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

Wednesday, July 11, 2018 6:00pm
St. Joseph Town Hall – 1337 County Road V

Commissioners Present: Tom Spaniol Chair & Town of St. Joseph Representative
Bill Holmberg, Secretary
John Haag, Treasurer
Tim Riemenschneider, Commissioner
Fred Young, Commissioner
Lynda Miller, St. Croix County Board Representative

Commissioner Absent: Cecil Chally, Commissioner

Residents Bill Lawson

1. Call to Order

Tom Spaniol called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:00PM. **Roll Call:** All Commissioners but Bill Holmberg Cecil Chally present. It was reported that Bill Holmberg was running late but would arrive shortly after 6:00PM. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Lynda Miller, the new St Croix County Representative was in attendance. **Motion** to adopt the Agenda made by Tim Riemenschneider and seconded by John Haag. **Motion passed.**

2. Secretary's Report

Copies of the minutes of the June 11, 2018, Commissioners Meeting were previously distributed. **A Motion** to approve the Minutes was made by Tim Riemenschneider and seconded by Fred Young. **Motion passed.**

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Haag reported current bank balances and the District's financial condition. Checking Account Balance is **\$16,013.56**. This includes the 30% lakeshore owner co-pay (\$6,2664.55) of the Coyle Project that is part of the Lake Protection Grant. Line of Credit Balance is **\$0.00**.

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

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

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

CBCW- Bill Holmberg reported that the 4th of July Blitz was held July 4 – 8. Coverage at the landing was nearly complete 8AM-8PM each day. In addition to Courtney Fowell, the summer intern, there were 11 volunteers that participated. Many covering shifts on multiple days. Ice Packs were handed out to fisherman leaving the lake with a catch and towels were offered to all watercraft leaving the lake. These supplies were donated by the DNR. Special thanks to all that participated – **Courtney Fowell, Tim Riemenschneider, John Haag, Tom Spaniol, Fred Young, Lynnae Thompson, Dick Koats, Regina Rippel, Pam Fricke, Kelly Spaniol, and John Reiling.**

Tim Riemenschneider met with Courtney Fowell’s advisor, Prof. Eric Sanden, at UWRF at the boat landing. Prof Sanden was impressed with what was going on. Tim shared with Prof Sanden other opportunities the UWRF could do with the BLRD.

- **Update on Lake Protection Grant –**

John Reiling was not in attendance to report the latest status. A general overview of the grant was shared with the new St Croix County rep Lynda Miller. There are 2 active projects that we are aware of, with an additional 2 that have designs completed.

There was some discussion regarding the BLRD matching responsibility for the grant. Much of it is based on volunteer time. **This will be discussed at the next meeting.**

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

Tom Spaniol and Bill Holmberg had a conference call with DNR representative Jodi Lepsch regarding the lake monitoring needed to verify the water quality if seasonal pumping would be allowed. Jodi stated that the DNR is planning to be on Bass Lake the week of July 16th, most likely on Thursday the 19th. She will call Bill Holmberg the morning of the day they decide to go. Bill will try to go out with them to observe the monitoring that they will be doing. Bill will email or call all commissioners when he is made aware of when they will be on the lake. Tim Riemenschneider stated he may be able to participate if needed.

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

- **Ordinance Enforcement –** The “new” lift has been installed and the patrol boat is on it and has been on the water. Currently “volunteers” are taking the boat out to keep a presence on the water. If anyone is interested to help make a presence with the boat they should contract a commissioner. A search for a paid water patrol position continues.

- **Landing/Signage –** The replacement for Justin Townsend has been announced. It is Aaron Mason. However, Aaron is on staff at the Willow River State Park full time. He will support the St Croix County Parks position as he can.

- **Fisheries** – Tom Spaniol stated he will write the new permit for additional fish cribs for the lake.

6. County and Town Updates –

County – Lynda Miller was introduced as the new St Croix County representative. All welcomed her. Lynda didn't have anything to report at this time but now that she understands expectations she'll bring updates, if there are any to the next meeting.

Town of St Joseph – Tom Spaniol reported that work continues on the use of the mitigation funding and green space funding. Approval for additional land acquisition by the town was received. This will complete acquisition plan and there will be no costs to the town.

7. News, Updates, and Plans

- **Picnic** – John Reiling had stated at the annual meeting that he would host the picnic. Since then he reported back that he will not be able to host the picnic. **If anyone is interested and willing to host the picnic, please contact a commissioner.**
- **5 Goals from the Lake Management Plan** – Nothing new to report. Cecil Chally was not in attendance.

8. Public Comment/Resident Concerns

Bill Lawson reported that he recently checked the water level of the lake. It was 884.5ft. Down slightly from 884.6ft from a check earlier this year.

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

The pole shed that Colleen Gray is planning was discussed. The building will be beyond 300ft from the lakeshore. In addition, the ground water in that area runs away from the lake. There are no concerns with the plans by the BLRD.

10. Discuss Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Meeting Saturday, August 08, 2018, at 6:00PM at St. Joseph Town Hall. Election of officers will occur assuming all officers attend.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Holmberg and seconded by Tim Riemenschneider. **Meeting adjourned at 7:18PM.**

**Recorded by:
Bill Holmberg, Secretary**