

BASS LAKE REHABILITATION DISTRICT
ST. CROIX COUNTY, WISCONSIN
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, January 16, 2020

St. Joseph Town Hall – 1337 County Road V

Commissioners Present: Bill Holmberg, Chair
Cecil Chally, Treasurer
Fred Young, Secretary
Tim Riemenschneider
Lynnae Thompson-Koats
Steve Bohl, on behalf of, Rick Colbeth, Town of St. Joseph
Representative

Commissioners Absent: Jim Endle, St. Croix County Board Representative

Residents in attendance: Rich Hanzlik

1. Call to Order

Bill Holmberg called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:05 PM. **Roll Call:** All Commissioners present, except for Commissioner Jim Endle [Cecil Chally attended shortly after meeting was called to order]. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **A Motion** was made by Riemenschneider to adopt the Agenda, which motion was seconded by Thompson-Koats. **Motion passed.**

2. Secretary's Report

Copies of the unapproved draft minutes of the November 13, 2019 BLRD Commissioner's Meeting and Agenda for the January 16, 2020 BLRD Commissioners Meeting were previously distributed. Young noted that the mailing list was again updated. Holmberg noted that Tom Spaniol had one edit on the comment from last month's minutes: [rebar was bent by DNR]. Young noted thanks to Tom Spaniol for catching a couple of non-resident name spellings in the draft minutes. **A Motion** was made by Riemenschneider to approve last month's minutes with the aforementioned edits and the Secretary's Report and seconded by Thompson-Koats. **Motion passed.** Holmberg noted that the Town Board approved placement of another BLRD file cabinet in the Town Hall that Cecil Chally can work to furnish, and Holmberg noted thanks to Bohl and the Town Board for approving that cabinet space.

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chally reported that the checking account balance was \$6,435.68; that a check for the CBCW grant of \$2,000.25 was received; that the tax from Somerset received was lower than anticipated so he would follow up on that (\$35.55 received of approximately \$100.00 that was anticipated); and that the anticipated amount to be received from Town of St. Joseph is approximately \$5,000.00-6,000.00. Bohl noted that he would send a follow up communication regarding the Town of St. Joseph funds.

Chally further reported that all bills received have been paid, including the printer; that crib bolts/lumber have been paid for; and that there is no Line of Credit balance. A **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Riemenschneider and seconded by Holmberg. **Motion Passed.**

4. Clean Boats, Clean Water (CBCW)

Holmberg noted the 2019 CBCW grant has been closed and Treasurer Chally has received the final check for that, and the 2020 CBCW grant has been approved. Holmberg explained that he will make a post for landing inspector position likely in February, which is a required position to fill under the CBCW grant, at UW-River Falls, and Stephens Point campus as well as a jobs posting website.

Lake Pumping

Holmberg noted that the phosphorus levels from sampling were back to normal, and it was discussed that the data seemingly indicates that could impact when the pump may not be turned on during any given year (ie. until after lake turns over).

LPT Grant

Holmberg recapped the following: DNR is coordinating the crib build; Tom Spaniol has been spearheading the BLRD coordination of the crib build; the crib build is only active project under the LPT grant; the crib build is scheduled for Wednesday of next week with weather and ice conditions permitting. Thompson-Koats confirmed her understanding that the crib locations have been marked by the DNR. Holmberg also noted that Tom Spaniol's project was the last to be completed under the LPT grant, and it was confirmed by Chally that payment was made on that project. It was discussed that to the extent that LPT grant monies are still available, there is still the opportunity to perform additional shoreline restoration projects (subject to requisite qualifications and approvals). It was also discussed that information on the LPT grant for shoreline restoration projects that has been previously discussed and previously circulated could again be placed on the back side of the March 2020 Agenda.

5. Ordinance Enforcement, Landing/Signage, Fisheries

ILIDS/Landing and Signage:

Holmberg noted that the ILIDS camera service provider had expected that the 3G network on which the ILIDS camera system relies would not be available any longer, and therefore, it was believed that the camera system needed an upgrade. However, Holmberg noted that the service provider subsequently communicated that the 3G network would remain available, so no upgrade would be necessary to keep operating it. Holmberg reported that in following up on a to-do item from the last Commissioner's Meeting, there was nothing in the grant language requiring the BLRD to maintain the ILIDS service beyond what the BLRD has already done. Riemenschneider noted that it was previously discussed to not operate the ILIDS camera since a hardware upgrade was required, but now that the hardware upgrade is no longer required, the topic could be taken up at the Saturday, June 13, 2020 Annual Meeting. It was discussed that the camera system could continue to operate per the budget until the Annual Meeting.

Holmberg noted that in following up with Jim Endle, Endle had reported reaching out to the parks department regarding landing signage but had not yet heard back. Holmberg also explained that Endle had communicated that with regard to street parking enforcement near the landing entrance, the sheriff indicated that parking concern is not a high enough priority, but that if an immediate/active parking concern arises, the Sheriff's office could be contacted.

6. County Updates, Town Updates

Jim Endle was not available to attend. Steve Bohl, who was attending in Rick Colbeth's absence, discussed road construction projects, including 132nd, as well as 85th. Bohl also noted that there was a lot of road construction activity likely to occur in June. Bohl explained that of the 19 seats on the County Board it is anticipated that 9 incumbents may not re-run.

7. News, Updates and Plans

Nothing additional.

8. Public Comment/Resident Concerns.

It was noted that there was a swim raft frozen in the middle of the lake that now has a red bucket with reflectors in it and there is information posted about it on social media. Holmberg reported that he contacted the sheriff about it but has not heard back. It was also noted that there is a sailboat located on the east shore between Fortney's and Holmberg's property, but doesn't appear to pose a hazard.

Riemenschneider noted that parking signs are missing from landing for no parking, and there was discussion that it would make sense for the County to update the slow/no-wake ordinance signage to be updated if the water level rises up to trigger the slow/no-wake ordinance. It was discussed that last lake level reading was 885.2.

9. Review of Building Plans/Shoreline Restoration and other Plans

No reported plans.

10. Discussion for Next Meeting Schedule/Finalize Agenda

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at 6p.m. at St. Joseph Town Hall**
- **Next Annual Meeting: Saturday, June 13, 2020 (typo in one of the previous mailings referring to the Annual Meeting as being Saturday, the 11th – the correct date is Saturday the 13th)**

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Chally and seconded by Riemenschneider. **Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 PM.**

**Recorded by:
Fred Young, Secretary**