

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

Monday, November 8, 2010

St. Joseph Town Hall – 1337 County Road V

Commissioners Present: John Coughlin, Chair
Dick Allyn, Secretary
John Haag, Treasurer
Ron Laumeyer
Tom Spaniol
Robert Shearer, St. Croix County Representative

Commissioner Absent: Rick Colbeth, St. Joseph Town Representative

1. Call to Order

Chairman John Coughlin called the Commissioners Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Secretary's Report

Copies of the minutes of the September 13, 2010 Commissioners Meeting had been previously distributed. **Motion to approve the minutes**, was made by Dick Allyn and seconded by Tom Spaniol. **Motion passed.**

3. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer John Haag reported that the checking and savings bank balances total \$11,604.42. All bills are current. **Motion to approve Treasurer's Report** was made by Tom Spaniol and seconded by Ron Laumeyer. **Motion passed.** Chairman Coughlin will be notifying the Clerks of the Towns of St. Joseph and Somerset of the annual budget levy.

4. BLRD Lake Quality Management Plan 2009/2010

While the WDNR, the County Land and Water Department and Bye Barsness, Chairman of the Lake Quality Committee, could not attend, Tom Spaniol, led a discussion of the "near shoreline woody habitat program" to improve fish habitat. This project was discussed at last June's Annual Meeting and at the September 13, 2010 Commissioners Meeting. The District is working with WDNR Senior Fisheries Biologist Marty Engle to enable the placement of 130 trees along the shoreline, and 7 stumps and 17 cribs in the water. Mr. Engle will seek the needed permits. At least 12 property owners have agreed to permit the placement of fallen trees along their shoreline. A final plan and property owner sign-off will be circulated before final action. **Motion that the Bass Lake Rehabilitation District approves and supports the planned placement of trees, stumps and cribs by**

and in Bass Lake in accordance with all WDNR permits was made by Dick Allyn and seconded by Ron Laumeyer. **Motion passed.** There was then a discussion of the need for volunteers to help place the cribs out on the lake during the winter. The installation is planned for the 3rd week in January, 2011 (final date to be announced). We need folks with pick up trucks with trailer hitches, and also snowmobile trailers and similar flat beds. To volunteer, call Tom Spaniol (612-747-7700) or Ron Laumeyer (612-210-6829).

The discussion of the “Clean Boat/Clean Waters” program the District is coordinating was postponed until the February 7, 2011 Commissioners meeting. However, on a related note, there was then a discussion of increasing sightings of zebra mussels fastening themselves to docks and lifts. Bill Holmberg and Bill Lawson offered eye witness accounts along with those of Commissioners. Chairman Coughlin will be speaking with the WDNR about the problem. WDNR’s Ken Schreiber is the zebra mussel contact in Eau Claire (715-839-3798).

5. Ordinance Enforcement, Landing and Signage

There was a discussion about the ordinance signage at the Public Boat Landing. The District’s posted ordinances and laws enforced by the Water Safety Patrol need to be updated to reflect the increased \$187.90 citation fine amount.

6. County and Town Updates

Bob Shearer reported on the St. Croix County budget that was recently adopted with virtually no increase. The appropriation for the St. Croix County Health Center was reduced and the money moved to cover costs for police and roads. In Mr. Colbeth’s absence there was no St. Joseph Town update.

7. News, Updates and Planning

Ron Laumeyer announced that he had pulled the buoys and water patrol boat. He then reported about the successful stocking of “extended growth” (8”-10”) walleyes by the WDNR (4133 fish) on the north end and by the District (1190 fish) on the south end. It appeared that all 5323 walleyes transplanted well. It was noted that the minimum size for a “keeper” walleye is 15.”

Bill Lawson reported that the lake level as of 9/29/10 was **879.14** above mean sea level. This is a drop of **.15** (about 1.8”) since the 5/19/10 reading of **879.29**.

8. Public Comment/Resident Concerns

None

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

There were no plans presented.

10. Next Meeting - February 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joe Town Hall

12. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Commissioners Meeting was made by Ron Laumeyer and seconded by Dick Allyn. **Motion Passed.** Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Recorded by:

Dick Allyn, Secretary

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