



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes March 18, 2017, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Rod Preble, Tom Kelly, Ray Sloss, Steve Rediske, Dave Mariani (telecom)

3. OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus (recorder), Chris Nelson

4. APPROVE AGENDA:

- Ray motioned, Rod all approved to accept agenda, all approved, motion carried

5. APPROVE MINUTES:

- Ray motioned, Rod all approved to accept agenda, all approved, motion carried

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Chris updated on county happenings
- Paul Duxbury requests agenda be posted before the monthly meetings so people can decide whether or not they want to come. He cited a Wisconsin statute requiring this. Tom says this is a logical request, what would be involved in posting it on the website. Ed noted village agenda is posted in 3 places for every meeting. Tom believed it could just be posted on the website. Ray will research the statute to note whether it needs to be physically posted. Tom noted – for April meeting and moving forward it will be posted on the website with at least 48 hours in advance. Rod can post it physically. Ray to inform in April.

7. TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:

- Reviewed Income and expenses
- Got first payments from Apple River, Georgetown, Milltown , 48305.31 total
- Uncategorized money left over from operating acct 73431.52 moved to protection fund 121736.82 profit
- Expenses paid :
 - i. 350 safe deposit box
 - ii. Accounting 387.50
 - iii. Website 59.00
 - iv. Permit fees for aquatic plant 1270
 - v. Software
 - vi. Interest 18.56
 - vii. Pat Johnson property 200
- 196815.47 in operating and protection fund accounts
- Debt has been reduced by 59000, from 138000 to 89000
- Debt should be paid off in 4.5 to 5 years
- Budget Comparison review
 - i. Scholarships 750 – to Wi Lakes
 - ii. Rent 450
 - iii. Water runoff program to UW Stout to finish up work 3000
 - iv. Toilets 4129
 - v. 3000 conservancy
 - vi. Long term 19514 payment on Harvester
 - vii. Additional 29000 grant money payment not cleared yet
 - viii. Equip Maintenance (oil and tarps for Harvester) 69
 - ix. Contract Services 183
- Balance forward into protection fund – 165090.35
- Tom asked if protection fund detail should be on the balance sheet
- Need to break out income and expense to reflect interest paid on load from Feb income and Expense sheet
- Clarification –tax levy comes into operating budget. Left over money is transferred into protection fund annually in February or March. Most municipalities pay in Jan/Feb or July/August
- 3 loans:
 - i. 1: originally 26574, is now 20477
 - ii. 2: originally xxxx, is now xxxx
 - iii. 3: originally xxxx, is now xxxx
- Rice Creek Sedimentation, AIS Rapid Response and building currently unfunded. Need to allocation dollars to specific funds. Tom wants to wait until all commissioners are present
- Bills presented for payment:

- i. JJ web 84
- ii. Balsam Lake Ventures 450
- iii. Rod will need 300 for Harvesting permit
- iv. Patty Kabus 165

- Ray motioned, Steve seconded, all approved to pay bills
- WI Lakes Convention – 3 commissioners will attend, it was paid before the price increased. Coming up in 3 weeks
- Ray to correct financials and resend due to an accounting report error

8. LONG TERM PLAN:

- Bill was to research updating long range plan, bring to April board meeting
- Long Range Plan Update 2017 / Mork & Kelly

9. WATER RUNOFF PROGRAM

- Water Quality – no discussion
- East Balsam Study / McGlynn (not present, update in April)
- Sedimentation - Dredging / Preble
 - i. (working on permits, need picture of each bay with someone standing by them to get a size perspective, need after ice is out) Rod – have a conference call with Dale Erbach is working on the permits on behalf of the BLPRD to make sure we aren't missing something. Ray noted we do not have a project yet for the dredging and can't spend money until we have that noted and budgeted. Tom noted the project is dredging in 3 bays. Rod will work with Dale to create a project plan. Ray: need to understand how funding will work. Rod noted this is phosphorous removal. Need to clarify how it will be paid and for what parts. Project plan should address not just the 3 bays but also other future areas. Don't know yet if we need a 2 point cable system or a self propelled dredger. Rod action item: will scope out which potential areas the cable system would handle. Rod to complete the project plan for this.
 - ii. Tom – app \$6 million spent to dredge a similar lake to East Balsam (Wonder Lake).
 - iii. Clippings: Rod trying to reach person who has a gully to discuss putting dredge material on his land. This is preferred vs. putting in bags.
 - iv. Aeration possibly needs to be researched as well. Rod noted iron seeding is another possibility to bring in to address blue green algae. East Balsam use of this might be a possibility. It may be materially less expensive than Alum. Need more information on aeration
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
 - i. Nothing new. Training session at Lakes Conference, Tom will attend
 - ii. We should hear this month whether we got the grant
- Aquatic Plant Management
 - i. CLP treatment / Sloss-Preble

1. Permit has gone in, waiting for response
 2. Public Notices in process
 3. Once ice comes off lake, we start watching temperature
- ii. CBCW / Sloss –
 1. 2 individuals secured this year
 2. Will be cutting back on hours to bring us back into budget. 200 hours per landing. Tom: voted to fund more for the program
 3. April – hopefully Bass Club guy can come in April to discuss management for fishing tournament
 - iii. Harvester / Preble
- Harvester Building –
 - i. Presentation from Chris Nelson re: Harvester Building bids. Building bid was reviewed. We need to review how the approval was worded to determine limitations on building costs. Over the approved limit, will need to review how the approval at the annual meeting is worded to determine how it is worded. Total bid is \$49,172 – does not include electrical or electric relocation.
 - Rod changed permit to only list beach area, not Perry Mound. Perry Mound is not approved yet. We will inspect with the DNR this summer to determine if it qualifies.
 - Truck will have maintenance work done in April
 - GPS testing will happen in April
 - Lease with City –
 - i. Lease agreement – attorney working on it
 - AIS Rapid Response
 - i. To be discussed next month
 - Conservancies
 - i. Ray will work on sign replacement
 - ii. Ray will keep in touch with Stumps Bay area conservancy

10. OLD BUSINESS:

- Lakeland easement on 46 / Kelly
 - i. Haven't heard back yet
- Bylaws – Special meetings Language / Mork & Kabus
- Healthy Lakes Conference / Mork & Sloss
- Discussion with Dan Harrington as to whether we can pump onto land / Preble
- Settling pond sign needed repairs – Spring 2017 / Sloss
- Chapter 33 Auditing requirements / Mork & Sloss

11. OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Rediske

- i. Serenity House update
 - ii. Working on streets to be repaired
 - iii. Food truck permit granted for county building (but not on county property) once a week
- County / Mariani
 - i. County Land & Water working on new policy for manure storage near lakes
 - ii. Parks dept – we should be part of the discussions because of our responsibility on the dam and beach parks, 46 landing, Elizabeth, Idlewilde. etc

12. NEW BUSINESS:

- **None noted**

13. ACTION ITEMS:

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14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Third party dredging expert to present at annual meeting how dredging would affect the lake

15. ADJOURN:

- Rod motioned to adjourn, Ray seconded, all approved, motion carried