

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

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

Commissioners Present: Bill Holmberg, Chair  
Cecil Chally, Treasurer  
Fred Young, Secretary  
Tim Riemenschneider  
Lynnae Thompson-Koats

Commissioners Absent: Rick Colbeth, Town of St. Joseph Representative  
Jim Endle, St. Croix County Board Representative

No BLRD residents in attendance. One non-resident, John Jacobson, in attendance.

**1. Call to Order**

Bill Holmberg called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:02 PM. **Roll Call:** All Commissioners present, except for Commissioners Rick Colbeth and Jim Endle, who were absent. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **A Motion** was made by Tim Riemenschneider to approve and adopt Agenda, which was seconded by Thompson-Koats. **Motion passed.**

**2. Secretary's Report**

Copies of the unapproved draft minutes of the June 8, 2019 Commissioners Meeting, Agenda for July 10, 2019 Commissioner's Meeting, and unapproved draft minutes of the June 8, 2019 Annual Meeting were previously distributed with special thanks to Bill Holmberg for his assistance in those efforts while Young was out of town when those went out for distribution. Holmberg noted that he had also been working on growing an email listing to call for support for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Landing blitz and picnic. **A Motion** was made by Riemenschneider to approve last month's minutes and Secretary's Report and seconded Holmberg. **Motion passed.**

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Chally reported that there was nothing new to report with account balances, and it was noted that the checking account was modified some time ago to remove John Haag's name, but Chally is still working on transferring things over completely. **A Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Riemenschneider and seconded by Holmberg. **Motion Passed.**

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

**Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) Grant:** Holmberg explained that Nate, one of the two boat inspectors at the landing, completed his service for the year, because he was headed back to a summer program at University of Wisconsin - Stephen's Point.

Holmberg estimated that the BLRD has approximately 140 hours inspecting boats at the landing and was hopeful that there would be an additional 150 hours worked toward the CBCW grant before year-end. It was noted that there was little interest/support for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Landing Blitz this year, but big thanks to Ron Laumeyer, Regina Rippel, John Reiling, Dick Koats, Lynnae Thompson-Koats, Tim Riemenschneider and Bill Holmberg for their volunteer hours at the landing over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

**LPT Grant:** Holmberg explained that Cheryl Clemmons had indicated she did not want to spend additional efforts until remaining grant monies were confirmed. Holmberg also explained that a Quicken summary of the LPT grant monies was provided by John Haag. It was uncertain whether future shoreline restoration project funds would be extended under the LPT grant as DNR approval is required. Holmberg will be having a call with Cheryl Clemmons on this topic on Thursday July 11. He will also follow up with Tom Spaniol and the DNR to confirm what funding can be extended for the additional year.

Holmberg explained that he had shown Regina Rippel how to perform Citizen Lake Monitoring (CLMN) water testing which he had been doing for quite some time (dissolved oxygen and Secchi disc), and that she has started performing this testing.

**Lake Pumping Feasibility:** Holmberg reminded everyone that DNR wanted sampling to ideally occur once every two weeks for veligers and phosphorus at the lake pump intake location. Holmberg noted that he will continue to work with Chally on that. Various residents indicated at the Annual Meeting interest in support of water testing, and the Somerset High School Fishing Club may also be able to support those efforts. Holmberg also explained that while Professor Sanden was at the landing over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, there was discussion that the BLRD could potentially seek support from folks at the University with some of the water sampling efforts.

Holmberg recapped that the remote monitoring station that Limnotech set up (which measures temperature, water temperature, precipitation, water level, and generates data that can be viewed graphically over any given timeframe) went active June 8<sup>th</sup> (the evening of the Annual Meeting). Holmberg will speak with Tom Spaniol about making an active link on the website to be able to view this data.

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

Riemenschneider noted that he was able to get citation books to the water patrol officer, and confirmed court dates that would be applicable to any ticketing. Riemenschneider explained that in speaking with the water patrol officer on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, that the water patrol officer noted that things were going very well and that he had been surprised with how mannerly things were. Riemenschneider noted that there was an individual on Friday night who the water patrol officer had trouble getting acknowledgment from and who had requested the water patrol officer's identification, and the water patrol officer expressed some discomfort in interacting further with the individual. Riemenschneider explained that he asked the water patrol officer to contact the Sheriff if there were ever a similar interaction in the future. It was noted that at the boat landing, the west dock needs to be raised further out of the water,

and that Ryan Brathal at the County was the contact for that. There was also discussion that there were numerous times where people were parked outside of the landing over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, and there was discussion regarding the lack of enforcement of the no-parking restriction.

**ILIDS:** Holmberg noted that audio appears to be poor and that the service provider of the ILIDS camera had reviewed and sent along a suspected violation of a boat/trailer leaving the landing. Thompson-Koats expressed some interest in reviewing additional ILIDS video footage.

**6. County Updates, Town Updates**

No updates as neither Jim Endle nor Rick Colbeth were present.

**7. News, Updates and Plans**

Additional information was printed on the back of the July Agenda regarding the picnic which has been scheduled for August 3, 2019 from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. There was discussion that Riemenschneider will work with Young and breaking down alphabetical list to try to balance what food will be brought to the BLRD picnic.

**8. Public Comment/Resident Concerns.**

No comments/concerns – a few non-BLRD residents arrived at the Town Hall in the middle of meeting because they had intended to attend a special Planning Commission Meeting that had been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. and cancelled on short notice.

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

No update on any building plans. No update on the Van Dyk property, and no one was aware of any alterations at that site. Holmberg noted that Engleharts were considering a rain garden, but no update on whether they may want to move forward. There was discussion that any concerns regarding proposed Van Dyk project should be directed to the County.

**10. Discussion for Next Meeting Schedule/Finalize Agenda**

- **Next Board of Commissioner's Meeting will be September 11, 2019 at 6:00p.m., St. Joseph Town Hall**
- Holmberg noted that there was a gentleman from Roberts, WI that has developed a model regarding alternative projections of lake level at Bass Lake per projected climate forecasts who had inquired if could present his information. This topic will be added to next month's Agenda (in addition to typical recurring topics).

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Chally and seconded by Riemenschneider. **Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.**

**Recorded by:**

**Fred Young, Secretary**