



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes September 21, 2019, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Bill Mork called the meeting to order at 8:34 AM

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Bill Mork, Steve Rediske, Andy Wilhoit (teleconference), Rod Preble, Liz Vickman

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus (recorder)
- Ray Sloss (for public comments)

4) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Ray noted the financials presented at the annual meeting should be as of the end of June.
- Ray noted the money being accumulated in the protection fund is more than we need at this time. Bill asked how much Ray thinks we are over-funded. Ray noted \$50,575 for Rice Creek Sediment, \$20,000 authorized for Rapid Response and maybe this should be \$30,000. This is a total of about \$80,000, and an excess of about \$20,000.
- Ray noted we also have available to us the loan from the state for emergencies and could use that as emergency money.
- There is treasurer training with Polk County Rivers and Lakes Association in October (Ray is the treasurer) and he told Liz to let him know if she wants to attend.

5) APPROVE AGENDA:

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

6) APPROVE MINUTES:

- June minutes and August annual meeting minutes draft were provided
- Andy motioned to approve the June Meeting Minutes, Liz seconded, all approved. Motion carried.
- Steve motioned to approve the August Special Election Meeting Minutes, Rod seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

7) TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:

- Financials through May were presented at the meeting and will be published
- P&L, cash flow statement and budget for June were presented and reviewed by the board.
- Bill motioned to approve the June Balance Sheet, P&L and Budget, Andy seconded, all approved, motion carried.
- Balance Sheet, P&L and budget for July were presented and reviewed by the board.
- Bill motioned to approve the July Balance Sheet, P&L and Budget, Andy seconded, all approved, motion carried.
- Balance Sheet, P&L and budget for August were presented and reviewed by the board.
- Bill motioned to approve the August Balance Sheet, P&L and Budget, Andy seconded, all approved, motion carried.
- \$4028 variance mentioned in the annual meeting was because of some non-cash transactions where we pay the full year but amortize the expense over the full year by month (eg. interest, insurance paid annually)
- Board discussed treatment of protection fund, no decision made at this meeting

8) Water Quality

- East Balsam EBWQ / Wilhoit
 - Andy met with Cheryl, Bill to move forward. Will need to decide if we should apply for a monitoring grant for 2 or 3 years (3 years will cost less than a 2 year grant). Board concurred to go with a 3 year grant. Work beginning on paperwork
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly (via Bill)
 - We will apply for an extension through 2020 to extend the usage of the grant funds because we have an excess of \$10,000

9) Aquatic Plant Management and Invasive species

- CBCW / Mork
 - Program is being wrapped up. Came in under budget due to excessive rain
 - Reviewed summary of CBCW for the year – hours paid, boats entering and leaving, and boats who had been in other lakes in the last 5 days
 - We will need some additional landing monitors for next year
- Harvesting CLP / Preble
 - Pretty much done for the year. Did less harvesting this year and it was a successful year

- One tire on the truck is flat
- Pressure washing will be done next year
- Gate is now being locked – we have a key
- Garage door needs to be repaired – Chris will follow up on it
- Rod will need to allocate additional funds this year to purchase a hose and reel so they can use a 55 gallon drum instead of gas cans
- Matt will be coming out and do a turian count

10) CLP Purple- Loosestrife / Preble / Mork

- In Bill's preliminary cruises, many of the old places where it existed no longer show signs of purple loosestrife

11) OLD BUSINESS:

- Polk County Shoreline Zoning / Mariani
 - No update
- DNR proposed aquatic plant management plan review / Preble
 - Closed – remove from next month's agenda

12) NEW BUSINESS

- 2019 Funding of Protection Fund from 2018 excess. Board feels we need this in case of dam repair or ALS. Liz will move the money into a savings account to generate interest
- Launch fees (donation box) at public landings. Bill noted this has an uphill battle because the township owns the landings. Village has approved putting a donation box at the landing. The village gets the money and will use it to maintain the landings
 - ACTION ITEM: Steve will have Caroline bring it up at the village meeting
 - Rod suggested that BLPRD approach Georgetown about purchasing the Georgetown landing. The ramp is broken up and dock needs repairs
- Dock – Will cost \$500 to repair. Bill asked whether we should even have the landing open. However, having the dock there will allow the harvester to use the landing and also for the alum treatment. Majority agreed the dock should be repaired. The sign also needs to be repaired. Bill will talk to Terry about repairing the sign.
- BLPRD will talk to Georgetown about taking over ownership and maintenance responsibility of the landing given the fact that we will need to use it for harvester and alum treatment.
- Sue and Bryce Thompson are requesting to be removed from the BLPRD because they have no access or view of the lake per section 33

13) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Rediske
 - Goose harvest in progress, permits have been handed out
 - Cemetery wanted more donations for maintenance – approved to move from \$500 to \$1500
 - Village will not be selling the public access to people who own the island
 - Committee spending limits were upped from \$2000 to \$5000, partially to cover fire hydrant and septic lift station cost increases

- Approval to allow use of local gas stations
- Workforce is moving up to the county building
- County / Mariani
 - Boarding house resolution passed last week

14) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Pursuant to Thompson request to be removed from BLPRD, confirm ability for specific parcels not on the lake. Bill will research.

15) ADJOURN:

- Steve motioned to adjourn, Andy seconded, all approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:34 AM.