



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

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

**Regular Meeting May 18th, 2013  
Polk Business Center Meeting Room**

### **MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Howard Seim.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Howard Seim, Caroline Rediske, Carl Holmgren, Loren Johnson, and Ray Sloss. Dave Wagner arrived late.

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Ed McGlynn

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Mindi Anderson and Roger Kiemele.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** A motion was made by Loren Johnson and seconded by Caroline Rediske to approve the agenda. Approved.

**APPROVE MINUTES:** A motion was made by Caroline Rediske and seconded by Ray Sloss to approve the minutes from January 19, 2013. Approved.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Roger Kiemele stated that he has concerns about the bridge project. Roger states that business on Millpond and the residents of the Millpond should be pitching in more money to help fund the project because this will help them.
- Roger also states that if they are going to be spending so much money on the project then they should put in something that they can be proud of, not some aluminum culvert. Not only would that be a huge mistake but a disgrace and eye sore. It would cheapen the lake. Appearance should be the main concern.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Alex Smith sent out the 2013 NW WI Lake Conference brochure, June 21<sup>st</sup> 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Spooner High School, cost is \$40.00 per person.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Carl reported that as of May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013 balances that included; Bank Balance of \$267,680.67 and payment of Claims totaling \$732.96 for the period April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 thru May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A motion was made by Loren Johnson and seconded by Caroline Rediske to approve the Treasure report and pay claims as presented. Approved.

- **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL:** (Loren/Ed)
  - CLP spraying will be done in June.
  - Raskin bay, Plants are coming up. Caroline is keeping a watch.
  - Matt Berg will be up on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> to check plant growth in the lake.
  - Herbicide Plan-samples need to be taken at 1,2,4,6, & 8 hours and then 1 & 2 days after at sites B11,B15 and B19
  - Wild Rice concerns are taken at 1,3,5 days and then 7, 10, 14 days
  - Loren will talk to Matt Berg to see if he would come and do then samples.
  - Expenses for this could come out of the AIS Grant Money
  - Dave Wagner is also going to talk to his son, Kevin, and see if he would like to submit a proposal. The board will need to know by May 22<sup>nd</sup>.
  
- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER:** (Carl)
  - We are under way. 23 students signed up.
  - 2 college kids called to see if they could help out, so going to get them on the June schedule.
  
- **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER:** (Ray)
  - Working with the postmaster to get a reduce rate in mailings.
  - Next issue will go out July 1<sup>st</sup>. Budget, Audit Report letter, and minutes from the 2012 annual meeting will be included. Deadline for articles is June 5<sup>th</sup>.
  - Emails sent out to homeowners to see if anyone is willing to do volunteer for the Secci disk and grab samples activities.
  
- **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**
  - Balsam Lake Village:** (Caroline)
    - Re-organizing after the new trustees were sworn in. Geno D'Agostino is the new VOBL President.
    - Getting bids for a new furnace and air conditioner for the village office.
    - The Geese away products are up at the beach and seem to be doing a good job so far.
    - More buzz and talk going around the about the bridge.
    - Looking at doing some road work around the town.
  - Polk County:** (Carl)
    - Working on Budget Periodization. Carl spoke for the need to retain budget for LAWRD services. Representing the BLPRD and PCALR.
    - Visit with Dana Fry about Act 32, increase of taxes. The only way that taxes could increase is if there is a new construction.
  
- **BLPRD PUBLIC INFORMATION:** (Ray)
  - Ray and Caroline came up with an idea for the board members to have shirts.
  - They would look more professional when they go conferences and at the annual meeting.
  - Would have 2 different shirts, 1 polo shirt and 1 dress shirt.

- The logo was modified and approved by all.
- A motion was made by Ray Sloss and seconded by Loren Johnson for the BLPRD to purchase 2 shirts each; 1 polo and 1 dress for each commissioner and administrative assistant. Shirts will be done by Sew Creative. Approved.
- **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT:**
  - **Little Balsam:** Proposal from Barr (tracking of the Delta) Dave is going to send out the proposal to all the board members for them to look over. Cost estimate was \$3,500.00.
  - With tracking we would have documentation of what is going on-DNR might be more apt to help us with this project.
  - **Sedimentation Basin (1):** None.
- **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP):**
  - Discussed working with Cheryl Clemens about follow-ups.
  - Place article in the Dock side noting grant money expires 12/31/13.
- **WEBSITE:** Spring Dockside and approved minutes are available.
- **WATERSHED PROTECTION**
  - Water Quality:**
    - Discussed the need to have long term project for East Balsam and provide budget for it.
  - Long Term Suggestions:**
    - Aquatic species that you can plant-talk with Jeremy Williamson
    - Getting residents on board with WRP
    - Put it in the budget for 2014
    - Consider a water run (flow) study done
    - Ray has contacted volunteer to do some grab samples right.
    - Identify when Jeremy can do core samples (100 years) historic stand point
    - Follow up with bid to perform a phosphorus release study. (Barr has suggested they will complete a proposal if requested).
    - \*East Balsam Project-may have to budget for a project manager.
- **CONSERVANCIES:**
  - Working with Jane Malischke on a convent that would stay with the Stumps Bay if it were to be sold in the future. Doing more research on what it all entails.
  - Ray is working on Conservancy signage for Stump Bay and Rice Creek property.
- **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**
  - **Secchi Disk Measurement:** None.
  - **Water Temperature:** None.
  - **Chemical Balance:** None.
- **BLPRD EXECUTIVE:** None.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Culvert Replacement Project (Bridge Project):**

- Reviewed the options with two of the bidders who bid.
  - Met with Contech representative regarding bridge structure for options. Received a 2<sup>nd</sup> option (Aluminum Culvert) to consider.
  - Project will be re-defined as an install (structure purchased through vendor) with two options.
  - Schedule for bids is July 1<sup>st</sup> and opening July 15<sup>th</sup>. Construction start date is September 3<sup>rd</sup> with completion by mid-October.
  - All financing options are being considered.
- **Long Term Work Plan Discussion:**
    - Tabled until the next meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **2014 Budget:**
  - Need to add new projects to the line items to Lake Management.
  - Discussed the need to increase the Water Quality project and Lake Management.
- **2013 Annual Meeting**
  - Updated task list
  - Carl will reserve facility and get the tax roll as of July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Caroline will arrange registration
  - Ray will put notices in the paper and Dockside
  - Howard will get the guest speaker
  - Dave will arrange for Doughnuts.

**FUTURE AGENDA:**

- Annual Meeting
- Budget

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business, a motion was made by Caroline Rediske and seconded by Dave Wagner to adjourn the meeting at 11:43 p.m. Approved.

**Respectfully submitted:**

**Mindi Anderson, Administrative Assistant for  
Carl Holmgren/Secretary**

**Next meeting: June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the Polk Business Center meeting room.**