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

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 6:00pm
St. Joseph Town Hall – 1337 County Road V

Commissioners Present: Tom Spaniol Town of St. Joseph Representative
Bill Holmberg, Secretary
John Haag, Treasurer
Cecil Chally, Commissioner
Bill Lawson, Commissioner
Chris Babbitt, St. Croix County Board Representative

Commissioner Absent: Tim Riemenscheinder, Commissioner

1. Call to Order

Tom Spaniol called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:00PM. **Roll Call:** All Commissioners but Tim Riemenscheinder and John Haag present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Motion** to adopt the Agenda made by Chris Babbitt and seconded by Cecil Chally. **Motion passed.** Commissioner Haag joined the meeting.

2. Secretary's Report

Copies of the minutes of the February 14, 2018, Commissioners Meeting were previously mailed. **A Motion** to approve the Minutes was made by Chris Babbitt and seconded by Cecil Chally. **Motion passed.**

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Haag reported current bank balances and the District's financial condition. Checking Account Balance is **\$11538.71**, the Line of Credit Balance is **\$0.00** for a net balance of **\$11538.71**.

Final reimbursement for the AIS/I-LIDS grant was received. The amount was for \$625.25. The invoice to the Town of St. Joseph was sent for the Grant writing expenses the BLRD paid for. The Town of St. Joseph is waiting on receipt of their funds to issue a check to the BLRD.

A Motion to accept the Treasure's Report was made by Bill Holmberg and seconded by Bill Lawson. **Motion Passed.**

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

- **Update on Grants (CBCW and AIS) –**

CBCW- The summer watercraft inspector position has been posted on the BLRD website, and the UWRF website. The UWRF Resource Management Club was contacted and will get back to Bill Holmberg regarding attending an upcoming Club meeting. Tom Spaniol will accompany Bill Holmberg at an upcoming meeting if schedules permit.

AIS –The DNR responded back on the final report for the Grant. They requested a summary on the ILIDS use and requested the reference to EWM be removed from the lake map handout. Bill Holmberg created a summary report of the last two years of the ILIDS camera use and updated the lake map handout. The DNR accepted the additional information. The DNR stated the final reimbursement check was mailed March 5th. As report in the Treasurer’s Report, the check has been received. The lake map handouts have already been printed. A simple black out of the EWM line will be made to the handouts.

Limnotech has stated they would come to a meeting and discuss things that they could do with the BLRD. One thing they mentioned is a remote monitoring system. They could install a sensor that would send real time information that could be found on the BLRD website. Info could include; water temp, lake level, etc. Bill Holmberg will request that Limnotech summarize things and will forward to all commissioners in advance of meeting to discuss at a future meeting.

- **Update on Lake Protection Grant –**

Tom Spaniol reported Kasey Seibert has requested the new permit for fish & wildlife habitat. Enlisting shoreline owners for shoreland restorations/lot improvements for the 2018 season should commence. John Reiling was in attendance and asked who should be contacted. Tom Spaniol stated that there is a list of property owners from both the first wave and second wave that can be contacted. Bill Holmberg suggested using the map of the lakefronts the DNR created last year. Shoreland identified in red could be approached first to see if they are interested in participating in the grant.

Tom Spaniol reported he was contacted by a builder doing a remodel project for a lake resident. It could be a great opportunity to have this property get involved in the grant as part of their remodel project.

- **Update on Permit renewal to pump lake.**

The first meeting to investigate the feasibility of resuming the lake pumping was held February 16th. No one was aware of any handouts or meeting minutes. The next meeting is set for Friday March 16th. Bill Holmberg said he will attend the meeting and request minutes from the last meeting, as well as copies for future meetings as they become available.

5. Ordinance Enforcement, Landing/Signage, Fisheries

- **Landing/Signage** – Nothing new to report. Water patrol and ordinance enforcement will be discussed at the April meeting.
- **Fisheries** – As reported earlier, an updated permit for fish & wildlife habitat, which is part of the lake protection grant, was submitted. Tom Spaniol reported that a developer has root balls that could be used for the habitat.

6. County and Town Updates –

County - Chris Babbitt reported that many County items have been pushed out until May. No updates on the plans for the property next to the landing. Biggest county activity is working on the zoning updates. No updates on the state dredging bill. It is believed to be on hold. Spring elections are April 3rd. Chris is up for reelection. If not reelected he will no longer be the county representative to the BLRD.

Town of St Joseph - Tom Spaniol reported that things continue to move forward. Mitigation funding should be available in May. Funds of \$100K to support the acquisition of the 117 acre property were not received as planned. There is a lot of activity on trail properties. Tom shared the trail plans to connect to the State Park and to connect to the Somerset trail near Landing Hill. Cecil Chally requested a copy of the trail plans. Tom stated he would email a copy of the plan to the commissioners. Tom reported that the Town should know in 3-4 months if they will be receiving any TAP (Transportation Alternatives Program) grants.

Bill Holmberg reported that there was one request for a copy of the letter from the county on the property they, the county, “inspected”. Bill emailed a copy to them.

7. News, Updates, and Plans

- An email was received from a resident regarding monthly meetings, mailings versus emails, and commissioner contact info. With the new lake management plan, pump feasibility activities, etc. we will continue monthly meetings. We have discussed reducing mailings in the past to save costs. Information is posted on the website and emails could be sent to those who provide email addresses. Tom Spaniol indicated that the BLRD, as a Lake District, is a government organization. As such that are regulations on posting meeting notices and sending information. There are legal implications that we need to be aware of. Until we have a good understanding of the requirements for reporting information and posting of meeting notices we will continue to keep the current practices. Formats for meeting minutes have not changed. Commissioner contact information is found on the meeting agendas.
- Cecil Chally suggested we revisit the 5 Goals from the Lake Management Plan and bring in others to help support the activities for the goals.

8. Public Comment/Resident Concerns

- **No action will be taken but items may be placed on an upcoming agenda**

Nothing additional to report.

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

Nothing additional to report.

10. Discuss Meeting Schedule

We will continue monthly meetings. Next Meeting Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 6:00pm at St. Joseph Town Hall.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Holmberg and seconded by Cecil Chally.
Meeting adjourned at 7:25PM.

**Recorded by:
Bill Holmberg, Secretary**