



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

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting October 18th, 2014
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: Ray Sloss, Bill Mork, Carl, Holmgren, Rod Preble, Glen Jones and Howard Seim.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Ed McGlynn

OTHERS PRESENT: Mindi Anderson

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Rod Preble to approve the amend agenda adding Review of 2015 bids under new business. Approved.

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Glen Jones to approve the minutes from September 20th, 2014. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Polk Business Center has been sold and the new name is Balsam Lake Ventures LLC. Name will stay the same but for writing out checks they need to be made out to the new name.
- There will be a November meeting
- Inter County Publishing sent us a check for \$13.96, Carl will deposit it into the account.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Carl reported that as of October 18th, 2014 we had a Bank Balance of \$40,564.04 (includes Checking, Protection Fund Checking, and Savings) and payment of Claims totaling \$11,437.72 for the period September 20th thru October 18th, 2014.

A motion was made by Bill Mork and seconded by Howard Seim to approve the Treasurer report and pay claims as presented with updated balance sheet. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL:** (Rod / Carl)
 - Discussion proceeded about a weed harvester.
 - Village has already said that they would store the harvester, take care of all the clippings that come off the lake.
 - Need to look at start up cost, grants available, look at a budget, start up cost
 - A motion was made by Carl Holmgren and seconded by Rod Preble to pursue the 5 year plan to include all options of harvester and herbicide. Approved.
 - Explanation was need on what “all option” meant
 - Rod will look more into this and collect information so that we can go back to the annual meeting with what was found.

- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER:** (Carl)
 - Filled out the new grant application. 2 pages this year.

- **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER:** (Ray)
 - In print.
 - Will be out next week.

- **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**
 - Balsam Lake Village:** (Glen)
 - Community Club funded 3 people to go to Wisconsin Dells for the grocery store convention.
 - New business next to the pharmacy.
 - Captains Bar is now serving food.
 - Polk County:** (Carl)
 - Working of final budget
 - Shore land ordinance-the county board has been very quiet.

- **BLPRD PUBLIC INFORMATION:** (Ray)
 - none

- **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT:** (Howard / Rod / volunteers Milt Stanze / Greg Moore)
 - **Little Balsam:**
 - None
 - **Sedimentation Basin (1):** None
 - **Raskin Bay:** Looking at whether or not we need to have EOR management or if we are able to do it ourselves.

- **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP):** (Bill / Ed)
 - Carl will write and send the letter in for the extension of the grant.

- **WEBSITE:** (Ray)
 - Dockside is up
 - New minutes are up

- **WATERSHED PROTECTION** (Ed / Bill / Howard)
 - Water Quality:**
 - None

- **CONSERVANCIES:** (Ray)
 - Howard received a letter from Helen Swanson regarding some trees that are about to fall down near the Deaver Property.
 - Ray and Howard will view the site and decide on options for tree(s) removal/dropping and if DNR permits are needed.

- **LAKE TESTING ACTIVITIES:** (Ed and volunteers Milt Stanze and Dick Miller)
 - **Secchi Disk Measurement:** None.
 - **Water Temperature:** None.
 - **Chemical Balance:** None.

- **BLPRD EXECUTIVE:**
 - None

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update APM Plan**
 - Meeting with Cheryl Clemens and Matt Berg on November 4th @ 5:00 at the Polk Business Center.
- **2015 Bids**
 - **Toilets:** Current bid with El Stinko is good through 12/31/15.
 - **Insurance:** Carl noted that we will advertise for bids; however we only receive information from our current insurer, Community Insurance (Milltown). Will request updated premium information.
 - **Herbicide Application:** Requested and received a 5 year proposal (2015 – 2020) from our 2014 applicator Clean Lakes, Inc. Noted that we will advertise for a 5 year bid proposal from previous vendors as well.
 - Carl will send out the new bid forms again, the board has 1 week to get comments back to Carl.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Awards Banquet will be at Paradise Landing on December 20th, 2014 @ 5:00. Plaque will be ordered for Dave Wagner, Loren Johnson and Caroline Rediske.

FUTURE AGENDA:

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ACTION ITEMS:

- Ray to look at trees on conservation property
- Rod to look into harvesters and report back

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion was made by Bill Mork and seconded by Rod Preble to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Approved.

Respectfully submitted:

**Mindi Anderson, Administrative Assistant for
Carl Holmgren Secretary/Treasurer**

Next meeting: November 15th, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. at the Polk Business Center