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July 2012

Unity student training for "CBCW"



Staff from Polk County Land and Water department along with Carl Holmgren, held a training session for Unity students that will conduct the inspections for the district's "Clean Boats and Water" program at the public landings on Balsam Lake this summer.

Carl Holmgren, Commissioner

The BLPRD 'Clean Boats and Clean Waters' inspection program is underway again this year. I am using Unity High School students who work a 50 - 50 program, whereby they get paid for one hour for each two they work. The unpaid

hour goes towards their 'Community Service' hours required for graduation. I am also using some students that have graduated. After talking to other Lake Districts and their programs; our CBCW program is lucky to have the Unity School in our district to provide

volunteers. Success of any volunteer program is getting the volunteers.

Our work season runs through the summer, starting with 'Opening of Fishing' on May 5th and ending with August



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31st when everyone is back at school. All four landings; Village Beach, 46 Store, Little, and East have hours assigned

Students(Con't on page 7)

WIDNR to blitz

Volunteers and citizens from Polk County Lakes will be educating boaters and conducting free courtesy boat checks over both 4th of July weekends at lakes throughout the county to assure boaters do not accidentally spread Eurasian water-milfoil, zebra mussels, and other aquatic invasive species into our waters.

The inspectors will be stationed at boat landings to help boaters understand

Blitz(Con't on page 7)

Curly leaf controlled in East Balsam



Stray completed May 2nd after WIDNR late approval

By Milt Stanze and Loren Johnson, Commissioners

Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) has been a problem in our lake for years, especially in East Balsam, the district treated quite a bit this year but it is not all gone! In fact, the district sprayed more acres this year

than in any previous year.

This year the district targeted three beds for treatment in East Balsam, The largest one was in the North West corner 43 Acres and one in the Southeast corner of 7 acres and the third was in the bay just to the North as you come into East Balsam from the narrows of 6 acres.

The spraying was done on May 2nd and May 3rd using a chemical called Aquathol K at a dosage rate of 1.5 ppm. The post treatment inspection indicated that all CLP in these three beds was completely eliminated. Due to the late spraying, all native species were also eliminated except for some Coontail.

The State started a new process for applying for a permit this year. In prior years the application was sent directly to Spooner for approval. Now the permit goes to Madison first for review and then to Spooner for final approval.

Curly leaf(Con't on page 7)



Mark Your Calendar
to attend
the Balsam Lake
Protection & Rehabilitation
District's
Annual
Meeting
July 21st
2012
at
Unity
Schools
9:00 a.m.
Registration
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Do-it-yourself alternative lawn care

When you go to the grocery store, you can find a USDA Organic Version of all kinds of produce. While organic products tend to be a bit more expensive, the quality is at least equal to the conventionally grown products. Consumers have also come to expect and appreciate having a choice. Unfortunately, the same choices are not yet available for your lawn. The primary obstacle to a healthy organic or alternative lawn is a healthy soil. If you asked an organic farmer or gardener the secret to growing organic food, she'd tell you it's all about the soil. But our lawn soils were heavily disturbed when the home was constructed. Chances are the original twelve inches of topsoil was stripped and sold and the basement clay was spread around the property and compacted. Then two inches of topsoil was spread around and a cheap species of grass was planted. It's no wonder many people constantly struggle with weeds, insects, and drought. Six key techniques for maintaining an alternative or organic lawn are described below:

• Soil Health

It should come as no surprise to learn that focusing on soil health is the first key to success for alternative lawn care. The best defense against weeds, insects, and diseases is a healthy plant; and healthy plants need a good soil. For new areas, we recommend planting into at least 6 inches of good topsoil for roots to thrive. If the roots can only explore the top few inches, turf density suffers, weeds encroach, and the lawn goes dormant at the first sign of drought. If you are dealing with an already established lawn on poor soil, you can core aerate each fall, and add compost in the spring and fall each year to slowly build up the root zone.

• Grass Type

Another important consideration is grass type. Some grasses are better suited for low maintenance situations than others. For example fine and tall fescue do very well with little fertilizer and water. They are both acceptable under shade. However, fine fescue will not tolerate much traffic, or wet, compacted soils. Tall fescue will not tolerate ice over. Talk with a turfgrass specialist to determine which grass species and cultivars are right for your specific situation.

• Mowing

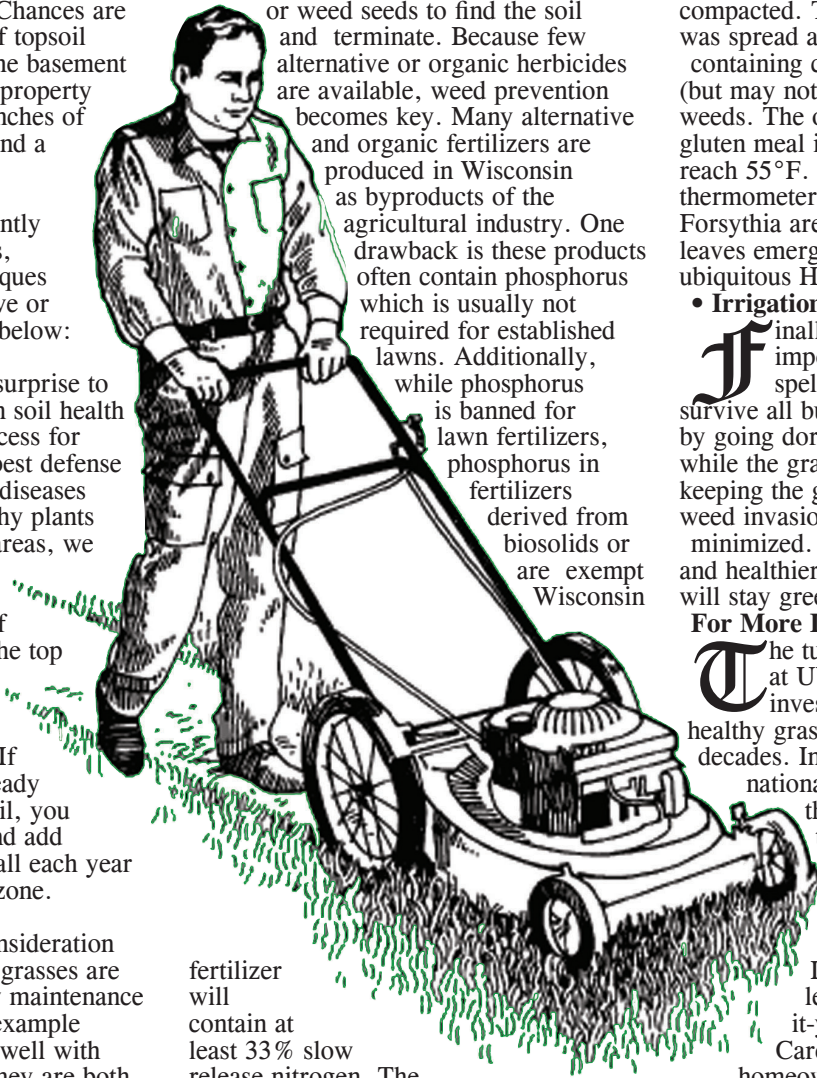
After you have a good soil and the right grass, mowing it properly will ensure its continued success.

Mowing is a stressful event for grass, so make sure the mower blades are sharp to minimize injury to the grass blades and try not off at any one time. Finally, the grass clippings should be mulched back to the lawn to provide nutrients. Returning grass clippings to the soil is usually equivalent to one or two fertilizer applications.

• Fertilizer

Speaking of nutrients, fertilizing the lawn is important to maintain good density. A dense lawn will slow the flow of water across the surface and encourage infiltration into the soil. Also, dense lawns leave few opportunities

or weed seeds to find the soil and terminate. Because few alternative or organic herbicides are available, weed prevention becomes key. Many alternative and organic fertilizers are produced in Wisconsin as byproducts of the agricultural industry. One drawback is these products often contain phosphorus which is usually not required for established lawns. Additionally, while phosphorus is banned for lawn fertilizers, phosphorus in fertilizers derived from biosolids or are exempt Wisconsin



fertilizer will contain at least 33% slow release nitrogen. The best time to apply fertilizer to Wisconsin lawns is around Memorial Day and Labor Day.

• Pest Control

Organic or alternative pest control relies on the use of hand pulling weeds or the use of products. When you go to the grocery store, you can find a USDA Organic version of all kinds of produce.

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bit more expensive, the quality is at least equal to the conventionally grown products. Consumers have also come to expect and appreciate having a choice. Unfortunately, the same choices are not yet available for your lawn. The primary obstacle to a healthy organic or alternative lawn is a healthy soil. If you asked an organic farmer or gardener the secret to growing organic food, she'd tell you it's all about the soil. But our lawn soils were heavily disturbed when the home was constructed. Chances are the original twelve inches of topsoil was stripped and sold and the basement clay was spread around the property and compacted. Then two inches of topsoil was spread around and a cheap species of containing chelated iron that control (but may not eliminate) many broadleaf weeds. The optimum time to apply corn gluten meal is when soil temperatures reach 55°F. If you don't have a soil thermometer, it's about the time Forsythia are blooming or when the leaves emerge on the invasive and ubiquitous Honeysuckle.

• Irrigation

Finally, irrigation may be important during extreme dry spells. While most grasses can survive all but the most extreme droughts by going dormant, weeds can proliferate while the grass is temporarily brown. By keeping the grass green and growing, weed invasion will be minimized. Keep in mind that the deeper and healthier the soil, the longer your turf will stay green during the year.

For More Information

The turfgrass research program at UW-Madison has been investigating ways to maintain healthy grass with fewer inputs for decades. In fact, we've earned a national reputation for leading the way in environmental turfgrass research.

Drawing on that wealth of knowledge, two new publications are available from the UWExtension Learning Store: <http://learningstore.uwex.edu>. Do-it-yourself Alternative Lawn Care (A3964) is designed for homeowners, while Organic and Reduced Risk Lawn Care (A3958) is designed for the lawn care professional. Each publication is available in English and Spanish and provides detailed information on application rates, composting, and other alternative lawn care practices. I hope this information gets you off to a good start for maintaining healthy turf with fewer inputs. I'll be sure to update you as more progress is made in this area.

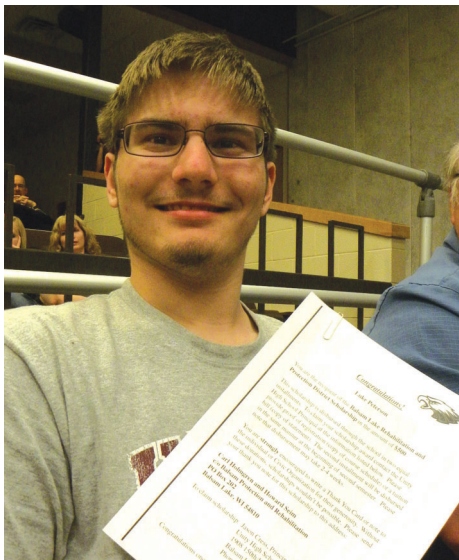
Culvert Replacement Project Update

The waterway access between Balsam Lake Town Bay and Balsam Lake Millpond that has been a long time coming has finally been aligned with a schedule for completion, thanks to the efforts of the Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (BLPRD) and the Bridge Committee.

The schedule is:

- FINISH FINAL SURVEY END OF MARCH 2012
- VILLAGE APPROVAL OF PROJRCT TIMELINE MAY 2012 BOARD MEETING
- DESIGN PHASE / REVIEW
- a. 80% COMPLETE END OF JUNE 2012
- b. PREPARE PERMITS END OF JUNE 2012
- c. VILLAGE SIGN PERMITS END OF JUNE 2012
- d. SUBMIT PERMITS END OF JUNE 2012
- e. FINAL DESIGN COMPLETE AUGUST 2012
- ALL REPORTS BACK SEPT. /OCTOBER 2012
- PREPARE BID DOUCUMENTS OCT/NOVEMBER 2012
- ADVERTISE PROJECT JAN. / FEBRUARY 2013
- BIDS DUE BACK MARCH 1ST 2013
- AWARD BID APRIL 1ST 2013
- CONSTRUCTION START MAY 1ST 2013
- 30 TO 45 DAYS CONSTRUCTION TIME Project Complete JUNE 15TH 2013
- TRANSFER BRIDGE OWNERSHIP JULY 1st 2013 (VILLAGE TO POLK COUNTY)

This project is a topic of conversation up and down Main Street, around the lake, and in local businesses and once completed will be an asset to the Village of Balsam Lake and the entire Balsam Lake community. The pathways included between the Beach and east side along County Road I will provide safe access for walkers, runners, bikers, and yes baby strollers.



Luke Peterson this years recipient of the Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District's \$500.00 scholarship.

Who can Vote . . .

at a Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation district's annual meeting?

At any annual meeting or special meeting of the Lake District where voting will take place, voter registration is required. The Lake District gets its voter registration list from the Polk County Treasurer, who gets this from 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 than 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 in a trust, then it should be listed as: John and Mary Doe Family Trust – or some similar wording. A person or persons who own more than one piece of property are entitled to no more than one vote. All residents (owners, renters, and lessees) who are registered voters are entitled to vote. Renters and lessees must bring proof of their eligibility to the registration place. A paid utility bill will suffice. There are no absentee ballots or proxies. Don't forget your I.D.

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 so that you may have two votes.

This listing will be our official list.

The official tax roll for determining annual meeting voting eligibility is the one that was delivered before the third Monday in December of the previous year.

For more information on voting requirements, see *People of the Lakes: A Guide for Wisconsin Lake Organizations* (Chapter 5), www.uwsp.edu/cnr/uwexlakes/districts

NO OR LOW COST Lakeshore Water Quality Advice

Lawn Care

- Don't fertilize or use zero phosphorus fertilizer
- Set your mower blade to 3-4 inches.
- Mow less frequently
- Select no-mow areas

Water flow

- Add downspout diverters

Native Plants

- Allow lakefront to grow
- Identify invasive plants
- Purchase bare root shrubs

Go to BLPRD.com
• Get free info

Request a free site visit

If you want

to get involved with your Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District check out the website at www.blprd.com and contact one of the commissioners.

**BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING
JULY 21, 2012 9:00 A.M.
UNITY SCHOOL**

1908 – 150TH STREET / STATE ROAD 46 BALSAM LAKE, WISCONSIN

The Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District will hold its annual meeting July 21, 2012 at Unity School, 1908 – 150th Street / State Road 46, Balsam Lake, Wisconsin, beginning at 9:00 a.m. The Balsam Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District commissioners meet nine times a year on the third Saturday of the month. They meet 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 on the BLPRD Web site at www.blprd.com.

PRESENT COMMISSIONERS

Howard Seim, Chairman
Term Expires July 2013

Caroline Rediske **
Term Expires April 2013

Carl Holmgren*, Secretary/Treasurer
Term Expires April 2013

Loren Johnson
Term Expires July 2014
Milt Stanze
Term Expires July 2012

Dave Wagner
Term Expires July 2014

Tom Miller, Vice Chair
Term Expires July 2012

* Appointed by the Polk County Board ** Appointed by the Village of Balsam Lake

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. APPROVE AGENDA
3. APPROVE MINUTES of JULY 16, 2011 ANNUAL MEETING
4. REPORTS
 - Chair – Howard Seim
 - Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) – Carl Holmgren
 - Aquatic Plant Management – Milt Stanze & Loren Johnson
5. TREASURERS REPORT
 - 2013 Budget Discussion
 - Audit Report
6. ELECTION – ELECT TWO COMMISSIONERS
 - Milt Stanze – Incumbent
 - Ed McGlynn
 - Ray Sloss
7. GUEST SPEAKERS
 - Long Range Plan – Cheryl Clemens, Harmony Environmental
8. OLD BUSINESS
 - Bridge Replacement Project Howard Seim
 - Conservancy Report (Stump Bay Conservancy) – Milt Stanze & Dave Wagner
9. NEW BUSINESS
10. PUBLIC COMMENTS
11. ADJOURN

by Ralph Nelson. Approved.

4. REPORTS

- Chairman Report:
 - Introduced elected and appointed Board members noting activities and years served.
 - Special recognition of Cheryl Clemens from Harmony Environmental, she does all of our DNR grant writing and she was elected as Wisconsin Lakes Stewardship Award Winner of the year for Business Category.
 - Bridge Replacement Project: Howard Seim
 - Working with Project Team that includes County, Village, Chamber, and State representation.
 - BLPRD estimated budget is \$250,000.00
 - Purpose: To provide waterway access between Town Bay of Balsam Lake and the Mill Pond water body of Balsam Lake for lake management and recreational purposes.
 - Current Status: DNR raised concerns regarding effects of the wider bridge opening on the Mill Pond dam that might change the dam classification and cause the rebuilding of the dam. The DNR recommended Ayres Corp analyze and answer DNR questions. The BLPRD entered into \$15,000 contract with Ayres for this study in June.
 - Preliminary response was received on July 7th, 2011; and Ayres found that “our analysis indicates that the culvert can be increased to the 20-foot span without adversely impacting the dam’s failure consequences, hazard classification, or spillway capacity requirements”

donations for the required soil borings.) Discussion followed the presentation.

- Conservancy Report (Stump Bay Conservancy)- Milt Stanze and Dave Wagner
 - Have been working on it since 2002
 - The Wisconsin DNR lists the Stump Bay site as property with critical habitat and highly supports that this property be placed in conservancy. It is the most biologically diverse area on Balsam Lake and is a critical fish spawning area. It is home to abundant wildlife including shorebirds, birds of prey and waterfowl.
 - Polk county Land and Water Resources also highly encourages that this property be purchased for conservancy.

Notes:

1. How will the site be used if purchased by the District? The site will be maintained in its natural state. (Unity School has said they would use it as an outdoor classroom and Polk County Land and Water Resources said they will use it as a study site.)
2. Are there other benefits? The District currently owns 18 acres of property directly to the east (as a conservancy) with Harder Creek running through the center. This acquisition would add value to the land the District currently owns, as the entire north side of Stump Bay would be protected.
3. What is the cost of the project? The District was successful in obtaining a DNR grant for a large amount of the land costs. In fact, this grant was the highest rated lake management grant in the State of Wisconsin. The amount of the grant is \$112,500. The purchase price was \$295,000 leaving a net cost to the District of \$182,500.
4. What if the membership does not approve purchase? The current owner has said that he intends to develop the site. The site is large enough to support multiple developable home sites or a condo type development. Discussion followed the presentation.
5. TREASURERS REPORT
Karen Aubin reported that if the two projects do not pass then the budget

**BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
Annual Meeting July 16, 2011
-DRAFT-**

1. CALL TO ORDER
 - The 35th annual meeting of the BLPRD was called to order by Chairman Howard Seim at 9:11 a.m.
 - Market Place Foods was thanked for donating the pastries.
2. APPROVE AGENDA
 - A motion to approve the agenda was made by Rolf Nelson and seconded by Jon Kreminski. Approved.
3. APPROVE MINUTES of JULY 17, 2010 ANNUAL MEETING
 - A motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2010 annual meeting was made by Chuck Swanson and seconded

Notes:

1. Polk County Highway has agreed to all costs for County Road “I” reconstruction after the new bridge is in place.
2. The County is taking full project management responsibility.
3. The Village of Balsam Lake Smart Growth Committee is taking full responsibility for structure esthetics, bike path, and lighting.
4. The Balsam Lake Area Chamber of Commerce is supportive of the project. (They also paid the cost with individual

Budget (Con't from page 4)

presented will have to be amended.

Ballot vote for Capital Projects:
 Conservancy Project-Stump Bay
 Yes: 125 No: 40

passed

Mill Pond/Lake Access
 Yes: 90 No: 75

passed

Audit Report: Karen Aubin reported that the audit report stated there was good cash flow and stated no discrepancies.

Resolution 2011-01: Howard explained the required resolution for creating the Balsam Lake Protection Fund:

Whereas, the Annual Meeting of electors and property owners of the District is responsible for the adoption of an Annual Budget for the District; and Whereas, the Annual Meeting has, from time to time, adopted Annual Budgets that identified specific capital and maintenance initiatives (including projects to manage sediment in Rice Creek, land conservation project on Stump Bay, a project to replace the culvert connecting Balsam Lake to the Mill Pond with a bridge, and provide for office equipment maintenance), made appropriations to be held as nonlapsable funds until these projects were completed or terminated and authorized applications for grants and other sources of funds for these projects; and Whereas, the Annual Meeting is authorized to create such nonlapsable funds to finance specifically identified capital costs and for maintenance of capital equipment; and Whereas, the electors and property owners convened at this 2011 Annual Meeting have determined to provide for a comprehensive program to consider and appropriate funds for capital and maintenance projects approved in the Annual Budget through the creation of a Balsam Lake Protection Fund as a nonlapsable fund and for the Board of Commissioners to plan and carry out approved projects and to account for the sources and uses of the

Balsam Lake Protection Fund.

NOW THEREFORE, the electors and property owners convened at this 2011 Annual Meeting, pursuant to its authority under Sections 33.29(2) and 33.30(4)(d) of the

Wisconsin Statutes, hereby establish a nonlapsable fund designated as the **BALSAM LAKE**

PROTECTION FUND (the "Fund") and a capital projects program all as set forth below:

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION FUND

The Balsam Lake Protection Fund is a nonlapsable fund for the protection and maintenance of Balsam Lake. The Fund shall be used exclusively for capital and maintenance projects that are specially identified and listed in the Annual Budget ("listed projects") in amounts not exceeding the authorization therefore.

The Fund shall consist of:

(a) amounts appropriated or transferred to the Fund for listed projects approved in the Annual Budget, (b) grants or gifts received by the District from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, other units of government, charitable foundations, individuals or other sources for listed projects and (c) all investment income of the Fund.

The Board of Commissioners may seek and accept funds from federal, state, local or private sources to be held in the Balsam Lake Protection Fund for use in connection with one or more listed projects. The Treasurer shall establish one or more accounts for the deposit and management of the Fund, segregated from the general funds of the District and shall separately account for funds appropriated or received for each listed project, including each listed project's proportionate share of the investment income of the Fund. The Annual Budget proposed by the Commission shall identify each approved and proposed listed project, including (as applicable) the year of the Annual Meeting at which each was approved, the authorized amount for each listed project and the amount held in the Fund for each listed project.

The Board of Commissioners may expend monies received or earned in the Fund for direct and indirect costs incurred by the District to plan and complete the listed projects not exceeding the amount authorized for each such project. However, subject to any limitations on gift or grant funds, the Board of Commissioners, upon the completion of a listed project may expend any excess funds authorized therefore on one or more other listed projects.

A motion was made by Rolf Nelson and seconded by Ken Foster to put money in for the East Balsam Sedimentation project so the studies can be done and to accept the Audit report, Budget, Resolution 2011-01, and Capital Projects. Approved by a voice vote of 165 Ayes and 0 Nays.

6. ELECTION-ELECT TWO COMMISSIONERS

-Dave Wagner- Nominated by the board.
 -A motion was made by Chuck Swanson and seconded by Milt Stanze to nominate Loren Johnson as a commissioner. Approved.

- A motion was made by Jeanne O'Connell and seconded by Jan Kreminski to accept both of the nominations for the two open commissioner seats. Approved.

7. GUEST SPEAKER

WATER QUALITY-Meg Rattei, Barr Engineering.

- Meg reported that the water quality in the lake is good.
- Samples were taken from 6 different locations.

- 5 of 6 were great-in a range from 20-23
 - East Balsam didn't fare so well, it's average was 38.
 - Protect the 5 of 6 that are doing great
 - Rice Creek- has very low phosphorus, 100 times lower....05% pounds of phosphorus per acre.
 - Little Balsam- Sedimentation basin good, made good sense putting that in.
 - Harder Creek- bought land to protect, 40%-stump bay....03% pounds per acre
 - East Balsam- it is the sediment in the lake, very shallow, has a slow rate of turn over.
- Recommendations:
- Reduce internal loading
 - Do a sediment study of East Balsam
 - Figure what a cost of Alum treatment would be.
 - Periodic Inspection and Maintenance of Rice Creek Sedimentation basin
 - Secchi disc monitoring of Little Balsam, Stump Bay, East Balsam, and the Main part of the lake
 - Trend analysis every 3 years
 - Periodic review of crop land management practices
 - Periodic water quality monitoring of Balsam Lake
- ALWAYS BE PROACTIVE!!**

8. OLD BUSINESS

Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW) - Carl Holmgren

- Carl reported that the CBCW is doing very well.
- Noted support received from Polk County Sheriff's office for unruly boater.
- Reported that there had been a citation issued for having vegetation on their boat trailer driving on the roadway. It was a \$232 fine.

Waterfront Runoff Program (WRP)- Karen Aubin

Karen reported that they have 18 projects in place.

Water Quality-Dave Wagner Done.

Meg Rattei gave a presentation on the water quality in Balsam Lake.

9. NEW BUSINESS. None

10 PUBLIC COMMENTS:
 · It was stated that the 'No Wake' buoys in Town Bay needs to be larger as they are hard to see.

· Karen Aubin was thanked for all her hard work and time that she has served on the board.

· It was stated that 3 people have pontoon boats on land that is not theirs. They have since added a pier. The state needs to enforce the laws if they are going to have them....

11. ADJOURN

There being no further business, a motion was made by Rolf Nelson and seconded by Jeanne O'Connell to adjourn the meeting at 12:13 p.m. Approved.

Budget (Con't on page 6)

Balsam Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District Budget for 2013

	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Budget	2012 June YTD Est.	2012 Bal (Jul-Dec)	2012 Est. Year End	2013 Budget
REVENUE							
TAXES	100,000	101,512	100,000	56,193	43,807	100,000	100,000
INTEREST CHECKING/CD/SAV	4,467	8,609	5,040	75	150	150	400
GRANTS	81,603	41,349	25,000	18,358	6,642	25,000	30,000
MISCELLANEOUS	2,300	287	0	0	0	0	1,000
TOTAL REVENUE	188,370	151,757	130,040	74,626	50,599	125,150	131,400
COST OF OPERATIONS / APPROPRIATIONS							
BOARD - MONTHLY MEETINGS	4,200	4,800	5,000	150	4,850	5,000	5,000
BOARD - MILEAGE	4,715	3,886	4,000	611	3,389	4,000	4,000
BOARD - REIMBURSED EXPENSES	12,756	12,402	11,000	3,885	7,115	11,000	13,000
DUES/SCHOLARSHIP	1,430	25	500	600	0	600	600
POSTAGE	2,233	1,403	3,000	450	2,550	3,000	3,000
PRINTING	3,780	3,566	5,000	1,062	3,938	5,000	4,000
OFFICE	2,257	2,450	1,800	900	900	1,800	1,800
AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT	15,093	22,672	25,000	31,382	0	31,382	25,000
CLEAN BOATS CLEAN WATERS	25,359	17,742	20,000	1,014	18,986	20,000	20,000
WATER RUNOFF PROGRAM	46,839	16,899	0	358	0	0	10,000
WATER QUALITY PROJ	28,770	18,283	0	184	0	0	0
LAKE MANAGEMENT SERVICES	3,598	4,247	3,252	2,880	372	3,938	3,500
VOBL DAM MAINTENANCE	10,000	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	10,000	10,000
LONG RANGE PLAN	0	56	5,000	7,059	0	6,534	0
EAST BALSAM WQ STUDY	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000
RASKIN BAY NAVIGATION	0	0	0	0	0	0	5,000
CORE SAMPLING	0	0	0	0	0	0	15,000
CONTRACT SERVICES							
AUDIT	945	937	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	1,000
INSURANCE/BOND	3,071	3,093	3,200	2,687	513	3,200	3,500
LEGAL	1,057	3,717	1,000	308	692	1,000	1,000
OTHER CONTRACT SERVICES	50	331	1,000	209	791	1,000	1,000
TOTAL OPERATING COSTS	166,153	126,509	99,752	53,739	55,096	108,454	131,400
CAPITAL COST / APPROPRIATIONS							
CONSERVANCY PROJ - STUMP BAY*	0	102,816	82,500	87,998	0	87,998	0
MILLPOND / LAKE ACCESS	5,966	20,779	243,255	0	0	0	243,255
TOTAL CAPITAL COSTS	5,966	123,595	325,755	87,998	0	87,998	243,255
TOTAL ALL COSTS	172,119	250,104	425,507	141,737	55,096	196,452	374,655

BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION FUND

	YEAR	AMOUNT	EXPENDED FUNDS	BALANCE OF AUTHORIZED	BALANCE OF AUTHORIZED
	APPROVED	AUTHORIZED	AS OF 12/31/11	AS OF 01/01/12	AS OF 01/01/13
<u>LISTED CAPITAL & MAINTENANCE PROJ</u>					
OFFICE EQUIP MAINTENANCE	2008	1,000	650	350	350
CONSERVANCY PROJ - STUMP BAY *	2005	250,000	102,816	147,184	0
RICE CREEK SEDIMENTATION	2006	54,250	0	54,250	54,250
MILL POND/LAKE ACCESS **	2011	250,000	26,745	243,255	243,255
AI5 RAPID RESPONSE PLAN	2011	10,000	0	10,000	10,000
TOTAL		565,250	130,211	455,039	307,855

* Purchase price \$295,000; \$82,500.00 BLPRD balance remaining due with 3% interest. (Paid in Full 05/21/12 for \$83,300.00)

The LPT-422-12 State Grant money received was \$117,213.75. (\$112,500.00 was directed to closing escrow account, \$4,713.75 to BLPRD)

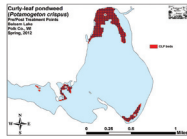
**MILLPOND/LAKE ACCESS project was initially budgeted \$10,000 for 2010 and another \$10,000 for 2011. At the 2011 Annual Meeting, \$250,000 project appropriation was approved by ballot vote. Total budgeted project funding is \$270,000.

2012 Fund Balance Summary

Beginning Bank Balance	284,618
Plus Budgeted Revenue	131,400
Total Funds Available	416,018
Less Estimated Operating Costs	108,454
Less Capital Costs	87,998
BL Protection Fund Balance	219,566

Curly leaf(Con't from page 1)

The district received approval from Spooner on April 18th and informed the contractor immediately. The spraying was not done until the first week in



May. Therefore the district had about a two week delay between the approval and the actual treatment. The state said that the process will be quicker next year.

Student(Con't from page 1)

throughout the summer. All landings get some weekday assignments; however we really work the 46 Store and Village Beach landing almost every day. Balsam Lake is in very good shape and we sure hope to keep it that way.

All data that is collected is entered into the WIDNR database. You can check out

Blitz (Con't from Page 1)

Wisconsin's invasive species laws and what they must do before leaving.

"Wisconsin is a great place for fishing and boating. By following simple steps, we can preserve the quality of our lakes for future generations to enjoy," says Karen Engelbretson, president of Polk County Association of Lakes and Rivers, a county-wide lake protection group.

Invasive species can crowd out native species, disrupt lake ecosystems, and interfere with boating, fishing and other recreation. The main way that invasive species and fish diseases such as viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) spread to new waters is aboard boating and fishing equipment and live fish or water moved from one waterbody to another.

The citizens, who have been trained through Wisconsin's Clean Boats, Clean Waters program, will demonstrate the required prevention steps boaters must take, provide stickers for boaters to place on their trailer posts to remind them of these steps, and will talk about Wisconsin

the information at www.dnr.wi.gov or www.dnr.wi.gov/lakes/cbcw/

We have a very clean lake, and our program helps to keep it that way. If you see a volunteer, say 'Thank You', as their efforts with Wisconsin Clean Boats and Clean Waters program benefits all of us.

invasive species and VHS laws.

Polk County lakes participate in DNR Landing Blitz over two 4th of July weekends Balsam Lake, Big Blake Lake, Big Round Lake, Bone Lake, Lotus Lake, Loveless Lake, Wapogasset/Bear Trap, White Ash Lake Boaters, anglers, and others enjoying Wisconsin waters are required to:

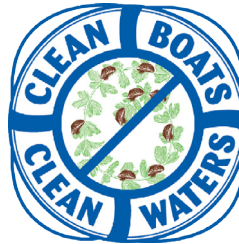
INSPECT boats, trailers, and equipment.

REMOVE all attached aquatic plants and animals.

DRAIN all water from boats, vehicles, and equipment.

NEVER MOVE plants or live fish away from a waterbody. *

*Limited exceptions apply. Visit www.dnr.wi.gov and search for "bait laws."



Unity students that manned the public landings this past fishing opener for the Lake District



Village Beach Landing; Kaitlyn Collins and Briana Colbert



Little Balsam Landing; Jena Alling & Kourtney Collins



Hwy #46 Landing; Cash Hickethier & Mitch Egge



East Balsam Landing; Luke Peterson

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Lost or found

Lost anything-such as a rowboat or a raft? Reeds Sunnyside Marina has agreed to be the contact on the lake for lost or found items. If anyone finds something floating or washed up on shore they should call Reeds with the information. Also if someone is missing something they may call Reeds. Their number is 715-485-3393 Recently a jon boat was found in the Stump Bay area, half submerged, no motor nor any equipment aboard.



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**2012-13
Meeting Schedule**
Polk County Business Center
Lower Level Conference Room
Third Saturday of the Month
8:30 a.m.

July 21st - Annual Meeting
August 18th
September 15th
October 20th
November - No Meeting
December 15th
January - No Meeting
February 16th
March - No Meeting
April 20th
May 18th
June 15th

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