



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes May 18, 2019, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Tom Kelly, Steve Rediske, Andy Wilhoit, Bill Mork, Rod Preble (teleconference), Dave Mariani (teleconference)

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus (recorder, teleconference)

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

5) APPROVE AGENDA:

- Bill motioned to approve the agenda, Rod seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

6) APPROVE MINUTES:

- Rod motioned to approve the April Meeting Minutes, Andy seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

7) TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:

- Balance Sheet, P&L and budget for April were presented and reviewed by the board.
- Protection Funds have been moved to a money market account at RCU.
- Steve motioned to approve the April Balance Sheet, P&L and Budget, Andy seconded, all approved, motion carried.
- Dick has sold his cabin and has therefore resigned from the board. Tom will appoint someone with the approval of the board. It would be nice to find someone who could

step into the treasurer's shoes. Actual accounting could be outsourced but still need a treasurer. Andy is leading the East Balsam Alum project with assistance from Tom and Rod

8) Water Quality

- East Balsam Miller / Wilhoit
 - Meeting at 10:00 today
 - Informational Meeting on June 8th at Unity School. Tom and Rod will coordinate posting notices
 - Tom noted it is the board's position to fund projects and to determine how to pay for it. The process needs to be consistent across the board
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
 - No Changes. One person has expressed interest in doing it this year. Tom noted we have about 9 spots we could still use this year but we did not apply for grant money for next year
 - Harvesting permit has been applied for
 - CLP spraying not needed again this year. We will be refunded the money we paid last year
 - 2 new people have been lined up to run the harvester this year
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- Aquatic Plant Management and Invasive species
 - CBCW / Mork
 - Boat landing monitoring has started
 - Bill noted he had a conversation with Annie at the DNR and she stated that Lake districts can collect reasonable fees at boat launches. The money can be used for the maintenance and operation of the landings, so could be used to offset some of the CBCW payroll costs. Alternative for an annual fee and sticker for those who use the lake multiple times. Tom asked how Bill wants to approach it and Bill said he has written an article. Terry could informally ask people at the launches
 - CLP Purple- Loosestrife / Preble / Mork
 - Matt will check to see where the Purple Loosestrife is located so it can be eradicated manually

9) OLD BUSINESS:

- PINE ISLAND BAY PROPERTIES add to district / Mariani
 - This has been filed by the attorney
 - Dave to follow up to see if it has been handled yet. Per Dave, it won't show up until 2020
- Rice Creek sedimentation pond sign / Mariani / Kelly
 - No progress, Dave hasn't gotten hold of the lady at the school yet. Rod gave Dave the phone number of a local person who can make the sign
- Polk County Shoreline Zoning / Mariani

- Tom has Dave's article to go into the Dockside
- 2 people have been appointed to the Environmental Services committee
- Shoreline ordinance zoning is in progress
- A new county administrator has been hired
- DNR proposed aquatic plant management plan review / Preble
 - No change. Tom suggested Rod ask Cheryl for her opinion and if she has a summary. Kaitlyn Anderson may also have a summary
- 2020 Financial Budget / All
 - Tom has sent out 2 budgets – one with and one without the Alum project included but it is just about ready to go. Tom will have it finalized by the June 15th meeting
 - Bill asked if we will have compressed financials, Jan – May for publication. Tom affirmed we will
 - Budget, financials, minutes from last year's meeting and agenda will be in the Dockside
 - Dick has approached our accounting firm to do the monthly financials during this interim when we don't have a treasurer
 - On May 2nd, dam fund was in excess of the \$100,000 limit so it will not be funded this year
- Dock Side Articles
 - All articles have been submitted. Rod will write an additional article with reasoning behind cancelling the dredging project

10) NEW BUSINESS:

- Voter policy / registration
 - Call into attorney to get an opinion on the voting policy
- Miller pending resignation
 - Dick Miller has formally resigned since he no longer resides in the district
- Treasurer appointee
 - Tom is following up on a few candidates
- Bill will be researching collecting boat launch fees to offset the CBCW project costs

11) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Rediske
 - Peterson trail has had a lot of issues with septic freeze-up this year. Someone will be following up to find out why it happens (it is beneath the road) in an effort to get it fixed
 - Signs can be scrolling but not flashing
 - Buying a new lawn mower
 - Wall in front of the library will be removed
 - 9 applications for a police chief but did not hire them
 - Steve has again been appointed to the rehab committee
 - Meetings will be moved up one hour
 - Suicide walk is happening today

- County / Mariani
 - Dave was unable to make contact with Chris but is not aware of anything new

12) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Museum will have a dinner at BrowTine on August 15th at 5:00 PM to raise funds. They are pursuing silent auction items. A few ladies are coming to talk about the history of supper clubs in the area

13) ADJOURN:

- Rod motioned to adjourn, Andy seconded, all approved, motion carried.