

**BASS LAKE REHABILITATION DISTRICT
ST. CROIX COUNTY, WISCONSIN**

MINUTES OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Monday, November 10, 2008

St. Joseph Town Hall – 1337 County Road V

Commissioners Present: John Coughlin, Chair
 Dick Allyn, Secretary
 John Haag, Treasurer
 Bill Lawson
 Ron Laumeyer
 Linda Luckey, St. Croix County Representative
 Brett Bader, St. Joseph Town Representative

1. Call to Order

Chairman John Coughlin called the Commissioners Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. St. Joseph Town Representative Brett Bader was welcomed. The Meeting Agenda was amended to reflect that Brett replaced Bye Barsness and would be providing the Town Update as Item 6 at the Commissioners Meeting.

2. Secretary's Report

Copies of the minutes of the September 15, 2008 Commissioners Meeting have been provided. **Motion to approve the minutes** was made by Bill Lawson and seconded by Ron Laumeyer. **Motion passed.**

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Haag reported that the checking and savings bank balances total \$18,280.36. \$670 was received from the County for citations issued on the Lake by the Water Patrol. Chairman Coughlin reported that the Certificate of Equalized Value for the 2008 operating levy had been filed with the Towns of St. Joseph (\$11,798.82) and Somerset (\$201.18) **Motion to approve Treasurer's Report** was made by Dick Allyn and seconded by Bill Lawson. **Motion passed.**

4. BLRD Strategic Planning – Updates and Discussion

Due to scheduling conflicts there was no report of the September 25, 2008 Committee Meeting. The December Committee Meeting will be reported on at the next Commissioners Meeting on February 2, 2009. Aleisha Miller will be invited. It is understood that the next Committee Meeting will be 6 p.m. on January 28th at the St. Joseph Town Hall. The meetings are open to the public.

5. Ordinance Enforcement and Signage

There was then a discussion of the Bass Lake Patrol activity and the need to increase the fine for ordinance citations for the 2009 summer. The current first

offense is \$37.50 and \$123 for violators who fail to appear in court. It was believed that an increase would have a greater compliance effect. **Motion to raise the ceiling on citation fines and court costs up to the maximum allowed by the State** was made by Bill Lawson and seconded by John Haag. **Motion passed.** It was noted that the District should publish the revision of fines.

There was then a discussion about posting a sign stating that “power loading” at the Public Landing was prohibited. Jerry Simon recommended putting a sign on each of the two docks. Linda Luckey suggested checking with the County about posting the signs; it controls the Public Landing. Tim Riemenschneider informed the meeting that there was going to be an ice fishing contest on the last weekend in February. It will be put on by the same Somerset sponsors as last year. There was then a discussion about posting “Neighborhood Watch” signs around the District. John Haag passed out a hand drawn draft sign. Brett Bader recommended using a company that specializes in making such signs. Tom Spaniol and Ron Laumeyer expressed continuing concern about the poor condition of the Public Landing boat ramp. The county is being asked to find a way to rebuild the concrete ramp.

6. County and Town Updates

County Commissioner Linda Luckey reported about the county’s continuing budget shortfall. She noted that the Land and Water Conservation Committee will be holding a hearing in January to update the county resources plan. Bret Bader reported on St. Joseph Town matters, including possible revisions to the Town subdivision ordinance and that the proposal for a new fire station and town hall had been put on hold. There was nothing new to report regarding the construction of the new Stillwater Bridge.

7. News, Updates and Planning

Ron Laumeyer reported on WDNR walleye stocking and the costs. It was reported that the Somerset Youth Athletic Association contributed a \$1000 and that the District was going to be asked to contribute \$1000 at the next Annual Meeting in June. John Haag said the District shouldn’t be paying for stocking. There was then a discussion about the Annual Summer Picnic. It was acknowledged that the Laumeyers need a break and a new location will be found for a July or August date. Tom Spaniol then reported on the good progress of the District web site. .

8. Public comment/Resident Concerns And 9. Review of Building Plans, Shoreline Restorations and Property Issues

District resident Colleen Gray is seeking detachment of what is believed to be parcel # 030-1051-120-1000 from the District. This is her 20 acre pasture east of Ridge Run Rd. Linda Luckey and Chairmen Coughlin commented that a formal public hearing on such a request should have been more explicitly stated on the

Agenda sent to District property owners. After a discussion, a **Motion to hold a formal public hearing on Ms. Gray's request for detachment of her 20 acres of pasture east of Ridge Run Rd. at the February 2, 2009 Commissioners Meeting** was made by Dick Allyn and seconded by Ron Laumeyer. **Motion passed.** The County will be consulted to determine the correct boundaries and tax classification of the referenced property.

10. Next Commissioners Meeting: February 2, 2009

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Commissioners Meeting was made by Ron Laumeyer and seconded by Bill Lawson. **Motion Passed.**

Recorded by:

Dick Allyn, Secretary