



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
Monthly Meeting Minutes October 19, 2019, 8:30 AM
Polk Business Center Meeting Room

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:32 AM 612 508 0879

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus (recorder, teleconference)

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Retaining wall variance on McDonough property, no comment/concerns
- A group applied for a shoreline setback variance on big island, no comment/concerns

5) APPROVE AGENDA:

- Rod motioned to approve the agenda as amended, David seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

6) APPROVE MINUTES:

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

7) TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:

- Review September financials. Note – protection fund monies have been moved to our savings account and will now earn .08 percent instead of .04 percent.
- Dave motioned to approve the September financials, Andy seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

- CPA Financials – they are generated annually at year end

8) Water Quality

- East Balsam EBWQ / Wilhoit / Kelly
 - Long Range Plan Amendment – has been published and is out for public comment. It will be placed at the village of Balsam Lake library and is also on the website. Tom suggested putting a banner on the home page. Dave noted there is not a lot of space on the home page but will look at it. Board will review any comments in the November board meeting.
 - The grant needs to be applied for February 2020
 - Planning grant exception request – we are at 96,000 and will be filing for an exception to get more than the 100,000 lifetime limit. If it is approved, we will file for a grant to cover 75% of the planning cost. This was not included in the expected grant monies so would further reduce taxpayer burden.
 - Timeline - public comments for Amendment 11/4/19 – board review comments 11/16/19 – grant application 2/2020
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
 - 2019 Grant Funding extension. \$16,000 is still available for 2020. Dave mentioned it could be used for new construction as well. Cheryl will continue to manage.

9) Aquatic Plant Management and Invasive species

- CBCW / Mork
 - We received an unemployment claim from one of the seasonal employees. Bill is following up
- Harvesting CLP / Preble – has been put away for the year. Need to get a hose and tank so we no longer need to siphon from 5 gallon gas cans. Matt will be going out soon to do a turion count

10) OLD BUSINESS:

- Launch fees on public landings – village employees will be making a donation box for the main landing for voluntary donations
- Protection Fund – has been moved to savings

11) NEW BUSINESS

- Thomson detachment petition -Bryce Thomson presentation – will present next month
 - Executive Committee has engaged legal representation for council. Outcome is that there is no process but there are some precedents . The board votes on it.
 - Tom believes this is the first time this has happened at Balsam Lake
 - There will be a public hearing as part of the next meeting, Bryce will formally present the request, and public comments will be received. Action will be a vote by the board in the December meeting.
 - If the request is denied, the Thompson's have the ability to go through the judicial system at the county and request a repeal of board decision.
 - As this process is conducted, a process will be established so it can be followed the next time.

- Tom noted that detachments are not afforded lightly and this property has always been part of the district, and would leave a hole if approved.
- Unemployment Claim – already explored
- Fall Dock Side

12) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Rediske (Tom/Steve, I couldn't hear well – please review this carefully)deleted 1st bullet item
 - Still working through an issue with a dock that was placed on a public access area by owners of Cedar Island. The village will not sell it
 - Sanitation wants recycling to be moved down by the sewer plant
 - Still working on the police force merger with Centuria
 - Boat patrol will be continued by the Village once the police force is in place. WI DNR grant and BLHA pay for the boat patrol
 - Workforce development has moved out of the building and the library may be enlarged
 - Village working with a craft brewery that wants to come in
- County / Mariani
 - Boarding house amendment has been approved and will be effective the first of the month. There are currently 15-20 B&B's on the lake.
 - David will look into our by-laws and will compare to the state by-laws.

13) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Review by-law comparison – Dave to bring information from the Wisconsin Lake Districts to the board in November

14) ADJOURN:

- Rod motioned to adjourn, Andy seconded, all approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:24 AM.