



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes October 20, 2018, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Tom Kelly, Rod Preble, Steve Rediske, Dave Mariani (teleconference), Andy Wilhoit, Dick Miller (teleconference)

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus (recorder)

4) APPROVE AGENDA:

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

5) APPROVE MINUTES:

- Rod motioned to approve the September Meeting Minutes, Andy seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None.

7) TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:

- Balance Sheet, P&L and budget for September were reviewed by the board.
- Steve motioned to approve the September Balance Sheet, P&L and Budget and payment of bills, Andy seconded, all approved, motion carried.

8) Water Quality

- East Balsam / Miller/Wilhoit
 - Cheryl's letter has been received for the next Dockside – will go out in November

- It may be good to break it down to out of pocket per year for land owners as people are asking what they will owe. Dick and Andy will calculate this before the next meeting.
- The November Dockside will also include an invitation for constituents who want to be on a committee to be educated, provide feedback, etc. The group will likely be mobilized around March and would include the option to participate via phone. Information could be communicated through email before the first meeting.
- Sedimentation - Dredging / Preble
 - Avres did a site visit and soil samples of the pump site. A letter has been sent to Mark Harris at Waste Management. Response was received noting that some of the areas may be sensitive areas. Rod will follow up on this as there seems to be some contradictions in the statements.
 - Permit application is targeted to be in by December.
 - Some of the areas mapped this month are smaller than initially estimated.
 - The next step is to complete the maps and charts and this is in progress now.
 - The sediment may be rich enough to be considered a soil amendment, which may be very valuable and help offset some of the costs.
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
 - We are not anticipating applying for a grant next year. We have 10-12 unfilled projects where people said they would participate but haven't participated yet. The 2017 grant expires 12/31. We still have 2019 to use up the 2017 grant money and have about 10 spots open.
 - Will put in the next newsletter that it will be first come first served. There is about 50% fallout of those that express interest, due to lack of time, coordination, etc.
 - Some districts just budget dollars each year to provide expertise to our constituents (Cheryl) in how to create buffers, water runoff diversions, etc.
- Aquatic Plant Management
 - CBCW / Mork
 - Last payroll has been issued. They were within tolerance with the budget.
 - They will apply for a grant for next year – total grant would be \$16,000.00
 - Harvester – CLP / Preble
 - The harvester has been put away, the truck has been serviced (needs new brake shoes)
 - We have put in a boat lift boss for the conveyor
 - Still need to get a hose reel to assist with gas fueling
 - Harvested 21 days, 164 hours, and 24 truck loads

9) OLD BUSINESS:

- PINE ISLAND BAY PROPERTIES – add to district / Mariani
 - The minutes approval will be sent to Land & Water, tax authorities, County Commissioners, and other county entities to complete the process
- Rice Creek sedimentation pond sign / Mariani/Kelly

- Sign will be taken down in the next few days
- Dave will find out who created the other signs so we can get them to match
- Fall Dockside articles
 - Articles have been received

10) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Rediske
 - The village voted to put up donation boxes to help pay to extend the concrete slabs to alleviate the power loading issues.
 - Budget is being published
 - Dave Patterson has been approved as the head of public works
 - Endeavor is going the clean the beach and the park
 - Will recommend in the next meeting to move to phase 2 of the hotel and housing study (per Rod). Phase 2 will look at things like whether the sewer system can handle it, how many beds can be supported, etc. within the village
- County / Mariani
 - See below under New Business: Polk County Shoreline Zoning
 - There is a current proposal to change all Polk county streets to numbers to assist in the case of emergency. Per the emergency responders, this is not an issue.
 - The Stauer trail has been approved for Snowmobiles, ATV's, Horses, etc

11) NEW BUSINESS:

- Audited financials / Miller
 - Dick is trying to find a new accounting firm
 - Patty to send Coleman & Associates information to Dick
 - May want to have the auditor attend the meeting to verify the annual audit has been completed and is accurate. Tom confirmed that we had this done by Avion but now need to find an alternative
 - Tom noted that most districts have a committee of landowners perform this function. We could put in the Dockside to see if any citizens are interested in doing this. Dick to look at options. Another option is to outsource to a professional but we would need to find out what this would cost. Probably in the \$3,000.00 to \$4,000.00 range. In the next month, we will see if we can get a professional engaged. There may also be a firm in Centuria (Johnsondale CPA) who could do this, who used to do the financial audits for the board.
- Polk County Shoreline Zoning / Mariani
 - RE: the proposal to remove the shoreland management plan requirements, and to expand the shoreland use significantly to include non-recreational businesses. Dave said the County Commissioners are not doing anything on this. It is being handled by the Corporate Council.
 - Karen understood that statutes are being moved to the committees. Need to understand exactly what this means.

- Rod will attend the next Polk County Land & Information Department Public Hearing meeting scheduled for October 24, 2018 at 10:00 AM, at the Government Center.
- Rod will find out what the Lake District authority is in this area.

12) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Per Rod, there is a Doctor in Baldwin who is doing DNA testing of isotopes in the water to determine the source of phosphorous in the water Rod will keep informed on this and will inform the board.

13) ADJOURN:

- Rod motioned to adjourn, Tom seconded, all approved, motion carried.