



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes May 20, 2017, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Tom Kelly, Rod Preble, Ray Sloss, Steve Rediske, Ed McGlynn (teleconference), Dave Mariani, Bill Mork

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus (recorder)
- Paul Duxbury
- Laura Sloss

4) APPROVE AGENDA:

- Ray motioned to approve the agenda, Dave seconded, all approved

5) APPROVE MINUTES:

- Ed motioned to approve the April meeting minutes, Bill seconded, all approved

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

7) TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:

- P&L, balance sheet and budget for April were reviewed by the board
- Protection Fund discussion and clarification
 - Discussion – funds in protection funds are unrestricted, ‘soft’ allocations only
 - Funds needing to be paid up front and then reimbursed in the back end can be borrowed from this fund and then paid back when we are reimbursed

- Tom motioned to approve the April financials, Steve seconded, all approved, motion carried
- Bills presented for payment:
 - \$86.00 JJ Webb
 - \$510.00 truck insurance
 - \$144.00, 306.00, 306.00, 267.75 Clean Boats Clean Water monitoring
- Rod motioned to approve the April financials and pay the bills, Ed seconded, all approved, motion carried

8) 2018 BUDGET:

- Discussion on the 2018 budget
- Action item: Dave to review Lake District boundaries for taxation – review how they were defined and determine if some are missing

9) LONG TERM PLAN:

- Long Range Plan Update 2017-18 / Mork & Kelly
 - Proposal reviewed and budgeted for 2018
 - Survey will involve constituents
 - Jeremy at County (Land and Water) will assist and speak on 5 year plan
 - Dredging, water study will be in the 5 year plan

10) WATER RUNOFF PROGRAM:

- Water Quality
 - East Balsam Study / McGlynn
 - Study probe is going back into East Balsam next week
 - Study throughout summer
 - Contacted Paul at DNR for pricing for core sediment study
 - Cedar Lake alum meeting in June for deployment
 - Budget for next year – additional core study and sampling for next year – approximately \$30,000 (provides history of the lake over decades – look at as a possibility to identify if we are in a repeating cycle or if this is a new issue). Possibility to get grant money to help with this
 - Action item: look into possibility of grant money for the core / watershed study (contact Jeremy at county to apply for 67% grant money)
 - County suggested a whole lake 3 year study
 - Watershed study is also possibility to look at lake feeders
 - Aeration – configuration of East Balsam makes this not a good candidate for aeration – not enough stratification
 - Tom noted that dredging was ruled out in a previous East Balsam study
 - # HAB Aquatics – Alum
 - Included in the previous East Balsam discussion
 - Sedimentation - Dredging / Preble

- Rod discussed dredging work and discussion, permit efforts
- Dredging efforts are being considered for phosphorous (not navigation)
- Significant progress towards gathering information and identifying missing information on dredging
- Actively working with the county and the DNR, who supports the dredging for phosphorous reduction. Perk test for dredging on land will be needed, and a volume study to ensure there is enough room to hold the solids
- Selective dredging could mean a different dredging machine would be needed. This may mean a different project to determine a different use for the dredging to also improve water quality
- Dave moved we expand study of dredging. Tom noted we continue current study of the 3 bays and notify constituents that there is interest in a broader use for dredging, for water quality improvement
- Rod also noted that dredging of ponds/swamps may help downstream phosphorous runoff
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
- Aquatic Plant Management
 - CLP treatment / Sloss-Preble
 - CBCW / Sloss
 - Kickoff in April
 - Landings weren't monitored after the opener. Cut back to stay in budget, to Friday-Monday
 - Rod to have Brian Masters come in this spring to talk with the board possibly in June
 - Bill – we need to coordinate monitoring with tournaments
 - Commissioner received a comment on landing monitoring the week following the Balsam Lake Bass Masters tournament
 - Harvester / Preble
 - It is in, GPS is uploaded, in progress to set it up
 - Harvesting to begin when Matt tells us, probably early June
 - # Harvester Building
 - # Lease with City
 - In progress
 - AIS Rapid Response
 - Could cost closer to 20,000 if needed (per Matt Berg when he was here)
- Conservancies

11) OLD BUSINESS:

- June DockSide

- Need to include proposed budget in the June Dockside
- Watershed Management
 - Rod reviewed the watershed study estimates (3 year study)
 - Does not include septic study and possible well water testing (if needed)
 - Also includes archeological testing to show when the big changes happened
 - Flow test will show if the problem is caused by runoff or other sources
 - Possibility to have Jeremy present at the annual meeting (30 minutes max)
- Lakeland easement on 46 / Kelly
- Bylaws – Special meetings Language / Mork & Kabus
- Audits Healthy Lakes Conference / Mork & Sloss
- Discussion with Dan Harrington as to whether we can pump onto land / Preble
- Settling pond sign needed repairs – Spring 2017 / Sloss

12) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Rediske
- County / Mariani
 - Email distribution list
 - County is going to begin enforcing removing trees within 35 feet of the shoreline

13) NEW BUSINESS:

14) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

15) ADJOURN:

- Rod motioned to approve adjourn , Dave seconded, all approved