

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

Wednesday, December 12, 2018 6:00pm  
St. Joseph Town Hall – 1337 County Road V

Commissioners Present: Teresa Johnson as proxy for Steve Bohl, Town of St. Joseph Representative  
Bill Holmberg, Chair  
John Haag, Treasurer  
Fred Young, Secretary  
Cecil Chally, Commissioner

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

Residents None

**1. Call to Order**

Bill Holmberg called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:00PM. **Roll Call:** All Commissioners but Lynda Miller, Tim Reimenschneider, and Steve Bohl present (Teresa Johnson from Town of St. Joseph attended most of the meeting as proxy for Steve Bohl, as her schedule allowed her to arrive during Agenda Item 4). Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Motion** to adopt the Agenda was made by John Haag and seconded by Bill Holmberg with exception regarding date of next meeting. **Motion passed.**

**2. Secretary's Report**

Copies of the minutes of the November 14, 2018, Commissioners Meeting were previously distributed. **A Motion** was made by Bill Holmberg to approve the minutes and seconded by Cecil Chally. **Motion passed.**

**3. Treasurer's Report**

\$2,068.12 received reimbursement from DNR. Checking Account Balance is **\$333.61**. Line of Credit Balance is **\$6,300.00**. Anticipating that there will soon be receipt of LPT grant monies from DNR in amount of \$16,786.33. All known bills have been paid. Approximate administrative expense of \$33.00 was paid to update Quicken software. **A Motion** to accept the Treasure's Report was made by Cecil Chally and seconded by Fred Young. **Motion Passed.**

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

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

Cecil Chally reported that he will send zebra mussel veligers information to Bill Lawson to help along efforts to prepare equipment for pumping that is necessary to test for presence of veligers.

Bill Holmberg reported that there is a lab in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota that may be able to perform year-round veliger testing, and that there has been additional communication with Citizens Lake Monitoring regarding the phosphorus testing that would need to be performed. There is a possibility that Citizens Lake Monitoring would supply the equipment for the phosphorus testing. Holmberg reported that the necessary phosphorus testing equipment is likely available for purchase if Citizens Lake Monitoring doesn't have it available. Phosphorus testing is typically done from ice out to ice on. Holmberg will continue to make efforts to follow up with Citizens Lake Monitoring on next steps.

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

CBCW- Bill Holmberg reported that monies for 2018 grant request have been received (full amount requested from the last submission). Grant for 2019 as discussed at last BLRD meeting was submitted to the DNR (\$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). Holmberg reported that he received a confirmation email from the DNR, and there were no immediate concerns that were expressed about the 2019 grant request. Now, Board is waiting to hear from DNR whether grant will be awarded.

- **Update on Lake Protection Grant –**

John Reiling and Tom Spaniol were not in attendance, but John Haag noted that Tom Spaniol made efforts to seek information regarding current costs to acquire oak bolts (logs) for construction of fish cribs. LPT grant monies may be available for those costs.

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

- **Ordinance Enforcement** – Holmberg reported that Tim Riemenschneider was actively working to identify an individual that would serve as a water patrol officer, and will provide an update at the next meeting (Riemenschneider was unavailable to attend).
- **Landing/Signage/ILIDS** – Noting new to report.
- **Fisheries** – No updates beyond the aforementioned fish cribs.

## 6. **County and Town Updates –**

**Town of St Joseph** – Teresa Johnson attended given that Steve Bohl was unavailable. She explained that County is intending to rezone, and that there are two proposals, both of which may present severe concerns to residents of Town of St. Joseph. There is a “down-zoning” proposal which may significantly adversely affect certain interests of some County residents. Johnson explained that there is a potential that many uses that do not presently need permits, would require permits if certain County zoning proposals are approved. Subjects at issue include but are not limited to: the number of certain pets and animals that may be kept on certain lots sizes; lot split sizes that may adversely affect the current value of land; the ability to operate certain home-based businesses without a permit; etc.

Johnson reported that the Town of St. Joseph has opportunity to opt out of the County zoning, and if that were to occur, the Town of St. Joseph would remain under the current county zoning ordinance for one year, and then all zoning would expire, unless the Town of St. Joseph adopts its own zoning within that year. According to Johnson, zoning would remain on shoreline, as shoreline is governed by State law. **It is anticipated that the Town of St. Joseph will be holding an open house soon to gather feedback from residents on the County's zoning proposals and whether the Town of St. Joseph residents may desire the Town to opt out of the County's new zoning, and instead move forward with a Town Zoning ordinance.**

Johnson updated the BLRD Board regarding the MOU concerning the Bass Lake feasibility study. Johnson explained that the Town attempted unsuccessfully to collect approximately \$4,615.95 owed on the Bass Lake feasibility study from DNR, but the DNR did not have monies available at the time the request was made. Johnson reported that the Town has not yet determined what its next steps will be on that topic.

Johnson reported that the Town's taxes needed to go up for new fire department equipment, to bring the equipment into compliance (breathing equipment). A three-year loan was taken out to finance the purchase of that equipment. However, with the new equipment, insurance premiums for the Town will be lower than they otherwise would be with the old equipment.

**County** – No updates, Lynda Miller was not present. Bill Holmberg will contact Lynda to discuss availability.

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

Nothing to report.

**8. Public Comment/Resident Concerns.**

Nothing to report. Only Commissioners were present.

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

Nothing to report.

**10. Discuss Meeting Schedule**

**There will be no January 2019 meeting. The next meeting will be February 13, 2019 at 6:00PM at St. Joseph Town Hall.**

**11. Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn was made by Cecil Chally and seconded by John Haag. **Meeting adjourned at 7:18PM.**

**Recorded by:  
Fred Young, Secretary**