



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes March 20, 2021 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT (VIA ZOOM MEETING):

- Tom Kelly, Rod Preble, Gary Schneider, Dave Mariani, Dale Ulbrich

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus, Recorder

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

5) APPROVE AGENDA:

- Add Cheryl Clement aquatic plant management plan to new business
- Rod motioned to approve the agenda, Dave seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

6) APPROVE MINUTES:

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

7) TREASURER REPORT:

- Financials / Schneider - Gary presented the February Treasurer's report. Rod motioned to approve the February Financial Reports, Dave seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

8) Water Quality

- East Balsam EBWQ / Wilhoit
 - Alum Treatment – no update

- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
 - We have a reimbursement request in which will bring in about \$3,000.00 in the next 30 days

9) Aquatic Plant Management and Invasive species

- CBCW / Mork (Kelly provided the update)
 - We received \$4,000.00 which is the initial CBCW grant proceeds. We also received the balance of \$12,000.00 for 2020 in CBCW grant money.
- Harvesting CLP & Navigation / Preble
 - Rod will start the permit application shortly
- Purple Loosestrife eradication / Mork (Kelly provided the update)
 - Bill is working on it and we have identified the largest source on the lake

10) OLD BUSINESS:

- No Wake Zone Marina / Schneider
 - On hold until spring but the village is behind it
- Water patrol / Kelly / Preble
 - Dave read the below resolution:

**RESOLUTION 2021-01
TO ESTABLISH THE BALSAM LAKE WATER SAFETY PATROL**

Whereas, the Village of Balsam Lake Board of Trustees has determined to discontinue the water safety patrol conducted by its Police Department which previously enforced state boating regulations and certain slow-no-wake areas on Balsam Lake, and

Whereas, the Balsam Lake Homeowners Association has previously provided a boat and related equipment and reimbursed the Village for its net costs of operating the water safety patrol and has expressed its willingness to similarly support the Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District if the PRD assumes responsibility for a water safety patrol for Balsam Lake, and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners have determined it would be in the best interests of the District to establish a water safety patrol and assume responsibility to adopt and enforce boating regulations on Balsam Lake, subject to the adoption of necessary authorizing Resolutions by the Village and Towns with frontage on the lake, the appropriation of funds by the Annual Meeting and the agreement of the Association to reimburse the District for its net costs of operating the patrol.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 11) Commissioner Rod Preble is designated to serve as the District’s Water Safety Patrol Coordinator and is directed to take steps necessary to establish a water safety patrol for Balsam Lake, including East Balsam, Little Balsam and Boston Bay to operate first during the 2021 Boating Season, including to: (1) prepare and file documents necessary to obtain recognition for the District as a law enforcement agency, (2) prepare and seek adoption of necessary Village and Town Board resolutions authorizing the District to adopt and enforce an ordinance regulating boating as provided in Sections 30.77 of the Wisconsin Statutes, (3) qualify the District for state cost-sharing funds, and (4) recommend provisions for inclusion in the District’s annual budgets to support the patrol using state cost-sharing funds, Association payments and forfeitures, (5) recommend to the Board of Commissioners terms for Water Safety Patrol agreements with the Association and with one or more qualified law enforcement officers and (6) provide general oversight and responsibility to establish and manage the Water Safety Patrol subject to the authority of the Board of Commissioners.

- 12) The Treasurer, in consultation with the Water Safety Patrol Coordinator, is directed to prepare and present for consideration by the Board of Commissioners no later than April 1, 2021: (1) a draft amendment to the District's 2021 Annual Budget to include revenue and expenses required to conduct the patrol during the 2021 boating season, and (2) a draft 2022 Annual Budget that includes revenue and expenses required to conduct the patrol during the 2022 boating season.

CERTIFICATION OF THE SECRETARY

The undersigned, David Mariani, states and certifies that he is the Secretary of the Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District and that the foregoing Resolution 2021-01 was passed and adopted on the 20th day of March, 2021 at a duly convened meeting of the Board of Commissioners held at Balsam Lake, Wisconsin by a vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

- **Rod motioned to approve the resolution, Dale seconded, all approved, motion carried.**
- Polk County watershed project / Ulbrich
 - Dale sent out a document to the Commissioners and reviewed it with the board. It looks at past long-range plans and identified the goals of each, and will include actions taken toward each goal. He also reviewed a slide showing past major projects. It is a work in progress.

13) NEW BUSINESS

- Cheryl Clement aquatic plant management plan
 - Cheryl will need timelines for when various items will be completed
 - We will need to start this project in April and will need an advisory committee with as many Commissioners as possible, and a committee of District Residents (possibly 6-20 people). Goal is to have something together by May.
 - Dale asked what the time commitment would be for people. Rod said there will be about 3 meetings in total, and Cheryl will try to keep each meeting to about an hour. She will assign homework of things to be thinking about for the next meeting. Cheryl already has a starting point for the first meeting. The committee will last for about 60 days and meetings will likely be on Zoom.
 - Tom noted some members of the previous Alum committee may be interested in being on the committee. He asked people to use their contacts on the lake to recruit committee members and send their contact information to Rod
 - Tom, Dale and Rod confirmed that they will participate as Commissioners
 - Rod will clarify dates with everyone via email
- 2022 Budget / Schneider
 - Gary will be working on the budget this week and will meet with Tom

14) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Schneider
 - The village is remodeling the village and working on the library, and will be finalizing the fireworks turnover
- County / Mariani
 - A new Code Compliance Officer has been hired and is getting up to speed on things
 - it's a bit nebulous at this time, defining what the rules around bunk houses and

boat houses should be. Dale asked what the goals are – are they wanting to create new regulations, or enforce what they currently have? Dave said this will be flushed out and the focus will be on protecting the lake. They will meet over the next few weeks to determine how to move forward and what the focus will be.

15) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- None

16) ADJOURN:

- Gary motioned to adjourn, Rod seconded, all approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 AM