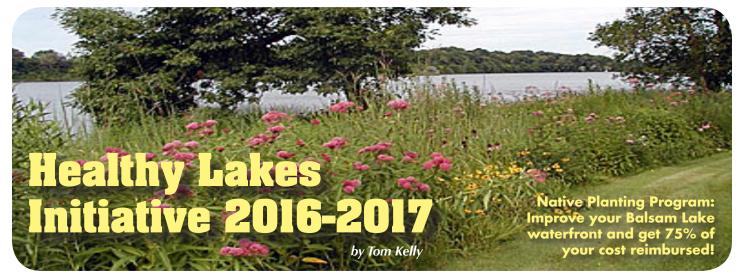


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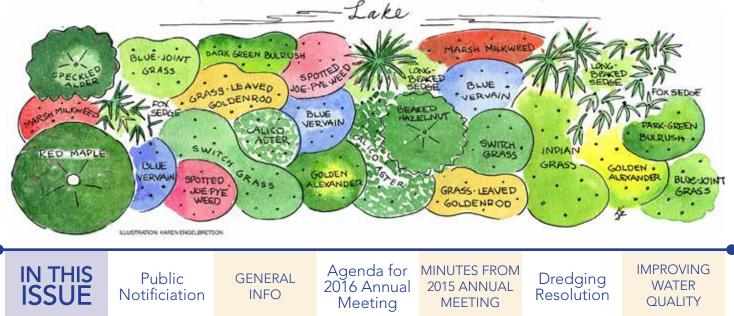


The program being considered would be a collaborative effort between lakeshore owners, BLPRD and the Healthy Lakes program to improve water quality and habitat. The Native Planting Program provides Balsam Lakeshore owners support to establish small zones (350 sf+) of native plants on their waterfront. Native plants reduce water runoff, improve water quality, stabilize shoreline, provide a home for birds and other habitat, and add natural beauty to your waterfront property.

Who can take advantage of this program? Shoreline owners who install a minimum 350 sf Native Planting that will benefit the lake and enhance their property's natural beauty.

What will it cost? Your out-of-pocket costs will probably be in the \$100 to

\$300 range. Typical total costs for a Native Planting of the size required are about \$600 if you install it yourself or \$1,200 if you hire someone to install it for you. The Healthy Lakes grant pays for 75% of the cost up to \$1,000. You get a beautiful lakeshore garden that helps improve Balsam Lake's water quality for only 25% of the cost. More information will be provided at the July 16th BLPRD meeting at Unity School, 9 am.



PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT 40th ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Unity High School, 1908 – 150th Street, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin on July 16th, 2016 beginning at 9am

The annual budget will be discussed and adopted by a vote of the electors in attendance. The Electors will vote by secret ballot to fill one commissioner position. The pole will be open from 8:00 a.m. until and closed by a majority voice vote of the electors in attendance.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District commissioners meet almost every month on the third Saturday in the Polk Business Center Conference Room; 215 Main Street, Balsam Lake, WI. Their meetings convene at 8:30 a.m. Additional information may be found at www.blprd.com.

Ray Sloss, Chairman Term Expires July 2018

Tom Kelly **, Secretary Term Expires April 2017

PRESENT COMMISSIONERS

Bill Mork, Vice Chairman Term Expires July 2017

Ed McGlynn Term Expires July 2018 Howard Seim, Treasurer Term Expires July 2016

Rod Preble Term Expires July 2017

County Appointee*, Open Term Expires April 2017 * Appointed by the Polk County Board ** Appointed by the Village of Balsam Lake

NOTICES OF THE MEETING AND THE AGENDA ARE POSTED SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

Village of Balsam Lake Offices 404 Main Street Balsam Lake, Wisconsin Jonzy Market 1043 - 185th Avenue Balsam Lake, Wisconsin Balsam Lake Post Office 308 Pearl Street Balsam Lake, Wisconsin

VOTER REGISTRATION At any annual meeting of the Lake District and/or special meetings of the Lake District where voting will take place, voter registration is required. The Lake District gets the voter registration list from the Polk County Treasurer, who gets this from the Real Estate Tax Rolls. In many cases, the county treasurer has only one name listed as the owner of the real estate, even though in reality, more that one person, usually the spouse of the listed owner also owns the real estate. This creates a problem at registration time, since property owners may have up to two votes if the property is listed in two names. If the property is held in a trust or as a corporation, then only the Trustee, the Trustee's representative or the corporate representative can vote. A letter signed by the Trustee or the corporation's officer authorizing the representative is required. A person or persons who own more than one piece of property are entitled to no more than one vote. There are no absentee ballots or proxies.

Please examine your mailing label on this mailing, and if it has only one name on it and your real estate is owned jointly by you and your spouse or someone else, please notify the Polk County Treasurer immediately at the address below, so that you may have two votes. This listing will be our official list.

Amanda Nissen, Treasurer • Polk County Government Center 100 Polk County Plaza • Balsam Lake, WI 54810 • (715) 485-9255.

Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation DISTRICT PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING

JULY 16, 2016 9:00 A.M. UNITY SCHOOL 1908 – 150TH STREET / STATE ROAD 46, BALSAM LAKE, WISCONSIN

AGENDA FOR ANNUAL MEETING

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT 40th ANNUAL MEETING Unity High School Auditorium 1908 – 150th Street • Balsam Lake, WI July 16, 2016

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. APPROVE AGENDA

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JULY 19, 2014 ANNUAL MEETING

4. **REPORTS**

- Opening Comments Ray Sloss
- Harvester Rod Preble
- Healthy Lakes 101– Tom Kelly
- Clean Boats Clean Waters Ray Sloss
- Aquatic Plant Management Ray Sloss
- East Balsam Ed McGlynn

5. RESOLUTION DISCUSSION / CALL THE QUESTION

- The board request authorization to borrow \$95,880 for the purpose of purchasing dredging equipment.
- Add a provision to the bylaws to allow a single signature on a check or to enter into obligation approved by the board that total \$2500 or less. Checks or obligations approved by the board greater than \$2500 shall require two signatures. The signatories shall be members of the executive committee.

6. TREASURERS REPORT

- Audit Report
- 2016/2017 Budget

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. ELECTION RESULTS

Report – Election Judge

9. NEW BUSINESS

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11.ADJOURN

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES FROM JULY 18, 2015

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT Annual Meeting July 18, 2015 Unity School Auditorium, Balsam Lake (Draft copy until approved at 2016 Annual Meeting)

1. CALL TO ORDER

- The 39th annual meeting of the BLPRD was called to order by Chairman Ray Sloss at 9:00 a.m.
- A motion was made by Ron Helms and seconded by Greg Moore to conduct the meeting as per Robert Rules. Approved.

2. APPROVE AGENDA

 A motion to approve the agenda was made by Caroline Rediske and seconded by Jean Hol. Approved.

3. APPROVE MINUTES OF JULY 20, 2013 ANNUAL MEETING

 A motion to approve the minutes of the July 19th, 2014 annual meeting was made by Jan Kreminski and seconded Dick Miller. Approved as per amended with \$19,000.00 for management of dredging in Raskin Bay.

4. **REPORTS**

- Accomplishments:
 - Activities that we completed this year: o CLP
 - o Point Intercept study
 - o 5 Year Aquatic Plant Management Plan



ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES continued

- o Herbicide treatment of CLP
- o CBCW
- o Resolution discussed
- o Budget
- o East Balsam boat landing-Georgetowntransfer title to us
- Clean Boat Clean Water (CWCB) Carl Holmgren
 - Noted that we have more adult volunteers then Unity students.
 - Board agreed to pay straight pay with no volunteer hours in 2016.
 - As of July 5th, Boats inspected: Beach 104; Little Balsam 110; 46 Landing 241; and on East Balsam 238
 - Carl noted that he is appointed by Polk County and will retire April of 2016. Asked if anyone wanted his position.
- Aquatic Plant Management Carl Holmgren
 - The 5 year plan is in the Library if anyone would like to read it.
 - We treated a total of 65.45 acres. It was a huge success.
- Raskin Bay Rod Preble
 Presented background information related to our Harvesting and Dredging resolutions. Noting:
 - Denmark Study Very much like Balsam Lake
 - Harvesting Contract vs owning; with Contracting there is a very high risk of bringing invasive species from other lakes that we don't want in Balsam Lake.
 - Pre Requirements: Activity identified in updated BLPRD 5 year plan and WDNR to take tour of lake to determine acres and approve.
 - Recovered material can be sent to the Village compost site.
- East Balsam- Ed McGlynn
 - Basin is shallow (9.5ft)
 - High Retention (2 years)
 - High phosphorus internal loading
 - Low dissolved oxygen rates (June-August)
 - High "P" loading driving seasonal blooms
 - DNR classified East Balsam as an Impaired body of water
 - Makes us eligible for 319 funding
 - Next Step
 - Looking into the different options that we can do in East Balsam.

5. DISCUSS AND DEBATE TWO RESOLUTION:

Secretary/Treasurer Carl Holmgren read aloud the Harvesting resolution.

HARVESTING RESOLUTION (01-2015) RESOLUTION of the Balsam Lake Protection

and Rehabilitation District • County of Polk, Wisconsin

WHEREAS Balsam Lake is an important resource used by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty: and

WHEREAS public use and enjoyment of Balsam Lake is best served by protection of Balsam Lake from infestation of aquatic invasive species; and WHEREAS we recognize the need to provide information and education about specific harvesting opportunities; and

WHEREAS harvesting in specific DNR approved areas of the lake will lead to better navigation, and will promote the public health, comfort, convenience, necessity and public welfare; and

WHEREAS we recognize the need for harvesting specific areas; and

WHEREAS we are qualified to carry out the responsibilities of the Balsam Lake harvesting project.

IT IS THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT:

The Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District requests the approval to proceed with an application for a loan to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) for \$319,120 to acquires needed harvesting equipment with terms to allow 10 year loan payments; and

HEREBY AUTHORIZES, the Balsam Lake District Board to act on behalf of the Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District to: submit a loan application to the Board of Commissioners Public Lands (BCPL) of Wisconsin for \$319,120.00 sign documents; and take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete purchase of required equipment.

Chairman Ray Sloss opened the meeting for Harvester Resolution Discussion:

- Many comments noted regarding water quality in several areas of the lake including East Balsam and Raskin Bay.
- Suggestion to delay the Dredging 2 years if Harvester resolution approved. Ray noted that both resolutions are on the agenda.
- Noted if Budget is to low? Budget can be amended when discussed.
- Suggestion to consider cost share with another lake; Ray noted that the purpose is to avoid invasives from other lakes.
- Noted that the resolution does not address possible grant monies; Ray noted that grant funding would be applied for and would offset a share of the long term debt.
- A motion was made by Robert Preston seconded by Cory Dupre to amend the resolution: In conjunction to receiving grant from state of Wisconsin for 40% of purchase price with specific numbers. Chairman Ray Sloss called for a voice vote: Motion failed.
- Pam Schneider and Ron Helms called for the question on Harvester. A motion was made by Pat _____ and seconded by Jim ____(Heller?) to take the vote.
- Chairman Ray Sloss closed discussion and called for a voice vote noting 'Yah' to approve the Harvesting Resolution and 'Nay' to reject the harvesting resolution. The Harvesting Resolution (01-2015) was approved by a majority of Yah votes.

Secretary/Treasurer Carl Holmgren read aloud the Dredging resolution.

ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES continued

DREDGING RESOLUTION (02-2015): RESOLUTION of the Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District • County of Polk, Wisconsin

WHEREAS Balsam Lake is an important resource used by the public for recreation and enjoyment of natural beauty: and

WHEREAS public use and enjoyment of Balsam Lake is best served by protection of Balsam Lake from infestation of aquatic invasive species; and

WHEREAS we recognize the need to provide information and education about specific dredging opportunities; and

WHEREAS dredging specific DNR approved areas of the lake will lead to better navigation, and will promote the public health, comfort, convenience, necessity and public welfare; and

WHEREAS we recognize the need for dredging specific areas of Raskin Bay, Pine Island Bay and Forest Circle Bay; and

WHEREAS we are qualified to carry out the responsibilities of the Balsam Lake dredging project.

IT IS THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT:

The Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District requests the approval to proceed with an application for a loan to the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands (BCPL) for \$95,880.00 to acquire needed dredging equipment with terms to allow 10 year loan payments.

HEREBY AUTHORIZES, the Balsam Lake District Board to act on behalf of the Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District to: submit a loan application to the Board of Commissioners Public Lands (BCPL) of Wisconsin for \$95,880.00 sign documents; and take necessary action to undertake, direct, and complete purchase of required equipment.

Chairman Ray Sloss opened the meeting for Dredging Resolution Discussion:

- After several minutes for discussion of pros and cons; a motion was made by Dick Miller and seconded by Debbie Irestone to call vote at 11:00. Approved.
- A motion was made by Dick Miller and seconded by Jerry Patten to only pursue the purchase of dredging equipment if we receive WDNR permits for Pine Island, Forest Circle and Raskin Bay in its entirety. The motion carried.
- Chairman Ray Sloss closed discussion and called for a voice vote noting 'Yah' to approve the amended Dredging resolution as amended and 'Nay' to reject the amended Dredging resolution. Amended Dredging Resolution (02-2015) was approved by a majority of Yah votes.
- Renee Pardello Asked the question; If we receive permits will it go back to the committee to finalize the cost? Ray indicated a working committee will work out the details.
- Ed Schaeffer said Thank you

6. TREASURERS REPORT

Budget Summary:

- Total amount budgeted \$187,100.00.
- Tax levy to increase to \$157,000 from \$144,600.00.
- Reason for the increase is loan payments for purchase of equipment for upcoming projects including: Harvesting & Dredging

Account Balances as of 07-01-14: Checking Account \$35,655.20 Savings Account \$7.47 Balsam Lake Protection Fund \$26,560.16 Total All Accounts \$62,222.83

Audit Report: Carl Holmgren reported that the audit report stated that we have a very good cash flow and stated no discrepancies reported.

A motion was made by Jan Kreminski and seconded by Pam Schiller to increase the CBCW from \$16,000 to \$25,000. Approved

A motion was made by Pam Schiller and seconded by Pat Irestone to accept the Budget and Audit report's as presented. Approved.

Renee Pardello moved to amend the budget to reduce the BCPL Loan Payment line total by \$25,790. The motion was seconded by _____. Chairman Ray Sloss ask by a show of hands for members present with a vote of 'No' to retain and a vote of 'Yes' to remove; the result was No - 23 and Yes – 8. Motion failed.

7. OLD BUSINESS

None

8. ELECTION-ELECT TWO COMMISSIONERS

Candidates:

- Ray Sloss 133 votes
- Ed McGlynn 131 votes

9. GUEST SPEAKER

Bill James-UW Stout

- o Look at Sediment
- o Phosphorus bound to iron in sediment
- o Phosphorus is released from under anaerobic condition
- o Sectioning is very important for estimating management of sediment
- o Main goal is to get the lake back to being a healthy lake

10.NEW BUSINESS

None

11.PUBLIC COMMENTS

The board was thanked for all their time and effort that they put into the lake.

12.ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Loren Johnson and seconded by Renee Pardello to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 p.m. Approved.

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

BUDGET FOR 2016 & 2017

The BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT will hold a public hearing on the following proposed budget at its annual meeting to be held July 16, 2016 at the Unity High School 1908 159th St. State Rd 46, Balsam Lake WI, beginning at 9am. This notice is given to you according to Statute and By-Laws at the direction of the Board of Commissioners.

	2015	2016	2016	2016	2017
	Actual	Budget	Year-to-Date	Variance	Budget
REVENUE	444 (00	4// 000	04.040		454400
	144,600	166,000	94,349	(71,651.36)	154,100
INTEREST CHECKING/CD/SAV	64	100	100	0.12	100
GRANTS	19,361	30,000	48,496	18,496.00	30,000
MISCELLANEOUS		0	1,593	1592.88	
TOTAL REVENUE	164,026	196,100	144,537	(51,562.36)	184,200
COST OF OPERATIONS / APPROPRIATIONS	0.050	0.000		(0,000,00)	0.000
BOARD - MEETINGS	8,250	8,000		(8,000.00)	8,000
BOARD - MILEAGE	4,528	4,000	50	(4,000.00)	4,000
BOARD - EXPENSES	6,892	5,000	50	(4,950.00)	7,000
Commissioner Reimbursed Expenses, Convention Expenses, Administrative Support Expenses, Operations Supplies, Books, Subscriptions, Reference, Safety Deposit Fee, Annual Comissioner 'Thank You' Dinner, Commissioner Project Activity Expenses					
DUES/SCHOLARSHIP	855	1,000	750 750	(250.00)	1,000
POSTAGE	1,186	2,000	894	(1,106.31)	2,000
PRINTING	7,236	7,000	3,354	(3,645.74)	9,000
OFFICE	1,800	2,000	1,179	(821.20)	2,000
AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT	44,048	50,000	35,609	(14,391.18)	50,000
AIS Grant Writing, AIS Grant Expenses, Harvesting Expens		50,000	55,007	(14,371.10)	50,000
CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS	13,888	25,000	8,177	(16,823,12)	25,000
WATER RUNOFF PROGRAM	.0,000	4,000	0,	(4,000.00)	5,000
WATER QUALITY PROJ	11,938	20,000	15,245	(4,755.00)	10,000
East Balsam, Raskin Bay (Lake Bottom Restoration), Waters			10,210	(1,700.00)	10,000
LAKE MANAGEMENT SERVICES	31	5,000	3,615	(1,385.00)	5,000
Portable Toilets, Signage, Citizen Lake Monitoring		- /	- /	())	- ,
CONSERVANCY					5,000
VOBL DAM MAINTENANCE	5,000	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
LONG RANGE APM PLAN	7,070			-	
BCPL LOAN PAYMENT		45,000		(45,000.00)	20,200
EQUIPMENT MAINT. & STORAGE		3,000		(3,000.00)	3,000
CONTRACT SERVICES					
ACCOUNTING	860	1,100		(1,100.00)	7000
INSURANCE/BOND	3,533	5,500	392	(5,108.00)	5,500
LEGAL	2,500			(2,500.00)	2,500
OTHER CONTRACT SERVICES	283	1,000	413	(587.00)	1,500
- Includes Website maintenance					
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	117,398	196,100	74,677	(121,422.55)	184,200
BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION FUND					
REVENUE					
BALANCE FORWARD		26,803	26,803	-	
FROM 2015 OPERATING ACCOUNT		46,627	46,627	-	
GRANT RBF 1546 - HARVESTER		59,726	29,863	(29,862.75)	
BCPL - LOAN		167,645	111,780	(55,865.00)	
TOTAL REVENUE		300,801	215,073	(85,727.75)	
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OFFICE EQUIP MAINTENANCE	0	350	350	-	
AIS RAPID RESPONSE PLAN RICE CREEK SEDIMENTATION	0	10,000		(10,000.00) (50,575.00)	
WATER QUALITY PROJECT	U	50,575		(00,375.00)	
HARVESTING EQUIPMENT		170,645	55,447	(115,198.46)	
DUMP TRUCK		10,000	9,000	(1,000.00)	
BUILDING		29,120	-	(29,120.00)	
DREDGING EQUIPMENT		95,880	(4 3 6 3	(95,880.00)	
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS		366,570	64,797	(301,773.46)	

Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Board Resolution 02-2016

Amendment to Resolution 02-2015

RESOLUTION of the Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District County of Polk, Wisconsin

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WHEREAS we recognize the need for dredging specific areas of Raskin Bay, Pine Island Bay and Forest Circle Bay; and

WHEREAS we are qualified to carry out the responsibilities of the Balsam Lake dredging project.

IT IS THEREFORE, RESOLVED THAT:

Upon securing permits from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to dredge Raskin Bay, Forest Circle Bay and Pine Island Bay in its entirety as approved at the annual meeting on July 19th, 2015, the District of Commissioners of the Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District is hereby authorized to borrow up to the sum of Ninety-Five Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Dollars and 00/100 (\$95,880.00) for the purpose of financing the purchase of a Dredging Machine and support equipment AND, levy upon all the taxable property of the District a direct and irrepealable annual tax for the purpose of paying, and sufficient to pay both the interest on the loan as it comes due and to repay the principle within 10 years of making the loan.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT,

the Officers and Commissioners of Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District are authorized and directed to execute any and all actions reasonably necessary to complete such contemplated borrowing transaction and complete the purchase of required equipment.

By: Tom Kelly, Secretary Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Dated: _____, 20____

IMPROVING WATER QUALITY You Can Play a Part in Improving Water Quality in the Lake...

- Control your runoff! Maintain a natural vegetation zone between your lawn and the water's edge to control and filter runoff into the lake. Use rain gardens to capture hard cover runoff.
- If you use fertilizer, be sure the phosphorus content is zero. It is the middle number 25-0-10 on the bag.
- Questions regarding shoreland protection may be directed to Polk County Land and Water Resources at (715) 485-8699.



THE BEST WATER QUALITY

State Statute 33.28 The District Board of Commissioners

(2) Except as provided in sub. (2m) (c), the board of commissioners shall consist of all of the following: (a) One person appointed by the county board who is a member of the county land conservation committee or who is nominated by the county land conservation committee and appointed by the county board. (b) One person who is appointed by the governing body of the town, village, or city within which the largest portion by valuation of the district lies. The person appointed under this paragraph shall be a resident of the district who owns property within the district if possible or shall be a member of the governing body of the town, village, or city within which the largest portion of the valuation of the district lies. (c) Three electors or owners of property within the district elected by secret ballot by the qualified electors and property owners within the district, for staggered 3-year terms. At least one of the elected commissioners shall be a resident of the district.



Balsam Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District P.O. Box 202 Balsam Lake, WI 54810





MEETING SCHEDULE

July 16, 2016 (Annual Mtg.) August 20, 2016 September 17, 2016 October 15, 2016 November 19, 2016 December 17, 2016 January 21, 2017 February 18, 2017 March 18, 2017 April 15, 2017

Polk County Business Center Lower Level Conference Room Third Saturday of the Month Meetings begin at 8:30 a.m.

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