

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

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 6:00pm

St. Joseph Town Hall – 1337 County Road V

Commissioners Present: Steve Bohl Town of St. Joseph Representative  
Bill Holmberg, Chair  
John Haag, Treasurer  
Fred Young, Secretary  
Cecil Chally, Commissioner  
Tim Riemenschneider, Commissioner

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

Residents Bill Lawson, Regina Rippel, Tom Spaniol & John Lehto

**1. Call to Order**

Bill Holmberg called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:00PM. **Roll Call:** All Commissioners but Lynda Miller present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Motion** to adopt the Agenda was made by John Haag and seconded by Cecil Chally. **Motion passed.**

**2. County and Town Updates –**

**Town of St Joseph** – After the last BLRD meeting Tom Spaniol resigned from the Town of St Joseph board. Since he was the Town of St Joseph rep to the BLRD, the BLRD Chair position became vacant. Steve Bohl was appointed by the Town of St Joseph as the new rep to the BLRD. All welcomed Steve Bohl to the Board and thanked Tom Spaniol for his years of service to the BLRD. Tom stated he will still be active in supporting the BLRD. Steve Bohl discussed MOU funding deadline is the end of the year. He also reported that 40 acres on the west side of Perch Lake will transfer to the County. John Haag reported he will submit reimbursement request to Town for expenses BLRD paid Harmony Environmental for services Harmony Environmental performed on the Town's Lake Drawdown Feasibility Study. Bohl also noted that there are plans to rebuild Perch Lake Road.

**Vacancy of BLRD Chair** – The vacancy of the Chair was discussed.

Commissioners Young, Riemenschneider, and Chally all stated that they did not have interest in taking on the Chair position. Commissioners Holmberg and Haag stated they would not be able to take on the Chair responsibilities in addition to their existing officer roles on the BLRD. Commissioner Holmberg agreed to take on the role of Chair if someone were to take on the role of Secretary. Fred Young agreed to take on the Secretary role. **A Motion** was made by Tim Riemenschneider to approve Bill Holmberg as the Chair and Fred Young as the Secretary. Motion was seconded by Cecil Chally. **Motion passed.**

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

**3. Secretary's Report**

Copies of the minutes of the October 10, 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 **\$550.81**. Line of Credit Balance is **\$8300.00**. All known bills have been paid.

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

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

- **5 Goals from the Lake Management Plan –**

- To be discussed at next meeting. Holmberg noted that there is a lot of active work on many of the goals. It was discussed that efforts to build fish cribs and the feasibility of lake pumping/drawdown are presently the most germane.

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

CBCW- Bill Holmberg reported grant reimbursement of \$2068.12 was submitted. He also discussed the grant application for 2019 funding. (Copies of the grant application had been previously forwarded to all Commissioners). **A Motion** was made by John Haag to for the BLRD to submit the 2019 CBCW Grant request as prepared by Holmberg (\$5,000 total project cost with a request for grant monies of \$3,750, and a local share of \$1,250.00, which could be potentially be offset by volunteer hours) and seconded by Cecil Chally. **Motion passed.** **A Motion** was made by Tim Riemenschneider to name Bill Holmberg as the BLRD's authorized representative for the 2019 CBCW Grant and seconded by Fred Young. **Motion Passed.**

- **Update on Lake Protection Grant –**

John Reiling was not in attendance. Tom Spaniol reported he submitted on the permit for fish cribs, as authorized by the BLRD. The permit was approved. Schmidt Timber has been contacted for bolts to make the cribs. The County is cutting brush near the boat landing and will separate out brush for the cribs. Others reported on cut brush available for the crib builds. A successful crib build would be dependent on sufficient ice, log availability, and volunteers to build the cribs. Tom Spaniol will continue to spearhead logistical and organizational efforts to build the fish cribs.

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

Bill Holmberg reported that the Beaver Creek Reserve location in Fall Creek still did not have the necessary phosphorus testing materials. There was further discussion on the difficulty of sampling for zebra veligars and the lack of an established testing protocol suitable for winter conditions (ice) and the deep

inlet location. At last check by Holmberg, there is no DNR aquatic invasive species specialist appointed. Accordingly, the following challenges remain: (1) the identification of a lab that can perform testing suitable to the unique circumstances; (2) suitable testing equipment; (3) the preparation of a sampling protocol that is premised on the use of suitable equipment; (4) DNR approval of a proposed sampling protocol; and (5) actually performing sampling in all weather conditions (including winter ice). Chally and Holmberg expressed that they would continue to spearhead efforts on the initial barriers.

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

- **Ordinance Enforcement** – There was discussion regarding nearly exhaustive, but unsuccessful efforts that have been made to identify an individual that would serve as a water patrol officer. Riemenschneider offered to undertake certain additional efforts to seek to fill this role.
- **Landing/Signage/ILIDS** – It was reported that there are plans to fix the scour hole at the landing in Spring 2019, and that there are additional plans for the County’s installation of a grate to stop salt from coming down the boat ramp.
- The ILIDS post is working.
- **Fisheries** – No updates beyond the aforementioned fish cribs.

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

Nothing to report

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

Tim Riemenschneider reported that he and his wife are planning to make modifications to their home that would include a porch on the existing deck and a relatively small expansion of the existing house footprint that necessitates a change to the roofline. Riemenschneider explained that he has been working with the Land Use Office at the County. Despite adding impervious surface, the proposed project is designed to redirect and reduce overall water runoff to Bass Lake. Additionally, the proposed additional impervious surface would be on the southeast corner of the existing structure (not on the lake side). Riemenschneider explained that while it has already been determined that his home already has a buffer zone that exceeds requirements, he has provided an affidavit for filing with the County to confirm that the buffer will not be removed.

**10. Discuss Meeting Schedule**

**Commissioner Meeting Wednesday, December 12, 2018, at 6:00PM at St. Joseph Town Hall.**

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Tim Riemenschneider and seconded by Bill Holmberg. **Meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.**

**Recorded by:  
Bill Holmberg, Secretary**