

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

Wednesday, February 13, 2019 6:00pm
St. Joseph Town Hall – 1337 County Road V

Commissioners Present: Steve Bohl, Town of St. Joseph
Representative
Bill Holmberg, Chair
John Haag, Treasurer
Fred Young, Secretary
Cecil Chally, Commissioner
Tim Riemenschneider, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent: Lynda Miller, St. Croix County Board Representative

Residents None

1. Call to Order

Bill Holmberg called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:01PM. **Roll Call:** All Commissioners but Lynda Miller present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Motion** to adopt the Agenda was made by Bill Holmberg with correction to March 2019 meeting date and seconded by Tim Riemenschneider. **Motion passed.**

2. Secretary's Report

Copies of the minutes of the December 12, 2018, Commissioners Meeting were previously distributed. Fred Young noted that new owner information on mailing list was updated as discovered. **A Motion** was made by Cecil Chally to approve the minutes and Secretary's Report and seconded by Tim Riemenschneider with correction to date referenced under Item #2 of December 12, 2018 minutes (reference of October 10, 2018 corrected to November 14, 2018). **Motion passed.**

3. Treasurer's Report

John Haag reported that the checking Account Balance is **\$13,838.37** and includes funds from St. Joseph Township from last year that recently came via check as well as a partial pre-payment of \$937.50 for the CBCW 2019 grant. Haag reported that Line of Credit Balance is **\$0.00**. John Haag reported that all known bills have been paid. **A Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Cecil Chally and seconded by Tim Riemenschneider. **Motion Passed.**

4. BLRD Lake Quality Planning and Grants

• **5 Goals from the Lake Management Plan –**

Cecil Chally reported that he spoke with folks at lab in Detroit Lakes and that it was confirmed that test collection bottles will be sent. Chally reported that the next step will be to present a collection technique to the DNR for the DNR's

approval before testing can begin. He indicated that he will work with others to continue to pursue that objective. Bill Holmberg reported that he received a deep-water sampler to test for phosphorus at the pump inlet, and that he spoke with an individual at the state lab that does phosphorus testing, who sent Holmberg information regarding what needs to be set up to perform the phosphorus testing. Holmberg stated the lab would charge \$25 per sample for phosphorus testing, and it remains the plan to perform testing once every two weeks. Holmberg requested that Chally please inform the Board that if there are any activities that should take place before the March 13, 2019 BLRD Board of Commissioners' Meeting to help along efforts regarding the collection technique to be proposed to the DNR.

- **Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant (CBCW) –**
CBCW- grant for 2019 has been approved. Bill Holmberg stated he will be posting a position for Watercraft Inspector on behalf of the BLRD at University of Wisconsin River Falls and the BLRD website. Holmberg also explained that he has a February 26, 2019 6:00pm invitation to speak with the UWRF resource management club, and he will discuss the Watercraft Inspector position with that club. Holmberg noted that the position will be advertised at \$12+/hr.
- **Update on Lake Protection Grant –**
John Reiling and Tom Spaniol were not in attendance, but Holmberg noted that harvesting of brush is completed, and that the crib build is to be funded by lake protection grant. The Board wanted to be sure to thank folks for the help that has been provided thus far on the crib build, which include UWRF resource management club, Cedar Lake Fish and Game group, various Somerset High School fishing club members, and several residents. Holmberg stated that letters of thanks will be sent out after the crib build is complete. Holmberg reported that Tom Spaniol is coordinating the crib build tentatively for February 26, 27 and/or 28 of 2019. It was noted that the oak bolts that we received were very dry and required additional anchor weights. It was reported that Bill Holmberg, John Haag and Tom Spaniol picked up blocks supplied by DNR from a field near Deer Park and delivered those to the boat landing to use as additional anchor weights for the cribs.

Holmberg noted his extensive efforts to correspond with John Reiling, who is coordinating to try to get folks to participate in reducing run-off on their properties. The consultant who helps to evaluate properties for potential run-off reduction projects informed Holmberg that her calendar is filling up quickly. Funding remains available for many additional riparian owners to receive a cost share grant, to participate in efforts to reduce phosphorus and improve our lake quality for qualifying, approved projects.

Riemenschneider will send Young letter regarding interest in reducing run-off on properties – and availability of grant monies, which will be printed on reverse side of Agenda. If any project qualifies and is approved, the project must be completed by December 9, 2019.

5. Ordinance Enforcement, Landing/Signage, Fisheries

- **Ordinance Enforcement** – Tim Riemenschneider reported on efforts to identify an individual that would serve as a water patrol officer. Riemenschneider stated that he contacted Sgt. Brian Erickson who did not express interest, but that Sgt. Erickson suggested potentially listing the position on a particular website. Riemenschneider reported that despite his phone calls and conversations, he was ultimately informed that the BLRD was unable to advertise on the suggested website, as posting of positions is limited to members of law enforcement. Riemenschneider then reported that he followed up with two contacts at Sheriff’s Dept. No interest was expressed. However, Riemenschneider was able to confirm that the BLRD could hire the Sheriff’s Dept. at \$73 per hour, per deputy, with a two-deputy, three-hour minimum. Haag noted that in order for the BLRD ordinance to be legitimate, it must be enforced. There was general discussion regarding what a considerable expense the Sheriff’s Dept would be for a single shift. Riemenschneider noted that no citations were written last year, as there was no enforcement. There was additional discussion regarding difficulties in seeking viable candidates for the water patrol officer role. Holmberg inquired whether Dick Koats might be a good resource in furthering efforts to find a water patrol officer. Riemenschneider indicated that he would reach out to Dick Koats to inquire whether he might have any additional suggestions on how to fill the role.
- **Landing/Signage/ILIDS** –Haag reported that the anticipated expense for 2019 for the ILIDS camera is \$1,680 (the annual operational/maintenance cost). It was discussed that it is difficult to determine whether the camera has a significant desired impact on deterring unwanted conduct. It was also discussed that in an effort to further analyze the cost/benefit (value) of operating and maintaining the ILIDS camera, that it may be helpful for the CBCW watercraft inspector to ask users of the boat landing questions that pertain to the camera’s impact on the prevention of undesired conduct. This issue can be revisited when a watercraft inspector for 2019 is identified.
- **Fisheries** –Holmberg noted that there is no anticipated fish stocking by the DNR in 2019. No further updates beyond the aforementioned fish cribs.

**6. County and Town Updates –
Town of St Joseph –**

Steve Bohl updated that there remains owing \$4,615.95 on the Bass Lake MOU feasibility study from the DNR. Bohl reported that the Town of St. Joseph has funds from one project that will be returned to the County, and that the County has leftover green space funds that can be transferred to the Town of St. Joseph. Bohl indicated that the leftover green space funds could then be used by the Town of St. Joseph to satisfy the \$4,6015.95 that is owed, without additional expense to the BLRD.

Perch Lake Road package approved with work to be done in 2020. Re-zoning continues to be a topic of importance.

County – No updates, Lynda Miller was not present. Holmberg stated that he contacted her, and that Miller stated that she would not be available to attend the BLRD Meetings on the second Wednesday of the month.

7. News, Updates, Plans and Public Comment

Holmberg explained that there are some properties in the BLRD that are in the watershed, but are not directly adjacent to the lake. He reported that there may be some interest by one or more owners to determine whether there is a process to seek to exempt property from the BLRD. Cecil Chally noted that in the past, an owner inquired how they might leave the BLRD, but Chally stated that he did not recall any parcel that was part of the BLRD being removed from the BLRD. Haag indicated that he would likely contact attorney Mike Brose on the topic as it was unclear whether any request would be handled by the County. It was discussed that the County would be able to provide the current BLRD parcel ownership information for parcels in the BLRD watershed that are not directly adjacent to the lake.

8. Public Comment/Resident Concerns.

Bohl stated that Tom Spaniol sent an email during the meeting regarding a proposed cabin project for the Van Dyk's. Bohl explained that the surveyor for the Van Dyk proposed project asked Spaniol whether there was anything that the BLRD needed to review. Because this email was received during the meeting, it was determined that the proposed plan will be reviewed at the March 13, 2019 BLRD Board of Commissioners' Meeting. Please communicate any concerns in advance of the March 13, 2019 meeting.

9. Review of Building Plans, Shoreline Restorations and Other Plans

Van Dyk cabin project will be reviewed at March 13, 2019 meeting.

10. Discuss Meeting Schedule

The next meeting will be March 13, 2019 at 6:00PM at St. Joseph Town Hall.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Cecil Chally and seconded by John Haag. **Meeting adjourned at 7:43PM.**

**Recorded by:
Fred Young, Secretary**