



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes November 18, 2017, 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, Bill Mork, Ray Sloss, Rod Preble

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus (recorder)

4) APPROVE AGENDA:

- Ray- add discussion about bids for East Balsam Lake dock to the agenda
- Ray motioned to approve the agenda, Rod seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

5) APPROVE MINUTES:

- Rod motioned to approve the October Meeting Minutes, Tom seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None (1 comment noted later)

7) TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:

- P&L, balance sheet and budget for September were reviewed by the board. Quarterly report, accountant commented that everything looked good (quarterly review postponed until December meeting since it was just received)
- Tom motioned to approve P&L, Balance Sheet and Budget (needs minor amendment to correctly reflect loan payment in operating expense), Bill seconded, all approved, motion carried.

- Claims:
 - Matt Berger (Endangered Resources) - \$5275.00
 - 30.00 Healthy Lakes payment
 - One resident pulled out of Healthy Lakes and deposit was refunded

8) Water Quality

- East Balsam Study / McGlynn
 - Bill James will attend December meeting to review his East Balsam Study report
 - Matt Berg will attend December Meeting to review CLP and landing studies
 - # Cedar Lake HAB Aquatics
- Sedimentation - Dredging / Preble
 - Ready to upload files for permit submission
 - Regional DNR person has changed, previous person retired. Need to meet with new person to bring him up to speed
 - Phosphorous removal is restoration work – need to make sure this is clear in the permit application
 - Discussed 25 yard per year removal per owner sedimentation law that has now passed – **Action Item:** Rod will gather more details
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
 - 17 pledge cards received so far. 25 is optimal number
 - Program did not materially change this year
 - 2018 Board Resolution – Reviewed a resolution to continue the Healthy Lakes program. Ray motioned to apply for the Healthy Lakes program. Rod seconded, all approved, motion carried.
- Core - Watershed Study / Mariani & Rediske
 - Letter sent to Polk County Land & Water confirming intent to support. Grant Submission in February, approval expected in March
 - Would **cost (\$15000.00 or \$18000.00?)** additional to include septic study in the core study. Jeremy recommended the core study be completed first, and then decide whether to do a septic study. Septic study would need to be done as a separate grant at a later date. Keep in mind for future consideration.
- Aquatic Plant Management
 - CLP treatment / Sloss-Preble
 - Very successful between the herbicide and the Harvester
 - Bed 12 (just inside East Balsam) showed no turrians which indicates the process between herbicide and harvesting was very successful in that area in particular. This was the only bed that showed a decrease in turrians and the only bed that had both herbicide and harvesting done
 - Public comment – Email comment from **Bryan**, said the turrian study was excellent, requested permission to share with his ecology students

- There are 2 more years in the 5 year contract for herbicide. Have Matt look at other areas that are shallow and don't have a current (such as Stumps Bay) to get recommendations for the best place to treat
- In short, herbicide in spring and harvesting in fall is a good mix
- No Eurasian Milfoil, no Zebra Mussels, but we do have purple loosestrife (being treated by a beetle that only eats purple loosestrife – the beetles die when they run out of Purple Loosestrife to eat)
- CBCW / Sloss
 - Done for this year
- Harvester / Preble
 - If we decide to do a second harvest, will need more funds
- # Harvester Building / Preble
 - Posts are up for the building
 - Cement no later than Tuesday (do we want 4" or 5") – with 5", 1200.00 over budget. Go with 5" floor
- AIS Rapid Response / Mork
 - No discussion
- Shoreland Ordinance revision - Polk County
 - 3 board members attended county meeting about Shoreland Ordinance recommended changes. The essence is that currently, the process is that 3 appointed people approve exceptions (after township approval) is not consistent. Proposal to create districts (not yet defined) to approve instead of the appointed 3 people. The plan didn't seem to be fully flushed out yet. Discussion around moving to zoning instead of a conditional use permit. It is very early in the discussions. Continue to monitor. Conditional use permitting changes are being considered at the state level. Many lake districts attended and/or sent in letters of position
 - No board stance at this point but discussion at a future time when more details are available (and full board can weigh in) – add to January agenda for discussion
 - Tom to gather more information
 - Bill motioned to table the discussion until January. Rod seconded, all approved, motion carried.
- Conservancy opportunity
 - There is 50 feet of lakeshore that may be coming up for sale. Discussion around the nature of conservancy. To pursue, we'd need to assess the land and determine if it's really available and discuss whether it would be a possibility to allow an access easement for dock access only for the current owners. Ray to research

9) OLD BUSINESS:

- None

10) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Rediske

- County / Mariani

11) NEW BUSINESS:

- Census received – action item for Ray to fill out and send in.
- Bid for Georgetown landing dock (3 sent out, one response) – Porta Dock (Milltown) bid was for a 30' long, 5' wide aluminum frame (non removable including a 4' shore ramp on wheels - \$4400.00 optional, or 36' for \$4950.00 – recommend going with the 36' length
- Bill motioned to apply purchase the 36' dock. Rod seconded, all approved, motion carried.
- Tom got a call from an unidentified person asking if hunting is allowed on the Stumps Bay conservancy. Ray notes the constituents passed a resolution to not allow hunting.

12) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- None

13) ADJOURN:

- Rod motioned to adjourn, Bill seconded, all approved. Meeting Adjourned.