no wake zone, then it needs to be presented and voted on by the board, with an open meeting. We should be able to handle the amendment internally. Discussion about whether the public meeting could be held in August or whether it should be next year. This is a bit complicated because there would need to be an exception for the waterski show as they go through that area during the show, so Tommy could waive it for those days they are scheduled to perform. Rod will follow up on what is needed to accomplish this this year. Discussion about the fact that the meeting would not be a BLPRD function but rather a municipality function. Possibly, we could have an August meeting after the public meeting so it can be voted on, and then not have a September meeting. Dale noted that since this is already a no wake zone by state law because of the distance from shore, it's just enforcing it and installing buoys. Rod will talk to Tommy. Area would be from the grass island to and area past Paradise Lodge. Tom noted the primary goal from the BLPRD perspective is to have no wakes near the gas docks.
- Polk County watershed project / Ulbrich
 - No updates, this can be closed for now
 - Tom asked if the Land and Water is no longer pursuing a watershed project. Dale confirmed that they don't really have anything going right now.
 - Dale mentioned there is a survey we could send out to homeowners. Rod will forward Dale the contact information for the Homeowners, so they can ask for feedback on the long range plan. Dale will discuss the long range plan at the meeting but this will be kept short at this time.
- Summer DockSide / Kelly
 - This is at the printers and will be mailed late next week. Tom expressed appreciation for everyone's work on the Dockside. There are about 930 unique owners registered. The official notice of the annual meeting will be included in the Dockside.
 - Tom needs everyone's presentations by about July first.
 - Dave will work on the vote for the alum vote

11) NEW BUSINESS

- Annual Meeting
 - The logistics are in place for the meeting
 - Bill volunteered Margaret Mork to bring the donuts

12) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Schneider
 - There are some beach improvements underway
 - Music in the Park is in the works. Discussion followed.
 - Next week, there is a pontoon concert on the water
- County / Mariani
 - No updates from Dave. Tom did discuss the ordinance about boat spraying (prior to putting it in the water) with Chris and he was unaware of it but this will need to be monitored.

13) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- No Wake ordinance adjacent to marina

14) ADJOURN:

- Rod motioned to adjourn, Dave seconded, all approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:39 AM