



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

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

**Regular Meeting June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014  
Polk Business Center Meeting Room**

### **MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:28 a.m. by Ray Sloss.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ray Sloss, Dave Wagner, Carl, Holmgren, Loren Johnson, Glen Jones and Ed McGlynn.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Howard Seim

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mindi Anderson and Steve Riendl

**APPROVE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Dave Wagner and seconded by Glen Jones to approve the agenda. Approved.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Loren Johnson and seconded by Dave Wagner to approve the minutes from May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Approved.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Steve Riendl talked about Dark Skies. He is an avid star watcher. Kids nowadays don't know what the Milky Way is because they can't see it. They don't have the opportunity in the city to see it because the lights are so bright. Glare is bad, bad for business, bad for crime, bad for night sky watching. You want the lighting to go where it needs to be. In the case for Dark Skies, less is more. He can have a presentation ready for the annual meeting if we would like him to. Let him know the length and he will have it ready.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Both Ed M. and Dave W. noted that they needed to give reports early as they had schedule conflicts.

- Carl noted a Unity School Biology project report received from Cole Garvey regarding Rice Creek Balsam Branch Watershed. Based on data gathered; water quality was interpreted as excellent. Awesome job!!
- Glen Jones stated that the street committee met, and that on Mill Street they will be putting in a catch pond, so the run off will no longer be going into the lake.
- New application deadline for AIS, Lake & River grants programs
- Grants can be done online
- <http://dnr.wi.gov/news/input/guidance.html>
- Clean Boats Clean Water will be having ice cream at BLICS @ 3:00 for all kids and board members as a thank you.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Carl reported that as of June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 we had a Bank Balance of \$79,895.73 (includes Checking, Protection Fund Checking, and Savings) and payment of Claims totaling \$668.25 for the period May 18<sup>th</sup> thru June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014.

A motion was made by Loren Johnson and seconded by Glen Jones to approve the Treasurer report and pay claims as presented. Approved.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL:** (Loren Johnson)
  - Spraying was done. Mark Sundeen WDNR, Alex Smith WDNR, and Jeff Hanson Environmental Enforcement Specialist, and Carl Holmgren were all there when they sprayed.
  - Preliminary report received from Matt Berg was CLP and native plants were killed.
  - Permit process needs to be improved. Committee discussed option to apply for 2015 permits when we do the bids in December.
- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER:** (Carl)
  - Very slow start this year.
  - As of June 8<sup>th</sup> Landing statistics for Boats entering or leaving were: 64 – Village Beach, 20 - Little Balsam, 135 - 46 Store, and 99 - East Balsam
  - Weather has been a factor.
- **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER:** (Ray)
  - April 1<sup>st</sup> was mailed to Lake District residences. Feedback on the articles has been positive.
- **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**
  - Balsam Lake Village:** (Caroline)
    - Freedom Fest weekend is in motion
  - Polk County:** (Carl)
    - Board members are still regrouping.
- **BLPRD PUBLIC INFORMATION:** (Ray)
  - none

- **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT:**
  - **Little Balsam:**
    - Dave re-iterated what was said at the May meeting regarding license update and data storage.
  - **Sedimentation Basin (1):** None
  
- **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP):**
  - None.
  
- **WEBSITE:**
  - Updated recently
  - Ray will check to make sure that all meeting minutes are on there.
  
- **WATERSHED PROTECTION**

Ed McGlynn provided update:

  - Noted that the East Balsam impaired water classification was approved.
  - The EPA Management Plan is being updated to make Federal 319 funds available.
  - Received quote from Bill James for 2015 core sample work
  - As a result of the Ayres study; our options seemed limited to Alum, noting that core sample pre-requisite.
  - Other options discussed aeration, pumping, and water-transfer seems to be cost prohibitive.
  
- **CONSERVANCIES:**
  - Ray did a walk down of all our conservancies. All looked great.
  - Dave reported that Harlan Hegdahl from Half-Moon would like to work together with the BLPRD on any issues. Ray will talk to Harlan.
  
- **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**
  - **Secchi Disk Measurement:** Milt Stanze and Dick Miller are working on it.
  - **Water Temperature:** None.
  - **Chemical Balance:** None.
  
- **BLPRD EXECUTIVE:**
  - None

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Culvert Replacement Project (Bridge Project):**
  - Carl noted that we have an Engineers bill from Polk County LAWRD for the balance of services provided for \$11,916.02.
  - After discussion, everyone agreed to work the 2014 budget so that bill could be paid in 2014 so as not to alter the 2015 budget as proposed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2014 ANNUAL MEETING**
  - Ed will prepare a PowerPoint template for all to follow.
  - Review of tasks assigned; everyone seems comfortable.

- Ray and Carl will set up voting booths Friday (7-18-14) night.
- Elections start at 8:00 a.m. so everyone should plan to be there early.

- **2015 BUDGET**

Budget looks good as it stands now. All agreed to move forward.

**FUTURE AGENDA:**

- Annual meeting
- Organizational meeting after the annual meeting.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Glen Jones and seconded by Loren Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Approved.

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Carl Holmgren/Secretary**

**Next meeting: July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Unity High School following Annual Meeting**