

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

Wednesday, December 13, 2017 6:00pm
St. Joseph Town Hall – 1337 County Road V

Commissioners Present: Tom Spaniol Town of St. Joseph Representative
Bill Holmberg, Secretary
John Haag, Treasurer
Cecil Chally, Commissioner
Bill Lawson, Commissioner
Tim Riemenscheinder, Commissioner
Chris Babbitt, St. Croix County Board Representative

Commissioner Absent: None

1. Call to Order

Tom Spaniol called the Board of Commissioners Meeting to order at 6:00PM. **Roll Call:** All Commissioners but Haag, Lawson & Chally present. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. **Motion** to adopt the Agenda made by Chris Babbitt and seconded by Bill Holmberg. **Motion passed.** Commissioners Haag, Lawson and Chally eventually arrived.

2. Secretary's Report

Draft copies of the minutes of the November 8, 2017 Commissioners meeting were previously mailed. No corrections/changes were needed. **A Motion** to approve the Minutes was made by Tim Riemenscheinder 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 **\$360.35**. The Line of Credit Balance is **\$21,000.00**. Overall balance is **-\$20,639.35**. The negative balance is due to the cash flow timing of the grant reimbursements. Reimbursement for the remaining portion of the 2017 Clean Boats Clean Water (CBCW) grant in the amount of \$2068.88 has been received and deposited. An advance payment for the 2018 CBCW grant in the amount of \$703.13 has been received but not yet deposited. An invoice of \$425.00 from Harmony Environmental for grant writing has been received and is yet to be paid. When remaining checks clear for expenses related to the Lake Protection Grant, the first request for reimbursement will be sent to the DNR. The amount requested will be larger than the current line of credit amount of \$21,000. **A Motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Tim Riemenscheinder and seconded by Bill Holmberg. **Motion Passed.**

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

- **Update on Grants (CBCW and AIS) – Bill Holmberg**

CBCW- Grant for 2018 was submitted. Receipt of the advance payment already provides evidence the grant has been approved.

AIS – Map with AIS message was printed and mailed with November draft minutes. Additional copies were printed and will be handed out at the boat landing and at annual meeting, picnic, etc. Limnotech has stated they will complete their independent review of the BLRD AIS program by year end. The grant allows final report to be submitted until June 2018. We are targeting to get final report and reimbursement request for remaining \$625 in by the end of January.

- **Update on Lake Protection Grant–**

A financial summary was presented by Bill Holmberg based on the information provided by John Haag. He created an Excel spreadsheet that mimics the activities and expenses approved in the grant. The total grant amount approved was \$103,360. The DNR would reimburse up to \$77,500. With landowners contributions and donated time the BLRD expense over 3 years will be less than \$5,000 total. This grant covers the fish habitat for 2 years which previously had a cost of around \$4,000 per year for the BLRD. So many more things will get accomplished to improve the quality of the lake at a lower cost for land owners. Current spending on the grant is at \$31,574.45.

Monies are available for more land owners to get involved in 2018-2019. A separate “flyer” will be included in the next mailing to solicit land owner interested and involvement. Tim Riemenscheinder volunteered to draft flyer to be included in the next mailing.

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

RFP's were received from 3 of the 4 companies. The review committee consisting of 2 BLRD commissioners, 2 Town of St Joseph board members and Harmony Environmental reviewed the RFP's. Barr Engineering was selected. Costs would be more than the limit of a single grant. Discussion and review with the DNR resulted in deciding to submit 2 Lake Protection Grants and one AIS grant. Tom Spaniol reminded all the grants would be submitted by the Town, not the BLRD. Funding to support the non DNR match is being sought from the Corridor 64 Coalition monies. Tom Spaniol will copy the BLRD Commissioners on the cover letter, once it is completed, that will be sent to the Corridor 64 Coalition. A response on the DNR grants is expected in February. A response on the Corridor 64 monies is expected in January.

5. Ordinance Enforcement, Landing and Signage

- **I-LIDS** – Nothing to report
- **Landing** – Homestead Park manager position (Justin Townsend replacement) is still open. Ron Laumeyer was in attendance. Ron suggested that when this position is filled to forward Ron’s contact information to the new person. Ron has had numerous discussions with Justin in the past on the runoff at the landing and ways to control it.
- **Signage** – Nothing to report

6. County and Town Updates – Chris Babbitt and Tom Spaniol

Chris Babbitt had forwarded a copy of the completed report on the surface and groundwater study the County had undertaken. Chris spoke briefly on the state bills discussed at the last meeting. The county still has some concerns. The county is looking at rewriting an ordinance on Human Health Hazards. It should be ready in another month or so. It was thought this may not impact the BLRD. But discussion on raising water levels and impacts to structures and septic systems indicated there likely are things the BLRD might need to be aware of.

Tom Spaniol shared updates from the Town of St Joseph. The Town is in the final stages of many grants. One will address bike lanes. Another is to address roads. Obtaining the road grant will allow roads to be fixed right. Without the grant, the same amount of Town monies will be needed just to patch the roads. The Town is also working on ordinance updates and a new website.

Tom also reported that the replacement for Marty Engels, DNR fisheries biologist, has been selected. The new individual starts January 2.

7. News, Updates, and Plans - Nothing to report

8. Public Comment/Resident Concerns

Internet issues on the east side of the lake were brought up again. It does not seem like there will be any activity from providers for at least 12 months. Avenues to get support from the state, utilities commissions, etc. have been exhausted.

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

Nothing to report

10. Discuss Meeting Schedule

Next Meeting Wednesday, January 10, 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 7:22PM.**

**Recorded by:
Bill Holmberg, Secretary**