



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

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

**Regular Meeting September 21th, 2013
Polk Business Center Meeting Room**

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Ray Sloss.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Howard Seim, Caroline Rediske, Carl Holmgren, Loren Johnson, Ray Sloss, Ed McGlynn and Dave Wagner (arrived late).

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Mindi Anderson and Doug Green

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 Howard Seim and seconded by Loren Johnson to approve the minutes from August 17th, 2013. Approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Doug Green lives on the west shore of East Balsam. Likes that we are doing something in East Balsam, but with all the talk about harvesting, that maybe we should leave that to the experts. Hire people that are in the business of harvesting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Carl mentioned that the 2014 WI Lakes Conference will be held in Stevens Point April 24-26. Start thinking about whether or not you want to go, get vacation in and then we can get the hotel reserved now instead of later.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Carl reported that as of September 20th, 2013 balances that included; Bank Balance of \$284,455.71 and payment of Claims totaling \$1,228.80 for the period August 18th, 2013 thru September 21st, 2013. A motion was made by Loren Johnson and seconded by Howard Seim to

approve the Treasurer report and pay claims as presented. Approved. Carl also provided a 2013 Budget vs. Actual for Commissioners to review.

- **AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL:** (Loren Johnson)
 - We have not received a report from Matt Berg yet.
 - Loren noted that Purple Loosestrife was found around the Beach Landing and removed by Matt Berg (Endangered Resources) during his follow-up. Also noted was the presence of Purple Loosestrife in the bay across from the Holiday Station.
 - Talked with Land and Water and they stated that they have beetles that eat the Purple Loosestrife, Ray noted that there were none present when he went and looked, followed up with Land and Water, they stated that they would have more in the bay this spring.
 - Loren noted that there is a 50% grant to get a harvester. Discussion followed up as to where they would be kept, who would do the maintenance, the need of two; one big and one small, and what will the DNR actually let us do.

- **CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATER:** (Carl)
 - Following up with kids to get them to cash their checks.
 - Carl stated that our boat inspections were down for the year, but we had more inspections than surrounding lakes.

- **DOCKSIDE NEWSLETTER:** (Ray)
 - Dockside is at the printers. Will be out by the end of the month.

- **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS:**
 - Balsam Lake Village:** (Caroline)
 - Talked about Winterfest.
 - Police Department talked about ordinances that aren't working, variances, and drinking on the street.
 - SMART growth committee met to talk about their marketing plans, which needs to be in order.
 - Labor negotiations in works with the village workers.
 - Park meeting went good; met with Ed Slamenski, NR Financial Assistance Specialist and worked some more on grant writing.
 - Water levels are only down about 12 in. They have not varied much above or below that in many years.
 - Approved the payment of \$164,331.80 for the bridge work.
 - DOC.s tavern is changing hands, applying for liquor licenses
 - Thirsty Otter is getting a face lift, while the bridge is going in.
 - Looking at new Docks off Mill Street.
 - Polk County:** (Carl)
 - Noted that the county is still working on the organization plan when the Board size is reduced in 2014.
 - Identified Resolution H .32-13 on the agenda that references interpretation of the Shoreland Zoning ordinance. The county board passed the new zoning in a vote 14-9

- **BLPRD PUBLIC INFORMATION:** (Ray)
 - None.

- **SEDIMENTATION PROJECT:**

- **Little Balsam:**

- Staff gage was put in last Sunday. Ready for measurements now.
- Talks with Jeremy Williamson, he can do core samples for that one area for about \$4,500.00. Would like more than one core sample, maybe three, but upon further discussion a core sample would be nice in East Balsam.
- Dave will follow up with Jeremy.

- **Sedimentation Basin (1):** Activity noted above will be performed by Dave Wagner.

- **WATERFRONT RUNOFF PROGRAM (WRP):**

- Working on a letter to extend the grant, the letter will be going in the mail after the meeting.
- 46 landing is done, but the burn is in and needs to be observed during a good rain event.

- **WEBSITE:** Ray has added the By-Laws to the web site.

- **WATERSHED PROTECTION**

- Water Quality:**

- Dick Miller and Milt Stanze have been doing grab samples in East Balsam. Alex Smith has been helping. Milt got the approval to use data from past 2 years to help with water quality in east Balsam.
- If East Balsam can be shown as impaired; grants are available to help get it cleared up.
- Milt noted that while doing the secci disk reading in East Balsam, it dropped a foot and half and then it was gone, no clarity at all.

- **CONSERVANCIES:**

- Sign is up at the Petersen property and Little Balsam sign was put back up.

- **VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:**

- Ed was going to look on the web site to see if he could find the grab samples data.
- **Secchi Disk Measurement:** Noted reading for East Balsam is 2 feet.
- **Water Temperature:** None.
- **Chemical Balance:** None.

- **BLPRD EXECUTIVE:** None.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Culvert Replacement Project (Bridge Project):**

- It has started!
- Carl sent out a schedule of how the bridge will go. So far they are keeping to the schedule.

- **Long Term Work Plan Discussion: (Noted comments)**
 - Will have to be modified to include East Balsam.
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NEW BUSINESS:

- **LAWRD Resolution:** Approval between BLPRD and Polk County: \$9,400.00 estimate.
 - A motion was made by Ed McGlynn and seconded by Caroline Rediske to approve the resolution as written. Approved.
- **2014 Bids:**

Insurance: Spent \$2,775.00 for Insurance and Bonding for 2013. Carl will put notice in paper and mail a copy to current provider.

Toilets: 2 year deal. Sending bid out to El Stinko (current provider), will put in paper and if anyone else calls for a bid, Carl will mail out.

Inspection: Matt Berg has done it previous years, were very happy with him. Mail him out a bid form. Will put notice in the paper and if anyone else calls for a bid, Carl will mail out.

CLP Spraying: Place notice in paper for herbicide Treatment and send bid forms to Vendors who submitted bids for 2013; including:

- Lake Restoration, Inc. (current vendor for 2012 and 2013 treatments)
- Northern Aquatic Services
- Clean Lakes Inc.

Harvester: Haven't bid for several years. Will put the notice in the paper and mail a bid form for anyone who requests one. Ed will research for providers of the service. Loren will explore options for District to purchase with grant money.

AIS Rapid Response Plan: Ray will modify and bring it back to our October meeting.

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. Ed suggested a pumping option to pump from Stump Bay be considered as well. Howard noted that the cost for a study is \$10,000.00 with a meeting beforehand to discuss the issue.

Review New Action Items:

- **Loren:** Contact Matt Berg about his report.
- **Carl:** Follow-up with bridge
Fine tune the bids.
- **Ed:** Look at the different vendors for a Harvester.
Talk to Milt about 'grab samples'; find out where they go once they mail them off.
- **Ray:** Update the Rapid Response plan
- **Howard:** Set-up meeting with Ayres (Others are welcome and encouraged to attend).

ADJOURN: There being no further business, a motion was made by Ed McGlynn and seconded by Caroline Rediske to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 p.m. Approved.

Respectfully submitted:
Carl Holmgren/Secretary

Next meeting: October 19st, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. at the Polk Business Center