



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

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting November 16th, 2013
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: Howard Seim, Caroline Rediske, Carl Holmgren, Ray Sloss, Ed McGlynn, Dave Wagner and Loren Johnson.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mindi Anderson

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Loren Johnson to approve the agenda with the additions. Approved.

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Caroline Rediske and seconded by Howard Seim to approve the minutes from October 19th, 2013. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Harlen Hegdal contacted Carl Holmgren about Otter Creek Ranch burying horses on their ranch. Carl contacted Land & Water and Zoning for their input and whether DNR should be involved.
- The snowmobile club approached Carl and wanted to know if it was okay to pass over the land that the BLPRD owned, they want to include the VFW on its trail stops. Dave noted that we would like something in writing from the snowmobile club that we are not responsible for anything if something were to happen, a no harmless agreement.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Carl reported that as of November 16th, 2013 balances that included; Bank Balance of \$101,587.92 and payment of Claims totaling \$107,303.91 for the period October 15th, 2013 thru November 15th, 2013. A motion was made by Ed McGlynn and seconded by Howard Seim to approve the Treasurer report and pay claims as presented. Approved.

It is recommended that we hold the \$10,000 that is normally given to the Village for Dam maintenance. There is \$60,900 in the account now; we want a detail of what the money is going to be used for. Caroline is going to look into it.

A motion was made by Ed McGlynn and seconded by Caroline Rediske to hold the check for the dam maintenance until we receive more answers as what the money is going to be used for. Approved.

A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Ed McGlynn to approve the 2014 Tax Levy. Approved.

- **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL:** (Loren Johnson)
 - Grab samples report is in: the report stated that we didn't get any kill. It was a complete wash. It didn't work. The spray wasn't applied at the right time, it was stated that the temperature of the water was 65° when it should of have been done between 50°- 60°. Air temperature was 71° with the winds 3-5 south east wind on the day of the spray.
 - Was suggest that we submit this report to Jim Bartlett and ask for his written response along with his proposal. Loren will follow up.
 - Look at adding at 25% retention in the contract in case the spray doesn't work again so we don't lose the money again.
 - Main lake-checked the beds, they all keep moving.
 - Endangered Species (Matt Berg) noted that we have 65 acres CLP in East Balsam
 - Suggested changes for AIS Herbicide Bids:
 - Open bids in February
 - Treat up to 65 acres using Endothall concentration at 1.5 ppm.
 - Add a 25% retention fee until treated results approved
 - Continue doing grab samples after the spray is applied.
 - Harvesters: Grant vs. Buy discussion:
 - Need to update the APM plan
 - What options are available
 - Present it at the 2014 annual meeting

- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER:** (Carl)
 - All of the volunteer's checks have finally cleared.
 - Village will be sending invoice for wages paid.
 - Working on Grant reimbursement documentation

- **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER:** (Ray)
 - None.

- **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**
Balsam Lake Village: (Caroline)

- Glen Jones (BLACC Chairman) presented the Village of Balsam Lake with a check for \$1,300.00 to be used as needed for the Bridge project.
- An action plan is started to acquire the Anderson property by the Beach.
- Street meeting Tuesday, November 19th. A few people from Faith Lutheran will be there to discuss their parking lot used by the Bridge contractors.

Polk County: (Carl)

- Budget approved.
- Discussed options for per diems with new incoming 15 member board.

● **BLPRD PUBLIC INFORMATION: (Ray)**

- Ray provided update regarding Village Street meeting discussion regarding Bridge projected over-runs. Noted current estimate to be \$32,000. Based on project cost share; the BLPRD would be 50%. Carl noted that we wait and see the final payment request to see what the actual overage is and evaluate our position. We are limited to current amount approved in the 2013 budget with any overages presented at the 2014 annual meeting.

● **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT:**

- **Little Balsam:**
 - None.
- **Sedimentation Basin (1):** Mapping is all done. It is online. Still need to do more readings next year.

● **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP):**

- Carl noted that he requested and received an extension of current WRP Grant through 12/31/14. We still have an estimated \$21,000 funding available.
- Need to get people more aware of the WRP benefits.
- Discussed workshops at the annual meeting, have vendors set up booths.
- Suggested Paver project at the beach. Estimated at \$30,000 (more or less).
- Noted that required soil testing be done before project is approved.
- Dave mentioned the Night Sky presentation for keeping night sky as natural as possible, get people more aware so they can get rid of flood lights. Suggested options included; information in dockside, mailings, and include in BLPRD and BLHA (Homeowners) websites.
- Discussed option for doing an incentive program for homeowners to do a WRP project. ,
- Get Cheryl Clemens involved with the help of the incentive program.

- **WEBSITE:** Ray noted the monthly meeting minutes and past Dockside issues are included. Put up a link to the water quality project that is ongoing.

● **WATERSHED PROTECTION**

Water Quality: Results for East Balsam are in for September but we are still waiting on the results for August. All the data that we get goes to Jennifer Filbert, she then enters into the SWIMS data.

Ed is going to set up a meeting with Aaron and Alex to talk about getting East Balsam on the impaired list for 2014 instead of 2016 in which they are thinking. Ray would like to be present during that meeting to just listen in.

- **CONSERVANCIES:**
 - None.
- **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**
 - **Secchi Disk Measurement:** None
 - **Water Temperature:** None.
 - **Chemical Balance:** None.
- **BLPRD EXECUTIVE:** None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Culvert Replacement Project (Bridge Project):**
 - Current estimate for cost overrun is \$32,000.
 - Discussion needs to be done between Village, County and the BLPRD to follow-up with previous Village Street Committee meeting.
 - Noted in the MOA procedure for expected overages. Carl noted that there was one change order approved by the county engineer (assumed that discussion with Village was made).
 - Ray suggested that Howard (Bridge Project Team Chairman) schedule a meeting to discuss project expenses.
 - Ray noted that extra expense require approval at the annual meeting. No meeting has been scheduled at this time.
- **Long Term Work Plan Discussion: (Noted comments)**
 - Tabled till next meeting.
- **2014 Bids:**
 - Notices for Toilets, Insurance, and Herbicide Treatment have been placed in the local newspaper.
 - Carl will update the herbicide bid as discussed and mail to vendors for December Bid opening.
- **Water Diversion Project: (Howard)**
 - Discussed the telephone meeting on October 25th.
 - They liked Ed's idea about pumping water from stump bay to East Balsam. Unknown costs at this time.
 - Howard will notify Ayres regarding funding for the project with a start date in 2014 and a presentation at the Annual Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- The Annual awards luncheon/dinner will be at Indianhead Supper Club on Saturday, December 21st at 5:00. You will order off the menu and responsible for your own beverages. Carl will update budget presentation to identify at the annual meeting.

REVIEW NEW ACTION ITEMS:

- **Loren:** Sampling results follow-up.
- **Carl:** Garbage cost.-closed, not enough support to go forward.

- **Ed:** None.
- **Ray:**
- **Howard:** None.
- **Caroline:**
- **Dave:**

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

Respectfully submitted:
Carl Holmgren/Secretary

Next meeting: December 21st, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the Polk Business Center