

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

Wednesday, September 12, 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
Cecil Chally, Commissioner
Fred Young, Commissioner

Commissioner Absent: Lynda Miller, St. Croix County Board Representative
Tim Riemenschneider, Commissioner

Residents John Lehto

1. Call to Order

Tom Spaniol called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:01PM. **Roll Call:** All Commissioners but Lynda Miller and Tim Riemenschneider present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Motion** to adopt the Agenda made by Fred Young and seconded by Bill Holmberg. **Motion passed.**

2. Secretary's Report

Copies of the minutes of the August 08, 2018, Commissioners Meeting were previously distributed. A **Motion** was made by Fred Young to approve the minutes and seconded by Tom Spaniol. **Motion passed.**

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Haag reported current bank balances and the District's financial condition. Checking Account Balance is **\$396.48**. Line of Credit Balance is **\$6500.00**. The need for going to the line of credit was due to payment on the Coyle project. Total project cost was \$20,881.82 of which there was a copayment by Mr. Coyle of \$6,264.55. The difference, \$14,617.26, will be paid back to the BLRD when the next Grant Reimbursement is made (4th quarter).

A **Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Bill Holmberg and seconded by Cecil Chally. **Motion Passed.**

4. BLRD Lake Quality Planning and Grants

- **5 Goals from the Lake Management Plan** – Cecil Chally reported that only 2 groups signed up at the annual meeting to support any activity. Support is needed beyond just the BLRD Commissioners to address the activities to support each goal. After the August meeting, Commissioner Riemenschneider suggested contacting the UWRF. Specifically, Professor Eric Sanden, head of the Conservation area and advisor to the Resource

Management Club. Commissioner Riemenschneider did contact Professor Sanden and Professor Sanden requested specific projects that needed support.

ACTION: It was decided that each commissioner would review the goals and bring to the October meeting activities the UWRF, or other groups, could help support. The goals were assigned to commissioners as follows:

GOAL		Champion
I	Protect and enhance Bass Lake water quality to maintain its designation as an outstanding resource water.	Tom Spaniol & Cecil Chally
II	Protect and improve the diverse aquatic life of Bass Lake including a self-sustaining fishery and diverse aquatic plant community.	Tim Riemenschneider
III	Protect and restore healthy shore land habitats.	Fred Young
IV	Prevent the introduction of and control and contain existing (aquatic and shore land) invasive species.	Bill Holmberg
V	Ensure safe and multifaceted recreational opportunities while preserving the natural lake environment.	John Haag

- **Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant (CBCW) –**
CBCW- Bill Holmberg reported that, Courtney Fowell, the summer intern, has completed her work for the summer. Paid and volunteer hours totaled over 275 hours. He hopes to have all paperwork ready to file for grant reimbursement of the paid hours by the October meeting. The issue with the data in the DNR database has been resolved.
- **Update on Lake Protection Grant –**
As reported in the Treasurer’s report, the Coyle project has been completed. John Reiling was not in attendance. He did not provide an update on additional land owner involvement in the grant.
- **Update on Permit renewal to pump lake.**
No activities were completed on this. Discussion was held on the Zebra Mussel Veliger sampling. The challenge is the pumping of water through the small net. Power for a pump is needed. Discharge of water and freezing of the water/net in the winter is also an issue. While all can be addressed, the execution of addressing them is the challenge. This will be a potential project to present to the UWRF. Beaver Creek Reserve has responded back on helping with the phosphorus testing set up. Bill Holmberg will be stopping at the Beaver Creek Reserve location in Fall Creek on Friday September 14.

5. Ordinance Enforcement, Landing/Signage, Fisheries

- **Ordinance Enforcement –** John Lehto reported that he has been out on the boat approximately 35 hours this summer. He’ll likely take the boat out by the end of the month. Approximately \$60 was spent to use and maintain the boat this season.

- **Landing/Signage/Ilids** – There were issues with the west dock and it was removed by the county. It was reported that there used to be a sign on the east dock that stated no power loading. That sign is no longer there. John Haag reported that he will remove the ILIDS camera system from the landing on or about September 30th.
- **Fisheries** – Tom Spaniol reported that he is working on the permit for the wildlife habitat – fish cribs, etc. He also reported that this fall in October 7000 walleye, 6”-9” fingerlings, are to be released.

6. County and Town Updates –
County – No updates, Lynda Miller was not present.

Town of St Joseph – Tom Spaniol reported that the Bike Trail Grant was not received. A grant to redo Perch Lake Road was received. Market evaluations for all properties in the Town have been completed. Property values increased, on average, around 30%. However, this does not mean taxes will be going up. If your property increased the same as the average, they should remain the same as before.

7. News, Updates, and Plans

Fred Young had a few questions on BLRD Organizational documents -By Laws, Insurance, etc. It was reported that the By Laws were believed to be on the website. The BLRD, is a government lake district and not a lake association. Fred mentioned that while he is a lawyer, he is not a WI lawyer and will not be providing any formal legal advice.

8. Public Comment/Resident Concerns

John Lehto reported that he is still receiving the mailings of the minutes and had indicated he requested just the emailed minutes. Bill Holmberg stated he will look into it.

As a reminder, if anyone would like to save on paper and/or receive the minutes by email they should contact Bill Holmberg. (Contact info is on the Agenda).

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

Nothing new to report.

10. Discuss Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Meeting Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 6:00PM at St. Joseph Town Hall.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Holmberg and seconded by Cecil Chally.
Meeting adjourned at 7:20PM.

Recorded by:
Bill Holmberg, Secretary