



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

## BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Special Meeting March 19, 2016  
Polk Business Center Meeting Room

### MINUTES

**Ray Sloss as Chairman** presided over the Special Meeting. Mr. Sloss addressed the electorate providing a brief explanation for the purpose of the Special Meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Ray Sloss.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ray Sloss, Rod Preble, Howard Seim and Tom Kelly.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Bill Mork and Ed McGlynn

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Laura Sloss, Election Judge and Margaret Mork, Election Judge.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Pam Scheiller and seconded by Eric Lind to approve the agenda. Approved by a voice vote of the body.

### READING OF THE PREAMBLE AND THE RESOLUTION

- Commissioner Rod Preble, project lead, read the resolution to the body. At the request of an electorate, the preamble and the resolution was read to the body.
- A motion was made by Debby Irestone and seconded by Doug Green to accept the resolution. The floor was opened for discussion.
- A motion was made by Renee Pardello and seconded by Ellen Dirks<sup>1</sup> to table the question until the July 16, 2016 annual meeting. The motion to table was opened for discussion. The discussion included questions on costs to operate, insurance, intent to clean up free floating clippings and risks of spreading invasive aquatic plants (CLP) caused by the harvesting process. The Project Lead discussed the harvesting process. The Chairman asked if there was further discussion on the motion to table. Hearing none the discussion was closed and a vote called.
- The motion to Table 20 yeas and 36 nays. The motion failed.

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<sup>1</sup> Ellen Dirks action on this motion is not verified. The Second was not recorded in the Secretary's notes. The Election Judge provided this information from memory.

- The Discussion on the Harvester Resolution, as read, continued. The original resolution did not specify a (Dump) truck and conveyor. Milt Stanze noted that the wording on the ballot was different than the resolution in that the ballot stated “harvester” and that the resolution that was read stated “harvester and equipment.” The Chairman asked for a motion to amend the ballots to read:

Shall the District Board of Commissioners of the Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District be authorized to borrow the sum of **One Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Forty Five Dollars and 00/100 (\$167645.00)** for the purpose of **financing the purchase of an Aquatic Plant Harvester and equipment**, and levy upon all the taxable property of the district and irrevocable annual tax for the purpose of paying, and sufficient to pay both the interest on the loan as it becomes due and repay the loan principal within 10 years of making of the loan?

- The motion to mend was made by Pam Scheiller and seconded by Caroline Rediske. The motion carried on a voice vote by the body.
- The vote was called on the resolution. The vote was recorded by paper ballot and the results of the vote determined by and reported to the body by the electorate Judges:
  - 48 Yes
  - 12 No
- The Chairman declared the resolution carried.
- A motion to adjourn was requested by the Chairman, Dwight Simpson, “So moved.” Seconded by Milt Stanze. The motion to adjourn carried by voice vote.

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### **The Election Judge’s Report**

The attendees were requested to provide identification. Their names were verified against the Lake District property tax rolls and then a ballot was issued. Regular ballots were printed on green paper; the impaired ballots were printed on pink paper and were issued a unique tracking number. Because the demand for ballots was greater than anticipated six ballots on white paper were issued that contained a unique mark, the signature of the Chairman when the green ballots were exhausted. Only one impaired ballot was issued.

The impaired ballot(s) would only be counted if their count would affect the outcome. This was not the case. One electorate voted before the polls opened. This was done contrary to the Election Judge’s instruction. This action did not affect the outcome of the vote. The count was independently verified by the two election judges as:

48 yes  
12 No

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Laura Sloss

Date

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