

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

Wednesday, May 8, 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  
Tim Riemenschneider, Commissioner

Commissioners Absent: Lynda Miller, St. Croix County Board Representative  
Cecil Chally, Interim Treasurer  
John Haag, Commissioner (resignation submitted)

Residents Tom Spaniol Jim Rouleau John Reiling

Other Kasey Yallaly – WI DNR

**1. Call to Order**

Bill Holmberg called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:08PM. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Lynda Miller, John Haag and Cecil Chally were not present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **A Motion** was made by Bohl to approve and adopt Agenda, which was seconded by Riemenschneider. **Motion passed.**

**2. Secretary's Report**

Copies of the minutes of the April 10, 2019, Commissioners Meeting and Agenda for May 8, 2019 meeting were previously distributed. Young noted that owner information on mailing list was again updated. As in prior years, standard agreement with Town Hall will be used for Annual Meeting. **A Motion** was made by Riemenschneider to approve the minutes and Secretary's Report, and seconded by Holmberg. **Motion passed.**

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Chally was not present, and Agenda item was tabled.

**4. Action Regarding Resignation Submission by John Haag**

**A Motion** was made by Riemenschneider to accept resignation of John Haag from BLRD Board of Commissioners, and seconded by Bohl. **Motion passed.** It was discussed that although it would be possible for the Commissioners to fill the immediate vacancy via appointment, it would be certainly reasonable to defer to the BLRD constituents, and to give the BLRD constituents the opportunity to elect a replacement Commissioner for the vacancy at the very near Annual Meeting. **A Motion** was made by Riemenschneider for BLRD residents to formally elect a

Commissioner at the June 8, 2019 Annual Meeting to the seat that was vacated by Haag, and seconded by Holmberg. **Motion passed.**

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

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

Holmberg reported that as of last month, no interest had been expressed for the boat inspector position, but a handful of candidates have since come forward, including three students with exceptional backgrounds and two with CBCW boat inspection experience. Holmberg explained that if anyone wants to be involved in the formal selection process, to please contact him immediately as he will continue to lead efforts to fill that position and the position would ideally be filled by Memorial Day Weekend.

- **Lake Protection Grant**

John Reiling reported that there are five new written requests for shoreline lake protection site evaluations, and that those requests have been forwarded to Cheryl Clemmons. As a reminder, the completion of the work for a qualifying project and all requisite paperwork needs to be completed and fully submitted by the last BLRD Meeting of the year (presently anticipated to be Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 6:00PM). Because the grant ends at the end of this year and since weather conditions did not allow for crib builds in any of the years of the lake protection grant, Kasey Yallaly was asked if there was a possibility of extending the grant. Ms. Yallaly said she and Tom Spaniol were at a meeting earlier in the day and discussed this with others. Tom Spaniol stated that he would follow up with the DNR on behalf of the BLRD to explore the possibility of extending the lake protection grant (since follow up would be needed to understand the process to follow to seek the extension) if the BLRD wanted him to. **A Motion** was made by Holmberg for Tom Spaniol to follow up with the DNR on the possibility of extending the lake protection grant beyond 2019 and seconded by Riemenschneider. **Motion passed.**

- **Update on Lake Pumping Feasibility**

It is anticipated that Chally will be performing zebra veliger and phosphorus sampling once every two weeks year-round. Holmberg reported that going forward he will not be able to perform the regular Citizens Lake Water Monitoring. Ideally, it is to be performed every 8 days, following the DNR schedule (secchi disc and dissolved oxygen). The need for additional volunteers will be discussed at the June 8, 2019 Annual Meeting. Meanwhile, if anyone is interested in helping with this, please contact Holmberg.

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

- **Ordinance Enforcement** – Tim Riemenschneider had been leading efforts to fill the boat inspector position. Riemenschneider reported that he and Tom Spaniol attempted to interview a few people, however, there was only one interviewee that had reasonable experience and ultimately followed through with attending an interview – a former member of the U.S. Coast Guard. Riemenschneider will work to get contract for the water patrol services in place with that interviewee, and Tom Spaniol was willing to monitor the independent contractor given that the lift and boat are on Tom Spaniol's

property. A **Motion** was made by Holmberg to have Riemenschneider execute the independent contractor agreement on behalf of the BLRD, seconded by Bohl. **Motion passed.**

- **Landing/Signage/ILIDS** – Landing was in full use last weekend. Holmberg noted he intended to contact Ryan Brathel from the County Parks Department to check on the status of efforts to fill the scour hole at the landing. Holmberg also explained that he intended to install the ILIDS camera system with Haag on the 9<sup>th</sup> of May, weather permitting.
- **Fisheries** – Kasey Yallaly, Fisheries Biologist from the WI DNR was in attendance and reported on fisheries. She noted that Bass Lake is in the walleye initiative program; there is stocking with large walleye fingerling that has occurred historically as walleye are not believed to naturally reproduce in Bass Lake; the DNR intends to sample the lake next year for fish; according to the last survey, bass are overly abundant, and there is low walleye density; walleye stocking is slated to occur next year; and there is presently no intention to stock other fish. Ms. Yallaly recapped data regarding the size and counts of walleye, bass, northern, bluegill and crappies and growth rates. The Board thanked Yallaly for her work on Bass Lake.

## **7. County Updates**

Lynda Miller was not in attendance. Holmberg had contact with Jim Engel, and he may have availability to attend after May, 2019 on behalf of the County.

### **Town Updates**

Bohl noted that Teresa Johnson is new Chair, and Chris Marshall and Rick Colbeth are also new Supervisors. There was speculation whether Rick Colbeth might serve on the BLRD – Holmberg noted Colbeth was previously a BLRD representative. Bohl also reported the following: the Planning Commission recommended approving an ATV ordinance, for the purpose of approving ATVs on town roads; and rain water is having significant adverse impacts on town roads, and to please notify the town of roads needing repair.

## **8. News and Updates**

None.

## **9. Public Comment/Resident Concerns.**

Tom Spaniol commented that thanks was due to Steve Bohl if he will be departing the BLRD Board of Commissioners in the event that there is a new Town representative assigned to the BLRD Board. The BLRD Board expressed their sincere thanks to Steve Bohl for his participation in the BLRD Board of Commissioners.

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

No updates beyond Lake Protection Grant related activities.

## **11. Discussion for Next Meeting Schedule/Finalize Agenda for Annual Meeting.**

Chally distributed a preliminary proposed budget in advance of the May 9, 2019 BLRD Board of Commissioners Meeting, which will be considered by the BLRD Board of

Commissioners on June 8, 2019. There was discussion that \$5,000 CBCW grant line item for 2019 should read revenue of \$3,750 with \$5,000 cost of operation. Holmberg noted he would contact Chally, who had been working with Haag, to ensure that the preliminary proposed budget is ready for mailing in May 2019, with the June 8, 2019 Agenda for the BLRD Board of Commissioners Meeting, the June 8, 2019 BLRD Annual Meeting Agenda, this month's unapproved draft minutes, and last year's unapproved draft Annual Meeting Minutes. There was discussion that the BLRD 2019 Annual Meeting Agenda will generally have same content as last year's BLRD Annual Meeting Agenda (the lake pump feasibility study status and 5-point lake management plan will be addressed in some fashion) and that at the June 8, 2019 BLRD Annual Meeting, there will be an election to fill the Commissioner seat that John Haag vacated as well as an election for the Commissioner seat that Chally currently occupies. Riemenschneider noted that there were volunteers for the Annual Picnic to be included in the Agenda as an action item.

- **Next Board of Commissioner's Meeting will be June 8, 2019 at 9:00a.m., St. Joseph Town Hall**
- **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 Riemenschneider and seconded by Bohl. **Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.**

**Recorded by:  
Fred Young, Secretary**