

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

Wednesday, October 10, 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  
Tim Riemenschneider, Commissioner

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

Residents Bill Lawson, Dick Koats & Lynnae Thompson

1. The meeting was moved to the restaurant at the Willow River Saloon due to a meeting at the town hall.

**Call to Order**

Tom Spaniol called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:08PM. **Roll Call:** All Commissioners but Lynda Miller present. Pledge of Allegiance was not recited. Tom Spaniol suggested to modify the Agenda order due to change in location of meeting by moving forward discussion involving the attending residents. **Motion** to modify the Agenda to move forward Public comment/Resident Concerns was made by Tim Riemenschneider and seconded by Cecil Chally. **Motion passed.**

2. **Public Comment/Resident Concerns**

Dick Koats and Lynnae Thompson stated they had Cheryl Clemmons do a site assessment and drew up a design to increase plants in their shoreline. They asked if this could be part of the grant and what to do if it could. Tom Spaniol stated it should. Bill Holmberg stated that what they described would likely meet the criteria for a native planting. The maximum eligible amount for a native planting is \$1,000. Tom Spaniol stated a contract would need to be written and signed by them and the BLRD. Cheryl Clemmons has been writing these contracts if approved by the board. A **Motion** was made by Tim Riemenschneider to approve a native planting project, not to exceed \$1,000 and seconded by Bill Holmberg. Motion passed.

Bill Lawson reported the lake level is currently at 883.2 feet.

3. **Secretary's Report**

Copies of the minutes of the September 12, 2018, Commissioners Meeting were previously distributed. A **Motion** was made by Tim Riemenschneider to approve the minutes and seconded by Cecil Chally. **Motion passed.**

**4. Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer John Haag reported current bank balances and the District’s financial condition. Checking Account Balance is **\$461.52**. Line of Credit Balance is **\$7000.00**. All known bills have been paid. Renewal of the line of credit was made. The new interest rate is 6.25%

**A Motion** to accept the Treasure’s Report was made by Bill Holmberg and seconded by Tim Riemenschneider. **Motion Passed.**

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

- **5 Goals from the Lake Management Plan** – The five Goals from the current Lake Management Plan were discussed. Most of the activities for each goal are well underway. The various activities for the goals were discussed and items that the UWRP or other groups could support are listed in the table below:

<b>Possible Projects/Activities that the UWRP or other groups could support.</b>
Lake Protection Grant support – Create a self-evaluation form/checklist. Brainstorm/Design events to get others involved. Dinner Education/Fund Raising event. Help with crib build and brush collection. (Buckthorn removal) Host/Staff a boat wash station at landing Participate in holiday/weekend blitz at landing. Lake monitoring/setup to support lake pumping Perform inventory/images of entire shoreline. Perform survey and/or monitor lake for AIS locations Create a welcome packet for new residents/owners Create a safe boating flyer with State laws and best practices.

- **Clean Boats Clean Waters Grant (CBCW)** – CBCW- Bill Holmberg reported that he is just waiting on copies of cancelled checks to submit for grant reimbursement. He also reported that a Grant application for funding in 2019 is due December 10<sup>th</sup>. He will present the grant application at the November meeting so a resolution can be issued to allow for the grant application.
- **Update on Lake Protection Grant** – John Reiling was not in attendance. He did not provide an update prior to the meeting. As discussed earlier in the meeting, Dick Koats and Lynnae Thompson will be moving forward with a native planting project at their shoreline.
- **Update on Permit renewal to pump lake.**

Bill Holmberg stopped at the Beaver Creek Reserve location in Fall Creek to get supplies to support the phosphorus testing. They did not have all the items they said they would have. They said they will deliver the remaining items once they become available. There was discussion on the veliger sampling. While in theory the sampling is straight forward, the challenges of pumping water for 20+ minutes in the middle of winter will need to be worked out.

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

- **Ordinance Enforcement** – The patrol boat has been taken out of the lake for the season. The boat lift for it is still in the lake but will be taken out soon.
- **Landing/Signage/Ilids** – Additional concerns about a hole on the west side of the landing have been reported. It appears the hole reported in August has gotten bigger.

The camera at the landing was vandalized on September 22, shortly after 6PM. The lens was cracked, very similar to last year. Videos from the camera were reviewed. The camera showed a boat leaving the landing at 6:07PM. The lens was fine. At 6:10PM a video showed a vehicle with no trailer backing down the boat ramp. The damage to the lens was apparent in the video. Tom Spaniol noted the registration number on the boat from the 6:07PM video. He will forward this to the Sheriff's department for investigation.

- **Fisheries** – The stocking of walleye fingerlings has been completed. The actual stocking was not reported in advance to the BLRD. Tom Spaniol found out about it when talking with the DNR.

**7. County and Town Updates –**

**County** – No updates, Lynda Miller was not present.

**Town of St Joseph** – Nothing new to report.

**8. News, Updates, and Plans**

Nothing to report

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

Nothing new to report.

**10. Discuss Meeting Schedule**

**Commissioner Meeting Wednesday, November 14, 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 7:27PM.**

**Recorded by:**

**Bill Holmberg, Secretary**