



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

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Regular Meeting May 16th, 2015
Polk Business Center Meeting Room

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Ray Sloss.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ray Sloss, Carl, Holmgren Bill Mork, Glen Jones and Rod Preble, Howard Seim.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Ed McGlynn

OTHERS PRESENT: Mindi Anderson

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Glen Jones to approve the agenda. Approved.

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Bill Mork and seconded by Howard Seim to approve the minutes from April 18th, 2015 with corrections. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Carl Holmgren will be retiring April 2016.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Carl reported that as of May 16th, 2015 we had a Bank Balance of \$106,341.34 (includes Checking, Protection Fund Checking, and Savings) and payment of Claims totaling \$2,421.31 for the period April 19th, 2015 thru May 16th, 2015.
- A motion was made by Bill Mork and seconded by Glen Jones to approve the Treasurer report and pay claims as presented. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL: (Rod / Carl)**
 - **Herbicide Treatment (Carl)**
 - Mark Sundeen & Alex Smith were present on May 5th when Clean Lakes did the herbicide treatment. Very good conditions with water temperature at 59 degrees and mild winds.
 - Kevin Wagner did the sampling again. Carl suggested we obtain a GPS for sampling accuracy. Currently uses lake map and area landmarks.
 - Loren Johnson was thanked as he was the one checking the water temp.
 - **Harvesting (Rod)**
 - Evaluating options and areas to be included. DNR Interested in touring designated areas when aquatic plants in bloom.

- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER: (Carl)**
 - Available volunteers are working, waiting on some to return from college.
 - The beach landing is the only landing that has not had workers at it yet.
 - Discussed having the young adults be independent contractors.
 - Carl is going to look into running an ad in the paper.

- **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER: (Ray)**
 - The Spring Dockside is out and the next issue with annual meeting information will be out July 1st.
 - Carl noted the added postage expense with returned 'undelivered' copies. Ray will evaluate mailing options to minimize returns and added postage costs.

- **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**
 - Balsam Lake Village: (Glen)**
 - Village hired 2 new boat patrol cops.
 - Will have them help with checking boats out

 - Polk County: (Carl)**
 - 2016 is the next election

- **BLPRD PUBLIC INFORMATION: (Ray)**
 - Editorial in the paper. Everyone has read it.

- **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT: (Howard / Rod)**
 - Waiting to schedule with the DNR the lake tour to see where we move forward.
 - Will be done by the annual meeting
 - Other Activity:**
 - Little Balsam: None.
 - Sedimentation Basin (1): None

- **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP): (Bill / Ed)**
 - Carl noted extension received through December 31, 2015 with current grant with estimated balance of \$20,000.

- **WEBSITE: (Ray)**
 - Adding tabs to advertise open volunteer positions and receive applications.
- **WATERSHED PROTECTION (Ed / Bill / Howard)**
 - Water Quality: (Ed)**
 - No report.
 - Drainage Issues: (Bill)**
 - None.
- **CONSERVANCIES: (Ray)**
 - Ray and his wife re-installed the Deaver Property sign.
- **LAKE TESTING ACTIVITIES: (Ed and volunteers Milt Stanze and Dick Miller)**
 - Secchi Disk Measurement: None.
 - Water Temperature: None.
 - Chemical Balance: None.
- **BLPRD EXECUTIVE:**
 - None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update APM Plan**
 - Draft is out for review. Will discuss again at June meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **2016 Budget**
 - Proposed changes discussed.
 - Ray shared with the management team a draft budget showing possible income streams. The management team needs to approve borrowing as an income stream. Estimates for a dredging operation are estimates.
 - Discussed the option of including future Harvesting and Dredging programs as Balsam Lake Protection Fund Expenses.
- **Convention Highlights**
 - Ray, Carl, Howard, and Rod attended noting that it was informational and busy.

FUTURE AGENDA:

- June 20th, 2015
- May-June work on budget for 2016

ACTION ITEMS:

- Bill to research East Balsam and Pine ridge run-off concerns
- Carl and Ed, provide volunteer opportunities write up to Ray.

PROJECTS:

- **Raskin Bay/Dredging:**
 - Rod suggested BLPRD should own equipment & data

- The people who want to look at dredging will cover variable costs.
- Dredging Machine money is not there.
- Rod will contact Chris Nelson to learn how much he is willing to commit toward the Dredging project.
- **Harvester Machine:**
 - We have \$40,000 we could put towards it without raising taxes over fiscal year 2015.
 - We will need to figure out where to store it and maintenance on it.
 - Harvester Machine: we have \$40,000 to put towards it
- **Funding**
 - Ray noted the State of Wisconsin has reserve dollars in cash that they loan for big projects. You can take a loan out for about 3%-4% over a 5-10 year plan.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion was made by Rod Preble and seconded by Howard Seim to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Mindi Anderson/Administrative Assistant to
Carl Holmgren Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting: June 20th, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the Polk Business Center