

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

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

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

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

Residents Bonnie Van Dyk  
Tom Spaniol  
Bill Lawson

**1. Call to Order**

Bill Holmberg called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:04PM. **Roll Call:** All Commissioners but Lynda Miller and John Haag present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Motion** to move Agenda item #9 to #2 by Tim Riemenschneider and seconded by Cecil Chally. **Motion passed.**

**2. Review of Building Plans, Shoreline Restorations and Other Plans**

Holmberg asked Bonnie Van Dyk if she could describe the site of the Van Dyk's proposed project. Bonnie Van Dyk described the site as follows: *Part of the cabin is 1950s. There was an addition in the 1980s. There is a 850 sq ft gazebo and 2 car garage. The proposed plan is to remove the existing cabin structure and gazebo, but retain the garage. The new proposed building is a 2,200 sq. ft prairie style home.* Van Dyk stated that the plan was tentatively approved when Ty Dodge of Auth Consulting sent it to the County, but due to a misinterpretation of the impervious surface area requirements, the site map plan will need to be revised and resubmitted to the County. She stated that she expects approval. There was discussion regarding expansion of structures within any applicable setback, and possible exceptions to general setback rules, but Holmberg noted that the BLRD would not be the approval or enforcement entity and expressed the Board's appreciation in Van Dyk's participation at the meeting. Holmberg explained that shoreline improvement projects that are designed to minimize adverse impacts on the lake may qualify for the DNR cost-share grant that the BLRD presently has remaining funding for. Holmberg noted that the cost-share grant may also be available to assist with certain plantings and rain gardens. Tim Riemenschneider directed Van Dyk's attention to the reverse side of the March 13, 2109 Agenda, and encouraged Van Dyk to have Cheryl Clemmons to perform a site

evaluation. There was discussion that funding may not be available for tree trimming and treatment, but that there was some potential shoreline protection work that might qualify for the cost-share grant (potentially up to 70%). There was also discussion that this was the last year that the cost-share grant monies would be available for reimbursement. Van Dyk indicated her willingness to speak with Cheryl Clemmons, and explained that woodland plantings were already part of the anticipated project. Bohl noted that the County would deal with any setback, and there was discussion as to whether the Town of St. Joseph would then need to approve the proposal. Bohl inquired what the County may have indicated when a plan might come through for consideration. VanDyk indicated that someone at the County indicated that plans would need to be resubmitted by Ty Dodge of Auth Consulting before the plans would be again reviewed.

**3. Secretary's Report**

Copies of the minutes of the February 13, 2019, Commissioners Meeting and Agenda for March 13, 2019 meeting were previously distributed. Fred Young noted that new owner information on mailing list was updated as discovered per information sought from multiple individuals and departments at the County. **A Motion** was made by Tim Riemenschneider to approve the minutes and Secretary's Report and seconded by Cecil Chally. **Motion passed.**

**4. Treasurer's Report**

John Haag was not present, but had sent an email to the BLRD Commissioner's noting reported that: (i) the checking Account Balance is approximately \$21,853.03 and includes latest tax proceeds (\$7,261.81) and a partial pre-payment of \$937.50 for the CBCW 2019 grant; and (ii) all known bills have been paid and current. **A Motion** to accept that information as the Treasurer's Report was made by Cecil Chally and seconded by Tim Riemenschneider. **Motion passed.**

**5. BLRD Lake Quality Planning and Grants**

- **5 Goals from the Lake Management Plan, Lake Protection Grant and Clean Boats Clean Water Grant (CBCW)**

Cecil Chally reported that he has sampling bottles, isopropyl alcohol and mesh net ready for veliger sampling. Riemenschneider noted that Dan Orf may be willing to let Chally to park to get closer access down to the lake pump where the water needs to be tested. Bill Lawson will coordinate with Chally to use pump and battery. Spaniol and Holmberg offered their respective augers. Chally indicated he was tentatively planning to test the water on Monday, March 18, 2019. Holmberg indicated that he would also provide Chally and Lawson with a water sampler.

**Lake Protection Grant:** Holmberg reported that he attempted to talk with John Reiling, who is down in Arizona, but didn't receive any response back. Lynnae Thompson and Dick Koats contacted Cheryl Clemmons because there were looking at expanding their shoreline protection site. Holmberg noted that Clemmons then contacted him, confirmed that this is the last year of the DNR cost-share grant and discussed her limited availability. Holmberg reported that

the Engelharts may be planning to pursue a shoreline improvement project. Holmberg also indicated that he was planning to pursue a shoreline improvement project.

**CBCW Grant:** Holmberg reminded all that the CBCW grant for 2019 has been approved. Holmberg also reported that he attended a February 26, 2019 6:00pm UWRP resource management club meeting where he thanked that group for their participation in the initial crib build efforts. Holmberg noted that many of the group members were not from around the area and will not be in the area during the summer – accordingly, there was not much interest from that group in the Watercraft Inspector position.

Riemenschneider suggested that information could be printed on the back side of Agenda that could have a notice regarding the Watercraft Inspector position. Holmberg indicated he would endeavor to send Fred Young information to be printed on the back of the Agenda for the April BLRD Board of Commissioner's Meeting.

**Fish Cribs:** Tom Spaniol had been spearheading crib build efforts and he noted that snow had been too heavy on the lake to plow (both hard pack issue and depth), so it was opined that crib building efforts were stalled and would likely need to be abandoned for the year. There was discussion that the brush piles had been almost entirely buried by snow, and that it was highly unlikely that the cribs could still be built given the current deep slush on the deteriorating ice conditions. It was noted that the crib sled requires minimal snow depth. It was discussed that given the record February snow, and quick rain melt, the conditions made plowing to crib placement locations unviable. Spaniol noted he had met with DNR, and they opined that it would be a huge mistake to keep the oak bolts because they would be too dry and would float up like corks.

Spaniol reported that the oak bolts could be resold to attempt to recoup some the money (approximately \$2,600) that was spent on the acquisition of the 150 or so oak bolts (approximately 10 cords - 8' long and 10" diameter). It was discussed that the DNR expressed its willingness to remove the oak bolts for use on a different lake, but they would not pay. There was additional discussion that the DNR has granted permission to burn the brush, which is presently on the lake, but which is still frozen in snow. Riemenschneider expressed his willingness to contact a couple of different individuals to attempt to solicit offers on the oak bolts. The DNR just recently called Spaniol and offered to take the lead on the crib build next year. Blocks that were to be used for the crib build are on Ron Laumeyer's trailer, which will eventually need to be unloaded.

**6. Ordinance Enforcement, Landing/Signage, Fisheries**

- **Ordinance Enforcement** – Tim Riemenschneider reported on continued efforts to identify an individual that would serve as a water patrol officer. He spoke with Dick Koats who is a former officer and BLRD resident. Koats suggestion was to potentially contact local police chiefs (i.e. Hudson, New Richmond, Somerset, etc.) to see if they would be willing to disseminate information regarding the position. Bohl contacted a retired Hudson police chief and he provided Bohl with some potential individuals. Bohl will provide that contact information to Riemenschneider who will follow up using that information. Holmberg and Reimenschneider noted that the next best step might first be to prepare a position for posting for a water patrol officer.
- **Landing/Signage/ILIDS** – No updates.
- **Fisheries** – No further updates beyond the aforementioned fish cribs.

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

Steve Bohl noted that Town of St. Joseph is still working on getting funds to satisfy the \$4,615.95 owed for the Bass Lake MOU feasibility study from the DNR as noted in last month's minutes.

Re-zoning meeting was rescheduled so Bohl was unable to attend that. Bohl noted that properties with a large number of animal units or less than 3 acre parcels will be most significantly affected by re-zoning, assuming the town maintains a 3 acre minimum.

**County** – Lynda Miller was not present to provide updates. Spaniol noted that there was a new proposed revision of the parks ordinance – Ch. 30.01; that the Orf property is now identified as a new County park; that ATVs cannot be used on that property; that park areas can be for hunting subject to limitations (e.g. firearms cannot be discharged within 100 yards of any existing structure); that there will be admission fee to the Orf family park; that vehicles will need a vehicle admission pass, except for official government business or officially government sanctioned volunteer work; that County has jurisdiction over policing the park; and that Town of Somerset would be in charge of enforcing parking on 153<sup>rd</sup>.

Cecil Chally noted that Lynda Miller has stated that she doesn't have availability to attend on the second Wednesday night of the month. Riemenschneider suggested that the County be contacted to see if there might be another County Representative that can attend. Bohl made the same suggestion and Holmberg indicated that he would follow up with the County on the topic.

**8. Public Comment/Resident Concerns.**

Spaniol had provided the Board of Commissioners with a copy of the February 7, 2011 Meeting Minutes, which included reference to attachment of additional properties to the BLRD. There was discussion whether there may need to be some action in June 2019 if criteria relating to BLRD inclusion of properties that do not have shoreline is changed. Holmberg noted that since last month's meeting, he contacted the DNR regarding the topic of the process for detachment, and the DNR referred to someone that supports lake districts, and that individual provided information regarding Ch. 33 of the Wisconsin statutes. There was again discussion that there are some properties in the BLRD that are in the lake watershed but are not directly adjacent to the lake (parcels that do not have shoreline). It was again discussed that there may be some interest by others to learn the process to seek to remove such property from the BLRD. Spaniol indicated that it was his understanding that parcels that had common ownership with shoreline parcels were initially included in the BLRD and continue to be included in the BLRD. There was discussion as to whether other parcels that did not have common ownership with a shoreline parcel may have been removed from the BLRD. Chally expressed that he would attempt to speak with Dick Allen on the topic. Holmberg will follow up with Mike Brose on the topic regarding procedure of detachment.

Bohl noted that the appointed county rep for Dist. 2 of the County is Jim Endle (on 83<sup>rd</sup>), and that he may be a good resource for having an individual available to attend the BLRD Board of Commissioner's meetings.

There was an individual who came late to the Board of Commissioner's meeting who stated her grandmother owns property adjacent parcel to the proposed Van Dyk project who may have a small boundary issue. Holmberg and Riemenschneider helped recap the information that was discussed under Item #2, above.

**9. Discuss Meeting Schedule**

**The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 6:00PM at St. Joseph Town Hall.**

**10. Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Cecil Chally and seconded by Tim Reimenschneider.  
**Meeting adjourned at 8:05PM.**

**Recorded by:**  
**Fred Young, Secretary**