



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes May 21, 2022 8:30 AM

Call in phone number 612-508-0879

1) CALL TO ORDER:

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

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Tom Kelly, Gary Schneider, Dale Ulbrich (teleconference), Andy Wilhoit, Bill Mork, Dave Mariani (teleconference)

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus (recorder, teleconference)
- Jack Weix

4) APPROVE AGENDA:

- Commissioner Mariani motioned to approve the agenda, Commissioner Mork seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

5) APPROVE MINUTES: April 2022

- Review April Minutes. Commissioner Schneider motioned to approve the April Meeting Minutes, Commissioner Wilhoit seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

7) TREASURER REPORT:

- March & April Financials / Schneider
 - Harvester has now been paid off
 - All townships have paid their first tax payments
 - Financials / Schneider - Commissioner Schneider presented the March Treasurer's report. Commissioner Mork motioned to approve the March Financial Reports, Commissioner Mariani seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

8) Water Quality

- East Balsam EBWQ / Wilhoit
 - 2022 Alum treatment – all set for June 18 and 19 application
 - Grant has been applied for
 - We should have the documents ready by mid-June for the Alum loan

9) Aquatic Plant Management and Invasive species

- CBCW / Mork
 - Everything is all set for this year, everyone is lined up to work
 - Bill would like to include a few sentences about potential cleaning stations in his CBCW article
- Purple Loosestrife Yellow Iris eradication / Mork
 - 2 bays in East Balsam will be treated with beetles this year
 - This year's survey has indicated that we should do a chemical treatment in 2 areas this year with a total of 30+ acres (which meets the 25 acre minimum)
 - Harmony Environmental has indicated support to spray in the North Central and South Central areas in East Balsam this year
 - If approved by the board, the spraying would be done in the first week of June
 - All Commissioners agree to move forward with spraying the 2 areas in East Balsam
- Harvesting CLP & Navigation / Kelly
 - This year's harvesting crew is set to start. We have 4 people lined up to harvest this year
 - Harvesting will begin in mid-June
 - We need to keep succession planning in mind for the future. Don Coddington has committed to run the program for this year
 - Tom has had a discussion with the person who leads the Apple River harvesting, who may be willing to help if we need it. They harvest about 5 times as much as we do

10) Water Patrol / Schneider

- Commissioner Schneider reported that Tommy Thompson plans to do most of the patrol work this year
- Next year, we may look at posting for another person in January for next year. Tommy is also working on recruiting someone for next year

11) OLD BUSINESS:

- Commissioner No Wake Zone Marina vote / Schneider / Mariani
 - We would like to present the resolution to pass the no-wake zone for passage
 - The signage will need to be added to the signs at each launch, showing the new no-wake zone location
 - Resolution for new no wake zone read by Commissioner Dave Mariani, Secretary:

**BALSAM LAKE, POLK COUNTY, WISCONSIN
ORDINANCE RESOLUTION 2022-01
AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2021-01
TO REGULATE BOATING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES
ON THE WATERS OF
BALSAM LAKE, EAST BALSAM LAKE,
LITTLE BALSAM LAKE AND BOSTON BAY**

- 1) WHEREAS, with authorization from the Village of Balsam Lake and the Towns of Apple River, Balsam Lake, Georgetown and Milltown, the District enacted its Ordinance 2021-01 to regulate boating and related activities on the waters of Balsam Lake, East Balsam Lake, Little Balsam Lake and Boston Bay; and
- 2) WHEREAS, that Ordinance established three Slow No Wake areas; and
- 3) WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners believe that a fourth Slow No Wake area located in the channel located between the Sunnyside Marina and Paradise Island as shown on the Map attached hereto is necessary to protect public health, safety and welfare, and
- 4) WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have considered the Department's advisory review, public comments submitted to the District and offered at the public hearing, the listed Balsam Lakes' types, sizes, shapes and depths, features of special environmental significance, the amount, type and speed of boating traffic, boating safety and congestion and the degree to which the boating traffic on the body of water affects other recreational uses and the public's health, safety and welfare, including the public's interest in preserving the state's natural resources and an advisory letter from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources dated April 6, 2022, and based on its consideration of the matter, the Board of Commissioners have determined to amend Ordinance 2021-01 to include a fourth Slow No Wake Area located in the channel located between the Marina and Paradise Island; and
- 5) NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Commissioners of the Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, pursuant to its authority under the laws of Wisconsin, including without limitation, Section 30.77(3) and Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes, DO ORDAIN as follows:
 - 6) AMENDMENT NO. 1
 - 7) TO
 - 8) BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
 - 9) ORDINANCE 2021-01
 - 10) 1. Section 6 is amended to read as follows:
 - 11) Section 6. Slow No Wake Areas. No person shall operate a boat faster than slow-no-wake in the following locations: the channels connecting Balsam Lake with East Balsam Lake and Little Balsam Lake the channel south of the first island approaching the Balsam Lake public boat landing and a portion of the channel south of Paradise Island. The locations of these slow-no-wake areas shall be shown on a map posted at each public boat landing on the affected lakes and may be marked by regulatory markers authorized by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources placed each end of those designated areas identified by the Global Positioning System.
 - 12) 2. Effective Date, Posting and Filing. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and posting or publication as provided by law, but not earlier than May 27, 2022. This Ordinance shall be prominently posted at all public access points on the affected lakes and filed with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.
- Commissioner Mork motioned to approve the resolution, Commissioner Wilhoit seconded, all approved, motion carried. The no wake ordinance has passed
- 2022 budget

- Commissioner Schneider asked whether we will need to budget for 2 cleaning stations at about \$72,000.00 for next year, anticipating that 50% will be covered by a grant
- Discussion about the need to also include the less expensive cleaning stations for the 2 lesser-used launches. This would cost about \$29,000.00 additional for the 2 smaller units
- The hand-held stations could also be placed at the other, ‘unofficial’ launches, which are at a much lower cost of about \$2900.00 per unit. These are signs with hoses attached but do not include vacuums for removing water from live wells, etc
- Commissioner Kelly asked Commissioner Ulbrich to send out information about all the various options and costs for a total plan so it can be included in the budget
- Commissioner Kelly noted that the tax appropriation rate is going up slightly in the new budget, primarily due to increased labor costs
- Summer Dockside
 - Articles are due today and have all been received
 - Commissioner Ulbrich will modify his article to include all launches
 - The next Dockside will go out late June or the first of July
 - Commissioner Kelly thanked everyone for getting all the articles in so timely and said they are all high quality articles
- Polk County AIS decontamination ordinance / All AIS Transportation Amendment - BOAT CLEANING STATIONS CD3 / Ulbrich
 - The cleaning stations – the grant will be started by June 1st with preliminary application due by September 1st with final submission by November 1st. If approved, they will pay between 40 and 60 percent of the costs the first year since the payments are spread out over 3 years
 - We likely can’t do anything until next calendar year as far as getting the cleaning stations installed. This year we can do some preparations such as painting line markers. Commissioners Mork and Ulrich will put something in his article about the cleaning stations to begin education.
 - There are 38,000 CD3 units already installed around the country
 - 78% effective in lakes that have them
- Shoreline title lien Wenger Property / Kelly
 - Commissioner Kelly has gotten the lien release approval and has forwarded it to Mr. Wenger
- Large wave boats
 - A recap of where we are at was presented by Commissioner Kelly
 - The current ordinance is 100 feet from shore and from other boats, 200 feet for jet skis
 - Commissioner Kelly will write a short article noting what the current ordinance is
 - If problems continue, we would be looking at adding an additional ordinance

12) NEW BUSINESS

- Website / Mariani
 - Commissioner Kelly and Commissioner Mariani shared that our Website Administrator has suggested updating and redesign the website. We have 2 proposals – one is \$2000 for a complete redesign and the other is just for an upgrade for about \$700. We would like to go with the \$700 upgrade only at this time.
 - Commissioner Mariani will contact JJ Web Services and ask them to move forward with the upgrade only.
- Commissioner Vacancy / Kelly
 - Commissioner Kelly introduced Jack Weix as a potential replacement for Rod Preble's vacated seat.
 - Jack has been a significant contributor on the APM plan and has been on multiple lakes his entire life.
 - Commissioner Kelly made a formal recommendation to appoint Jack Weix as Commissioner. Commissioner Wilhoit motioned, Commissioner Mariani seconded, all approved, motion carried.

13) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Schneider
 - Rod's position on the village board was filled with the top vote-getter from the last election
 - Work on the dam will be done this year. The BLPRD cost will be \$2800.00
- County / Mariani
 - Commissioner Kelly has sent an email to Jason, requesting that Commissioner Mariani be retained on the county board
 - Commissioner Kelly and Mariani will need to talk about how to proceed with the new County Commissioner. Commissioner Kelly suggested Commissioner Mariani contact either Jason at the county, or the County Administrator, Vince Netherland, to discuss
 - There is now a Shoreline Owner's Handbook available and the BLPRD will order some to have available at the annual meeting
 - Commissioner Weix suggested also putting a digital copy on the website, which everyone agreed is a good idea

14) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- None

15) ADJOURN:

- Commissioner Mork motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Weix seconded, all approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 11:33 AM