

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

Wednesday, May 09, 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  
Tim Riemenschneider, Commissioner  
Bill Lawson, Commissioner

Commissioner Absent: St. Croix County Board Representative

Residents Steve and Lynn Engelhart, Len and Pam Fricke, John Reiling  
and Jason Coyle

Other Fritz Westphal

**1. Call to Order**

Tom Spaniol called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:00PM. **Roll Call:** All Commissioners but Bill Holmberg and County Board Representative present. It was reported that Bill Holmberg was running late but would arrive shortly after 6:00PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Motion** to adopt the Agenda made by Tim Riemenschneider and seconded by Bill Lawson. **Motion passed.**

**2. Secretary's Report**

Copies of the minutes of the April 11, 2018, Commissioners Meeting were previously mailed. **A Motion** to approve the Minutes was made by Tim Riemenschneider 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 **\$13,184.03**. Line of Credit Balance is **\$0.00**.

**A Motion** to accept the Treasure's Report was made by Cecil Chally and seconded by Tim Riemenschneider. **Motion Passed.**

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

- **Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant (CBCW) –**

CBCW- Bill Holmberg reported that he has received interest in the CBCW position from one student at the UWRF. Tim Riemenschneider and Tom Spaniol offered to “interview” the candidate if needed. As of this meeting no commissioner had been contacted by anyone else expressing interest in the position.

Bill Holmberg reported that he had tried to contact Tamara Early, the CBCW coordinator for the Cedar Lake Rehabilitation District. He left a message stating that perhaps the 2 lake districts could share inspectors, thus providing the inspectors more hours over the course of the summer. He also reported that it was documented in the Cedar Lake District’s April minutes that they had 3 potential inspectors identified for the summer.

Training for the inspector(s), to meet the grant requirements, will be performed by Bill Holmberg as was done last year.

- **Update on Lake Protection Grant –**

John Reiling reported that April had been very busy for him. He had only contacted one shoreland owner, Everett Tonnar, for potential interest in the grant activities. John reported that Mr Tonnar was interested. No other residents/land owner’s have expressed interest in participation. In May Mr. Reiling will focus on contacting additional shoreland owners for participation in the grant.

Jason Coyle, reported that he contacted approximately 20 contractors for work on his project that falls under the grant. Only one, Willow River Company, had a reasonable bid/quote. Willow River’s quote was \$21,000. Jason’s understanding was that the BLRD would discuss at the meeting if his projected would be accepted.

John Haag reported there is approximately \$53,000 remaining of the grant, of which \$32,000 is for the installation of shoreland/runoff projects. With Mr Coyle’s project, that would leave approximately \$11,000 of grant money left for project installations. While this is a high cost project, lack of interest in participation from others has not shown significant demand on the grant funding. Prior to approving moving forward with the project it was decided to get written confirmation from the DNR that this project would be reimbursed by the DNR under the grant. Tom Spaniol will follow up with Cheryl Clemens on this.

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

The third meeting was held April 27<sup>th</sup>. Updates on the four options that were previously presented for lowering the lake level were discussed:

1. Pumping to an infiltration basin
2. Seasonal pumping using current system
3. Filter the discharge
4. Lake drainage from groundwater feeding the lake

Option 4 was ruled out as further investigation showed the terrain was such that this option would not be feasible. All the other options were costly. All would require intake modifications because of zebra mussel presence and pump rebuilding. The lowest estimate was Option 2, seasonable pumping. Depending on assumptions, implementation costs would start at \$300,000 with yearly operating costs of over \$15,000. Option 1 implementation costs could exceed \$2 million. The feasibility report will be presented by Barr Engineering to the Town of St Joseph Board on May 10<sup>th</sup> and to the BLRD at the annual meeting. It is believed that FEMA grant money could be requested to help offset the implementation cost.

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

- **Ordinance Enforcement** – Tim Riemenschneider talked with the state patrol to see if anyone might be interested in supporting this in their off hours. No possibilities were identified. Tom Spaniol to follow up with the county sheriff.
- **Landing/Signage** – John Haag reported that he had sent in the modem for the ILIDS camera for reconfiguration to the manufacturer. When it returns he will install the camera system at the landing.
- **Buoys** - Buoys have been placed in the lake.
- **Fisheries** – Nothing new to report.

**6. County and Town Updates –**

County – Nothing to report. The county has not named a replacement representative to the BLRD at this time.

Town of St Joseph – Tom Spaniol reported that work continues on the bicycle trail in Houlton. Housing starts in 2017 were up from 2016 – 20 versus 12.

**7. News, Updates, and Plans**

- **5 Goals from the Lake Management Plan** – Nothing new to report. Cecil Chally is preparing to present at the annual meeting on this.

**8. Public Comment/Resident Concerns**

Nothing additional to report.

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

Steve and Lynn Engelhart, along with Frank Westphal a representative of Creative Homes, presented their remodel/storm water management plans for their property. As reported at a previous commissioner meeting, the rain gardens planned would qualify to be part of the current Lake Protection grant. All commissioners were happy to see the plans presented to the BLRD. **A Motion** to write a letter of support of the storm water concept plan was made by Bill Holmberg and seconded by Tim Riemenschneider. **Motion Passed.**

**10. Discuss Meeting Schedule**

**Commissioner Meeting Saturday, June 09, 2018, at 9:00AM at St. Joseph Town Hall.** (Meeting will break after the Treasurer's report for the annual meeting and will resume at the conclusion of the annual meeting.)

**Annual Meeting – Saturday June 09 9:30AM.**

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Bill Holmberg and seconded by Bill Lawson.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:30PM.**

**Recorded by:**

**Bill Holmberg, Secretary**