



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

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting October 19th, 2013
Polk Business Center Meeting Room**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:27 a.m. by Ray Sloss.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Howard Seim, Caroline Rediske, Carl Holmgren, Ray Sloss, Ed McGlynn and Dave Wagner.

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Loren Johnson

OTHERS PRESENT: Mindi Anderson; Ed McGlynn, Senior

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Caroline Rediske 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: Our extension was granted on the WRP program through December 2014.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Carl reported that as of October 19th, 2013 balances that included; Bank Balance of \$208,888.86 and payment of Claims totaling \$291,211.97 for the period September 22nd, 2013 thru October 18th, 2013. A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Ed McGlynn to approve the Treasurer report and pay claims as presented. Approved.

- **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL:** (Loren Johnson)
 - Harvesting Option:

- Alex-DNR identified one aquatic plant harvesting company, it is located 1½ hours, and he does the trucking of the weeds.
 - Concerns were brought up about, how clean is his equipment, will he be transferring invasive species into our lake.
 - More investigation needs to be done on cost: buying vs. renting; how to get dispose of the waste.
- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER:** (Carl)
 - None.
- **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER:** (Ray)
 - Mailed. Reviewed the topic regarding the East Balsam Boat Landing. Mailing costs were reduced by obtaining a Bulk Presort mailing permit.
- **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**
 - Balsam Lake Village:** (Caroline)
 - Village employees got a 1.79% raise
 - Still working on a grocery store
 - Village bought the apartment complex by Balsam Lake Main Street. Looking at turning it into a parking lot or a lot for a business to come in.
 - Still working on a handbook for the employees
 - Streets need work, looking at Mill Street or Tiltag Drive
 - Polk County:** (Carl)
 - Shore land zoning-final draft out, public meetings being held on it, with approval by the end of the year.
 - East Balsam landing is in Georgetown Township, it is low priority on their list.
- **BLPRD PUBLIC INFORMATION:** (Ray)
 - None.
- **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT:**
 - **Little Balsam:**
 - Kevin got lake mapping done on Little Balsam, the information went to Contour.
 - Dave and Ray went out and mapped the sedimentation basin.
 - You are able to go on to the website to see the information that Dave and Ray collected.
 - Look at meeting with Matt; we have a 1 year subscription for \$1,850.00 per year.
 - **Sedimentation Basin (1):** Activity noted above will be performed by Dave Wagner.
- **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP):**
 - Previously state.
- **WEBSITE:** None.
- **WATERSHED PROTECTION**
 - Water Quality:**
 - Sampling results are not on the internet yet, but the results from June are.

- Phosphorus levels reported on the June samples were 34.6ug/l. Wisconsin DNR will consider a lake basin with averages above 40ug/l or 45ug/l phosphorus as impaired. We are waiting for the results from July, August and September.
- **CONSERVANCIES:**
 - None.
- **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**
 - **Secchi Disk Measurement:** None
 - **Water Temperature:** None.
 - **Chemical Balance:** None.
- **BLPRD EXECUTIVE:** None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Culvert Replacement Project (Bridge Project):**
 - Work hampered by the weather. Concern noted of possible cost over-run.
 - Noted that during removal of old culvert a wood/concrete foundation was encountered. One log (Lincoln Log look) was placed at the museum.
- **Long Term Work Plan Discussion: (Noted comments)**
 1. **E-3: Activity 4:** Water Quality in East Balsam/Water Quality analysis-Ed is currently working phosphorus study (noted above.)
 - Jeremy wants to see what sediments are coming out of the lake.
 - \$16,000 estimate from Barr to look at the up flow.
 - Phosphorus Study proposals from Jeremy (LAWRD) and Barr:
 - o 3 Core done to determine phosphorus levels in the sediment.
 - o Jeremy to analyze core samples that come out of East Balsam over the last 100-150 years.
 - o On –hold no action items to be taken at this time.
 2. **E4 Goal 3** Encourage village to work with a storm water management plan.
 - Bring in Cheryl and keep talking, let them know that it's not going anywhere.
 - Bridge, additional rock was added to control sediment erosion control.
 - 46 landing
 - Talk to board about docks/drains-where do they lead to
 - Create a map with where all drain pipes drain to.
 - Caroline locates where they are
 - GIS mapping of storm water drains-Caroline (Action Item)
 - Ray-Zoning ordinance (Action Item)
 3. **E5 Secci disk** continuing.
 - Get thank you notes out to Milt and the other volunteers
 - Get word out that were looking for volunteers for Little Balsam Secci disk readings.
 4. **E6-GOAL 4-** Fish Stick habitat- completed.
 - **Goal 5** – Provide incentive program for buffer strips. Budgeted 2014 \$10,000; Dave to contact Cheryl Clemens about Shoreland Buffer Incentive program.
 5. **E7-GOAL 6-** Maintain/ enhance navigation

- **2014 Bids:**
 - Carl will send out bid information as people request them.
 - Harvester- no grant money from the DNR but from Wisconsin to purchase there is.

- **Howards Diversion Project:**
 - Exploring options to get the water in east Balsam to flow out to increase water quality. Working with Chris Goodin (from Ayres Consulting) to perform a study of options. Ayres made the suggestion to do a Skype meeting. Howard noted that the cost for a study is \$10,000.00 with a meeting beforehand to discuss the issue. Payment would be made upon final report.
 - A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Caroline Rediske to spend funds for Water Diversion Study with Ayres. Approved.
 - Following the motion; Ray noted that he and Howard needed to research viability of activity without bidding the project (Chap. 33).
 - Project on hold pending decision by Ray.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Annual awards luncheon/dinner was discussed and Carl will follow-up with Indianhead to see what options are available.

- **Review New Action Items:**
 - **Loren:**
 - Contact Matt Berg regarding 2012 report
 - Contact Lake Coordinator WDNR regarding Grab Samples None.
 - **Carl:**
 - Follow-up with Bridge Project
 - Finalize Bid Documents.
 - Get costs for garbage spring/summer service at landings.
 - **Ed:**
 - Follow-up with East Balsam water quality.
 - **Ray:**
 - Update Rapid Response Plan.
 - Add a 'Call for Volunteers' in Spring Dockside
 - **Howard:**
 - Set up meeting with Ayres
 - **Caroline:**
 - GIS mapping of VOBL Storm Drains.
 - **Dave:**
 - Follow up with Cheryl for clarification of Goal #5.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Caroline Rediske to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. Approved.

Respectfully submitted:
Carl Holmgren/Secretary

Next meeting: November 16th, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the Polk Business Center