



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Board Meeting March 9, 2024 8:30 AM Central Time

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1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Commissioner Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:40 AM

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Tom Kelly, Gary Schneider, Terry Palmberg, Jack Weix, Dave Mariani, Dale Ulbrich

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Marisa Weider, Lake District Manager
- Patty Kabus, Recorder

4) APPROVE AGENDA:

- Commissioner Mariani motioned to approve the agenda, Commissioner Weix seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

5) APPROVE MINUTES: February 2024

- Review minutes. Commissioner Palmberg motioned a change to the Feb minutes to note the person giving the permits instead of 'he'. Commissioner Palmberg motioned to approve the February Meeting Minutes with the amendment, Commissioner Schneider seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Constituent expressed support to go forward with the nanno technology

7) TREASURER REPORT:

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- Financials / Schneider
- Commissioner Schneider presented the February financials.
- Commissioner Mariani motioned to approve the February financials, Commissioner Palmberg seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

8) Water Quality

- Solitude contract 24 & 26 / Weider & Kelly
 - Contract for 2024/2026 alum treatments has been sent with some changes, we responded back that we'd like to keep the contracts as they were.
 - At this point we are looking at early June for the treatment

9) Aquatic Plant Management and Invasive species

- CBCW / Mork
 - No update
- Purple loosestrife yellow Iris eradication / Mork
 - No update
- Harvesting CLP & Navigation / Weix
 - We ordered a new motor and belt backup.
 - We ordered service to be put into the outbuilding. Cost will be about \$2500.00. Dallas Electric will be installing the electric.
 - Commissioner Kelly asked if the motor is new or if it's a rebuild. Commissioner Weix responded that it is a new motor.
 - We are currently working on an RFQ for the herbicide treatment this year. Matt will do a treatment plan in the spring to determine what is needed
- Zebra Mussels /Ulbrich
 - Zebra mussels are now being found in East Balsam, so now in every bay. No solutions have been identified yet
- Watercraft CLEANING STATIONS CD3 / Ulbrich
 - We are within days of the lake being open. As soon as that happens, we will uncover those stations that are on site. Commissioner Kelly noted we should probably target somewhere around April 15th to get the stations set up
 - The cleaning station on 46 needed a replacement part. That has been obtained and will be replaced before they are put out
 - New signs are being created to clarify procedures. The new signs are made to post right over the old ones
 - Payment on the last 10% of the grant will not be paid out until the end of the 4-year grant period

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10) Water Patrol / Schneider

- 2023 water patrol staffing and compensation / Schneider
 - No interest in the new officer position yet. Posting has been sent to sheriff's office nearby

11) OLD BUSINESS

- Rice Creek Conservancy - Land Allowed Public Use / Palmberg & Mork

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- A new sign mock-up is in progress
- Commissioner Ulbrich will send his sign contact information to Commissioner Palmberg
- Process and Procedure Documentation / Kabus & Kelly
 - Commissioner Kelly asked if the cleaning station winterization is included in the procedures. It is. Close item
- Construction Project Little Balsam Hillside cave in / Palmberg
 - No updates at this time
 - Logan Hacker is the new contact in zoning
- Nanno Technology – sediment remediation – DNR grant resolution / Ulbrich
 - Commissioner Ulbrich reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on nano technology
 - Commissioner Ulbrich noted we need to determine how to measure success. One way is to measure the muck layer in the bay so we can track the progress made
 - A number of residents around the lake have expressed support and excitement about this program
 - Discussed the fact that we did not get a grant from the DNR as they are prioritizing invasive species this year. Discussion on funding options
 - Commissioner Ulbrich has gotten quotes from 2 of the 3 vendors.
 - Commissioner Ulbrich motioned that we move forward with nano bubbler technology as presented, and bring to the residents in the July meeting. Commissioner Weix seconded. All approved, motion passed.
 - Marissa Wieder, Lake Manager, asked how the monitoring of the buoys happens. Commissioner Ulbrich explained that it has to be cleaned off monthly and run a test. We will be responsible for watching the data. Commissioner Ulbrich noted that he will do the maintenance and monitoring. Commissioner Palmberg also offered to help. Marisa may also be able to help and will meet with Commissioner Ulbrich. Matt Berg may also be able to help.
- Egg Oiling / Wieder
 - Brian came to last month's meeting. Since then, the village has approved the egg oiling project, and are applying for the oiling permit. They have 3 or 4 volunteers to do the oiling. The homeowner's Association sent notification to owners and ask for nest locations. The district does not need to be included in the permit, but egg oiling will occur throughout the lake.

12) NEW BUSINESS

- L & W runoff project / Weider
 - Land and Water has approached the district. They have a TRIM grant for runoff management and are looking for projects. They have currently identified Otter Creek, which is north of 46 and east of Milltown as a project area. They are working with the landowner to do a project on their land to prevent some erosion. They are asking BLPRD for a portion of the 30% not included in the grant. They want to create a retention pond to bypass the water runoff running down the slope and causing

erosion. This will reduce sediment and phosphorous runoff into the creek, which then runs into Balsam Lake. They have not yet published expected reductions of phosphorous and sediment. There is a 10-year maintenance period once the grant is put into place. The land remains the landowner's property.

- Everyone expressed support for Marisa to move forward on this project, and to let them know we are open to participating in the project. The landowner should also participate financially.

13) OTHER REPORTS:

- Milltown / Palmberg
 - Commissioner Palmberg presented 6 BLPRD board meeting discussions to the Town of Milltown board during the Town of Milltown February meeting. Specifically:
 - Addressing the Cave-in on Little Balsam. Working with Ryan Wood, Moe Norby, Sara Mc Curdy, and Logan Hacker. Logan has taken the lead to prepare a remediation notice to the land owner that will require the silt, rocks and other debris be removed from the lake, and a plan to address the washout and cave-in. Logan is working with the DNR to obtain the approvals needed to restore the shoreline and to remove the debris. Logan has personally visited the property.
 - A County/BLPRD formal process is being put in place so that any shoreline variances on Balsam Lake are sent to the BLPRD for comment before approvals. Logan Hacker is the contact from the county, and Commissioner Palmberg will be the contact for BLPRD as we establish the process.
 - Approvals have been completed for the 3rd ALUM treatment in East Balsam this summer. There is good progress from the 2 ALUM treatments so far completed, and 2 remain – this year and in 2026.
 - The weed harvester has been repaired and BLPRD now has spare parts on hand. We expect it to be used this summer as there may be more lake vegetation due to the warm winter.
 - BLPRD has hired a Lake District Manager – Marisa Wieder.
 - BLPRD has been asked to participate in geese egg oiling. The purpose is to avoid the ecoli outbreaks we have seen, especially at the beach.
- County / Mariani
 - The County is planning to do clean water training, one right before fishing opener and another during the summer
 - The County will also provide monitor kits to determine what is going on in the lake. They will provide one kit for each lake in Wisconsin
 - Every year, the county gives trees away. Commissioner Mariani provided the website for owners to get trees for free. They are about 3 year old trees. Commissioner Mariani will send the information to Commissioner Weix so he can put it on our website. Commissioner Kelly noted Commissioner Mariani to also send this info to the Homeowner's Association
 - Sarah McCarty is the new Land and Water Director
 - Commissioner Kelly discussed testing iron content in the water

14) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- Commissioner Palmberg noted the conservancy land titles so not have restrictions on the land, and gives the BLPRD latitude in how to manage. We cannot develop the land.
- Commissioner Palmberg asked if we should post this info on the website. Commissioner Ulbrich suggested that we ask an attorney if we should post on the website.
- Add to future agenda items to make a decision on document storage in general, whether on the website or elsewhere

15) ADJOURN:

- Commissioner Palmberg motioned to adjourn, Commissioner Ulbrich seconded, all approved, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 AM

