

**BASS LAKE REHABILITATION DISTRICT**  
**ST. CROIX COUNTY, WISCONSIN**  
[www.blrd.org](http://www.blrd.org)

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 6:00pm  
St. Joseph Town Hall – 1337 County Road V

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

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

Residents	Jon Reiling	Steve and Lynn Engelhart
	Bill Lawson	Colleen Gray
	Jim Rouleau	Tom Spaniol

**1. Call to Order**

Bill Holmberg called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:00PM. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Lynda Miller and John Haag were not present. Cecil Chally was slightly delayed. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Motion** to move Agenda items #8 and #9 to #2 by Tim Riemenschneider and seconded by Young. **Motion passed.**

**2. News/Updates – Public Comment/Resident Concerns**

Holmberg reported that he made several unsuccessful attempts to contact the Cudds but was able to eventually connect with Mr. Cudd, as was Riemenschneider, regarding the damage to the Cudd's boathouse. The act of damaging the boathouse is obviously not something that the Board condones. Haag was not present at the March 2019 Meeting. Holmberg noted that the BLRD Board does need to follow process for removing elected officials, and that Haag had expressed concern as to whether there was anyone who would be able to fill the Treasurer role. Holmberg explained that filling the Treasurer role could be handled. Haag submitted his written resignation to the BLRD Board and pledged to diligently facilitate transfer of the Treasurer role. The written resignation received from Haag was recited. There was discussion that the written resignation submitted by Haag should be placed on the May 8, 2019 Agenda.

There was public comment that there is the possibility that a non-Commissioner, if willing, could do a lot to assist with the Treasurer role. There was public comment that Haag had provided great service as Treasurer to the BLRD Board for many years. There was additional comment as to how any future Board vacancy might be filled.

### 3. **Secretary's Report**

Copies of the minutes of the March 13, 2019, Commissioners Meeting and Agenda for April 10, 2019 meeting were previously distributed and Young noted that he misspelled Ron Laumeyer's last name in the unapproved draft minutes. Young noted that new owner information on mailing list was again updated. **A Motion** was made by Riemenschneider to approve the minutes with the correction to the misspelled name and Secretary's Report and seconded by Chally. **Motion passed.**

### 4. **Treasurer's Report**

Haag had communicated shortly after submitting his resignation that the checking account balance is \$20,855.64, which includes \$500 deposit for sale of crib logs, and that all bills known to him are paid and current. Chally noted that he had a few new outstanding bills of approximately \$300 that he had not yet submitted related to the veliger sampling. Chally stated that he was willing to serve as interim Treasurer. **A Motion** was made by Holmberg that Chally serve as acting/interim Treasurer, and the motion was seconded by Riemenschneider. **Motion passed.**

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

- **Clean Boats Clean Water Grant (CBCW)**

No interest has yet been expressed for the boat inspector position for this year. If anyone has interest, please contact any of the BLRD Commissioners.

- **Lake Protection Grant**

Due to the extraordinary ice, snow and slush conditions, there was no fish crib build this year. Holmberg noted special thanks to Dick Koats, DNR and John Haag for clearing brush from ice, and thanks to Tom Spaniol for coordination of crib efforts. DNR did not want the oak bolts for use on another project. Multiple bids were obtained to get the logs sold to defray their purchase price since they were not suitable for future crib builds. Holmberg will contact DNR to determine the scope of the DNR's intended leadership in any future crib build efforts (e.g., whether it may include financial contribution, etc.)

Jon Reiling noted that he will still work on generating interest in shoreline protection projects. **If anyone had previously been in contact with John Reiling regarding their interest or desire to proceed with a shoreline restoration project, please contact him again ASAP.**

- **Update on Lake Pumping Feasibility**

Chally reported that sampling was done on 23<sup>rd</sup> of March (31' down) at the location of the pump (location was confirmed by 3 GPS units), and that the next sampling will need to be done by boat.

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

- **Ordinance Enforcement** – Riemenschneider spoke to instructor at local technical college after multiple unsuccessful attempts to contact – the instructor will circulate information regarding the independent contractor position for watercraft patrol. Riemenschneider also had a discussion with a police chief, who indicated his willingness to circulate information regarding the watercraft

patrol position. Thus far, no interest has been generated. There was additional discussion about efforts to post online.

- **Landing/Signage/ILIDS** – No updates.
- **Fisheries** – No further updates beyond the aforementioned fish cribs.

**7. Discussion of Process and Criteria re: Detachment**

Holmberg paraphrased the detachment process in Section 33.33 of the Wisconsin Statutes: the owner of parcel submits a petition to explain why the property is no longer benefited by inclusion in the BLRD; the Board then reviews and considers the matter, and a decision is ultimately made; the statute sets a process for rights of appeal. There was discussion as to whether there was a previous denial of a detachment request some time ago for a non-shoreline parcel, and that a non-shoreline owner had asked about what the process would be to request removal of a parcel.

**8. County Updates**

Lynda Miller hasn't been able to attend. Holmberg spoke with Patrick Thompson and Jim Engel. Engel may be willing to attend as a County representative.

**9. Town Updates**

Bohl noted that the Supervisor 2 and Supervisor 4 seats were filled by new people, and there is a new Town Chair. Bohl reported the following: that there is ongoing discussion about proposed zoning and Town is in holding pattern until County chooses a final zoning plan; if you have an older fire sign, it may be worth coming to the Town to request a new, better reflective fire sign that have much better reflective properties; crack, sealing will be done this year on Town roads; the Town is working on bid packages for next year for more significant road work; there are presently many road repairs that need to be done and getting materials is presently a big challenge; roads around Town will be evaluated this April. If there are BLRD residents that want to voice a concern regarding the condition of a particular road, Steve Bohl welcomed people to email him at supervisor1@townofstjoseph.com. Bohl will request additional file cabinet space at the Town.

**10. Review of Building Plans/Shoreline Restoration and other Plans**

No new plans known. The Engelharts noted their project is coming along after many weather difficulties and is expected to be final by mid-May.

**11. Discuss Meeting Schedule**

- **Next Meeting will be May 8, 2019 at 6:00p.m.**
- **The Annual Meeting will be Saturday, June 8, 2019 at 9:30a.m., St. Joseph Town Hall**

**12. Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Chally and seconded by Bohl. **Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.**

**Recorded by:  
Fred Young, Secretary**