



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes November 16, 2019, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

- Bill Mork called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM

**2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

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

**3) OTHERS PRESENT:**

- Patty Kabus (teleconference – recorder)
- Bryce Thompson

**4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- None

**5) APPROVE AGENDA:**

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

**6) APPROVE MINUTES:**

- Review October minutes draft. Rod motioned to approve the October Meeting Minutes, Steve seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

**7) TREASURER REPORT:**

- October financials / Vickman
  - Review October financials.
  - Payroll expenses have been reclassified to appropriately allocate amounts to boat monitoring and harvesting
  - Special District Apportionment was filed by the November 15 due date

- Correction was made to the 2020 budget to exclude \$185,000 of taxpayer assessments for the East Balsam Alum treatment; there was an equal reduction to both revenue and expenses, for a net impact of zero
- Tom motioned to approve the October financials, Dave seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

#### **8) THOMSON DETACHMENT PETITION – PUBLIC HEARING**

- Tom motioned to hold a public hearing on the Thompson detachment, Rod seconded, all approved. Motion carried.
- Bryce read statute section 33, then explained the history of his land ownership in the Balsam Lake area and why he is looking to be removed from the lake district. He read parts of the letter he wrote requesting to be removed from the lake district. Bryce stated he was a former board member of the lake district.
- Bill noted that the board will review his request and have a decision by the December meeting or shortly thereafter.
- Rod motioned to close the public hearing, Steve seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

#### **9) Water Quality**

- East Balsam EBWQ / Wilhoit / Kelly
  - Long Range Plan Amendment
    - Everyone has reviewed and it has been posted. Bill motioned to approve the long range amendment, Andy seconded, all approved, motion carried.
  - Alum Treatment Resolution
    - Dave motioned to approve the Alum Treatment Resolution, Tom seconded, all approved, motion carried.
  - Alum Treatment monitoring
    - Rod motioned to approve the alum treatment monitoring, Liz seconded, all approved, motion carried.
  - Planning grant exception request
    - The planning grant exception is related to the lifetime CAP of \$100K allowed by DNR. We need to obtain an exception to maximize planning grant request for Alum as we have already recd approximately \$98,000 for different projects ie LRP etc.
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
  - Were granted money in 2018, still available

#### **10) Aquatic Plant Management and Invasive species**

- CBCW / Mork
  - Under budget this year due to the rain
  - Terry needs to hire close to a whole new crew for next year
  - Grant needs to be applied for, Cheryl will assist. SWIMS data is all entered so it will be straightforward. Tom asked if the volume requirements were met. (Per Patty – Bill and I reviewed and the minimum hours requirements were met for all landings)
- Harvesting CLP / Preble
  - Rod provided an update on the harvesting season

#### **11) OLD BUSINESS:**

- Launch fees public landings / Mork
  - The village will be building a voluntary deposit box for the beach and the 46 landing over the winter
  - Bill to approach Georgetown about the East Balsam landing
- Unemployment Claim / Mork
  - Liz will reach out to the accountants about legality of the claim since it is seasonal employment.

#### **12) NEW BUSINESS**

- Bylaws review / Mariani
  - Dave has not been able to reach Eric Olson but will have a proposal ready for the December meeting to use the people of the lakes wording in our bylaws instead of our current wording. Dave will provide a good summary of the differences in December.
- Bill noted that if we will continue to have teleconferences, we need to get a better telephone line for conference calls. Tom has already looked into this but does not yet know the cost. Tom will come back at December board meeting with a cost.

#### **13) OTHER REPORTS:**

- Village / Rediske
  - Watermans is going to raise the price a bit.
  - A 3.5% income raise for village employees was approved
  - Taxes will be going down a little bit
  - Fireworks will be covered (up to \$15,000)
  - The merged police department with Centuria has been approved and will start in January. Costs will be shared. There will be a boat patrol on Balsam Lake next year.
  - Peter Nelson has dedicated his property (green bldg) to the village and prefers a park to be put in
  - All roads are now open to ATV traffic
- County / Mariani
  - No updates

#### **14) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

- Dave asked for a clear picture of how the boat patrol will work

#### **15) ADJOURN:**

- Rod motioned to adjourn, Steve seconded, all approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:16 AM.