



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

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting May16th, 2015
Polk Business Center Meeting Room**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Ray Sloss. A motion was made by Carl Holmgren and seconded by Howard Seim to delay the meeting for 10 minutes to await arrival of all commissioners. Approved. The meeting resumed at 8:40.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ray Sloss, Carl, Holmgren Bill Mork, Glen Jones, Rod Preble, Howard Seim, and Ed McGlynn (arrived late).

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Carl Pentland, Paul Dauxbury, George Palmer, Tom Russell, Chris Nelson, Dave Mariani, James Szykulski, Paul Gydesen, Laura Sloss, Pat Dufour, and Dave DuFour.

APPROVE AGENDA: A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Rod Preble to approve the amended (added vote to approve the APM plan changes) agenda. Approved.

APPROVE MINUTES: A motion was made by Bill Mork and seconded by Howard Seim to approve the minutes from July 18th, 2015 meeting. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Significant number of public comments related to results of our 2015 Annual Meeting approval of Harvesting and Dredging resolutions.

- Concerns expressed regarding audience members who were present and impact that was on the final voting.
- Tom Russell questioned the validity and District Members awareness of the issues suggesting an early mailing of meeting issues.
- Paul Dauxbury raised the concern over having a voice vote versus a ballot vote and suggested a ballot vote for future action.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Carl reported that as of September 19th, 2015 we had a Bank Balance of \$96,287.27 (includes Checking, Protection Fund Checking, and Savings) and payment of Claims totaling \$13,724.04 for the period July 19th, 2015 thru September 19th, 2015.
- A motion was made by Howard Seim and seconded by Rod Preble to approve the Treasurer report and pay claims as presented. Approved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Motion was made by Carl Holmgren and seconded by Rod Preble to delay Election of Officers to follow Old Business as one commissioner would be reporting in late do to travel restrictions. Approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- **2015 Annual Meeting.**
 - Following an extended discussion and public input, the Commissioners were polled to determine their position as to whether the annual meeting resolutions and modifying motions should stand. Five commissioners polled affirmative, the chair exercised his prerogative not to vote, one commissioner was absent.
 - Ray noted the budget presented at the annual meeting was amended and approved to increase the Clean Boats Clean Waters line item \$9,000.00.
 - Harvesting and Dredging Resolution (discussed simultaneously)
 - Chris Nelson provided history of Pine Island Bay property and dredging site that was approved in years past. Expressing his concern with the watershed run-off that affects his property. Noting he is interested in the Lake District timeline for dredging activity.
 - Rod Preble provided update to his interaction with the DNR and who reviewed both dredging and harvesting sites. Rod noted that he will be taking samples to measure the phosphorous impact for the dredging sites with permit application submitted by December 1st, 2015.
 - Rod also indicated that he has developed a work-plan and organized a committee to evaluate options including equipment needs.
- **APM Approval:** Rod and Carl noted the changes to our 2015 APM Plan to essential indicate what was approved at the annual meeting and not a 'to be done' item. Commissioners agreed with the noted changes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- Chairman: Following an extended discussion regarding the position which included the Vice-Chair conducting the annual meeting in 2016, Ray Sloss received unanimous support by the commissioners and, with that, agreed to remain as BLPRD Chairman.
- Vice-Chair: Bill Mork agreed to retain his position.
- Secretary/Treasurer: Carl Holmgren will retain this position until at least the April 2016 County Board election.

NEW BUSINESS

- **2016 Annual Meeting** – Vice Chair Bill Mork agreed to run the 2016 Annual Meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL: (Rod / Carl)**
 - No Update other than what was discussed earlier.
- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER: (Carl)**
 - Noted that we still have Monitors working the 46 and Village Beach Landings through September.
- **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER: (Ray)**
 - The Fall issue will be out the first week in October.
- **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**
 - Balsam Lake Village: (Glen)**
 - Glen stated that due to employment activity he will be replaced by Village. Noting also that it will be someone from the District.
 - Polk County: (Carl)**
 - April 2016 is the next County Board election
- **BLPRD PUBLIC INFORMATION: (Ray)**
 - Nothing New.
- **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT: (Howard / Rod)**
 - Waiting to schedule with the DNR the lake tour to see where we move forward.
 - Will be done by the annual meeting
 - Other Activity:**
 - Little Balsam: None.
 - Sedimentation Basin (1): None
- **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP): (Bill / Ed)**
 - Nothing.
- **WEBSITE: (Ray)**
 - Nothing.
- **WATERSHED PROTECTION (Ed / Bill / Howard)**
 - Water Quality: (Ed)**
 - No report.
 - Drainage Issues: (Bill)**
 - None.
- **CONSERVANCIES: (Ray)**
 - Nothing..
- **LAKE TESTING ACTIVITIES: (Ed and volunteers Milt Stanze and Dick Miller)**
 - Secchi Disk Measurement: None.
 - Water Temperature: None.

- Chemical Balance: None.

• **BLPRD EXECUTIVE:**

- None

FUTURE AGENDA:

- Follow up with Bill James to be present at November meeting.
- Committee assignments.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Bill will research options for implementation of boat landing and fishing tournament fees.
- Bill to follow-up with Lake District taxation process noting the variances.
- Ed will invite bill James to our November meeting.

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion was made by Glen Jones and seconded by Rod Preble to adjourn the meeting at 10:50 a.m. Approved.

Respectfully submitted:

Carl Holmgren Secretary/Treasurer

Next meeting: October 17th, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. at the Polk Business Center