

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

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

St. Joseph Town Hall – 1337 County Road V

Commissioners Present: Tom Spaniol, Chair and Town of St. Joseph Representative
Bill Lawson, Commissioner
John Haag, Treasurer
William Holmberg, Commissioner
Ron Laumeyer, Commissioner
Cecil Chally, Secretary

Commissioner Absent: Chris Babbitt County Board Representative

Residents Present: Wally Laumeyer, Cindy and Mark Johnson Regina Rippel and Heidi Eckstrom

Guests Present: Cheryl Clemons

1. Call to Order

Chairman Tom Spaniol called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 7:01 PM. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Spaniol, Babbitt, Holmberg and Laumeyer were present. Commissioners Haag and Lawson arrived a few minutes later.

Motion to Adopt the Agenda made by William Holmberg and seconded by Ron Laumeyer. **Motion passed.**

2. Secretary's Report – Cecil Chally, Secretary

Copies of the minutes of the Commissioners Meeting of April 12, 2017 were previously mailed. **A Motion to approve the Minutes** was made by William Holmberg and seconded by Ron Laumeyer. **Motion passed.**

3. Treasurer's Report – John Haag, Treasurer

John Haag presented the Treasurer's report. He reported current bank balances and

the District's financial condition. Checking Account Balance is **\$6,581.34** and the Savings Account Balance is **\$609.27** or a total of **\$7,190.61** All bills are current.

Several areas concerning revenues and cost of operation were discussed and will appear in the budget for the annual meeting.

There was discussion concerning a \$25,000 line of credit for cash flow to handle revenues and expenses due to the timing issues concerning the grant reimbursements.

A Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Ron Laumeyer and seconded by Bill Lawson. **Motion Passed.**

4. BLRD Lake Quality Management Plan

- **Update on Grants (CBCW and I-LIDS) – Bill Holmberg & Tom Spaniol**

Most of the information concerning these issues is in the previous minutes from the April 12, 2017 meeting. Katie Katula and Grant Reimenschneider have accepted Watercraft Inspector positions. Training arrangements are being made for them.

There will be a hands on workshop to identify invasive species organized by the St. Croix River Association on June 28, 2017 at Bass Lake boat landing.

A I-LIDS monitoring plan at the boat ramp on busy weekend will be arranged and volunteers will be needed.

- **Update on Lake Planning and Lake Protection Grants – Tom Spaniol**
Again the information concerning this issue is outlined in April 12, 2017 meeting minutes.

The Lake Protection grant was approved but the funding will be reduced to slightly under \$78,000. This is a 75/25% matching grant. Our 25% contribution to the grant will contain \$5000 per year for crib builds for three years and this was usually included in our annual budget so that will offset some of the 25% amount of our obligation. There is \$12 per hour allowance for volunteer time spent in carrying out grant duties. Some of the original budget amounts included consulting fees.

Discussion considering phosphorous levels and how to deal with them in the future by handling runoff into the lake and removing phosphorous by pumping water from the lake bottom in the winter.

This grant will include the summers of 2017, 2018 and 2019.

The Lake Planning grant was approved as well. There was considerable discussion concerning demo sites for lake planning and there are apparently 12 to 15 lake volunteers for this summer. This will involve storm water runoff planning and construction of rain gardens and other Best Management Practices (BMPs). 30 % of the cost will be the responsibility of the homeowner and 70% by BLRD will be offset by grant monies.

Considerable discussion about a plan outline for guidance in dealing with this issue was done and a plan will be forth coming hopefully by the annual meeting.

- **Fish Cribs, Woody Debris Report – Tom Spaniol**
We are planning on fish cribs annually for three years for a total placement of approximately 40 additional cribs.
- **Invasive Species**
See Lake Management discussion.

5. **Ordinance Enforcement, Landing and Signage**

- **Buoys-placed**
- **I-LIDS-Installed and working. New contract signed.**
- **Water Patrol Boat-** Charles (Chuck) W. Struemke resigned. Bill Lawson and Tom Spaniol will work on getting a replacement.
Help from the Somerset Sheriff is not possible.
Considerable discussion was held concerning dropping the no wake ordinance and this will be on the agenda for the annual meeting.

Apparently the DNR Warden will be on Bass Lake one or possibly two days per week.

- **Landing-**Ron Laumeyer cleaned out the boat landing collection basins. He also discussed the large depression just beyond the boat landing pad in the lake bottom and the need to deal with this issue. It seems this **is our cost.**

6. Bass Lake Facilities Plan Update – Tom Spaniol

The feasibility plan for waste water treatment facility was funded and completed. Tom Spaniol had just received the copy of the plan and was in the process of reviewing it. Information concerning the plan and cost will be shared at the annual meeting. BLRD will be discussing the plan with the Town Board and the DNR.

7. County and Town Updates – Chris Babbitt and Tom Spaniol

The bridge will apparently be opened late in July 2017.

8. News, Updates and Plan

- **Ice Fishing Contest**-nothing
- **Other-lake level is 883.9.**

9. Public Comment/Resident Concerns-no further discussion

10. Review of Building Plans, Shoreline Restorations and Other Plans-None

11. Next Commissioner's meeting Saturday June 3, 2017 at 9:00am at Town of St. Joseph Town Hall, Annual Meeting starting at 9:30am

12. Adjournment:

A **Motion to adjourn** was made by Ron Laumeyer and seconded by Will Holmberg. **Motion passed.** The Commissioner's Meeting thereupon adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

**Recorded by:
Cecil Chally, Secretary**