



P.O. Box 202, Balsam, Lake, WI 54810

**BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
Annual Meeting July 17, 2010  
Unity School Auditorium, Balsam Lake**

**(Draft copy until approved at 2011 Annual Meeting)**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

- The 34<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the BLPRD was called to order by Chairman Howard Seim at 9:00 a.m.
- Howard Seim introduced all of the Commissioner's: Carl Holmgren, Dave Wagner, Tom Miller, Jeff Reed, Milt Stanze, and Karen Aubin.
- Market Place Foods was thanked for donating the pastries.

**2. APPROVE AGENDA**

- A motion to approve the agenda was made by Raymond Sloss and seconded by Orem Robbins. Approved.

**3. APPROVE MINUTES of JULY 18, 2009 ANNUAL MEETING**

- A motion to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2009 annual meeting was made by Bob Nelson and seconded by Greg Moore. Approved.

**4. ELECTION – ELECT ONE COMMISSIONERS**

- Chairman Howard Seim introduced himself as the only one that was up for election. Carl Holmgren tallied the votes with 68 in favor of Howard Seim, 3 none and 1 write in. A motion was made by Bill Gydesen and seconded by Fred Salmon to accept the election of Howard Seim. Approved.

**5. GUEST SPEAKER – Cheryl Clemens-Harmony Environmental**

Milt Stanze thanked everyone who helped on the advisory board. Milt then introduced Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental.

Cheryl Clemens reported that Matt Berg of Aquatic Plant Management did a plant survey of all the plants in Balsam Lake and found that there are 49 different plant species in the lake of the 49 plants 46 are native plants.

**PLAN GOALS**

Manage invasive species

Prevent additional species from entering the lake  
Maintain navigational areas  
Increase the understanding of Native Plants  
Preservation

### **CURLY LEAF POND WEED**

Spraying of curly leaf pond weed before native plants actively grow. Approximately 20 acres a year get sprayed; it is then monitored by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party and all the beds are mapped each year.

### **PURPLE LOOSE STRIFE**

The plan for this is to survey for it, remove the plants when they are found. If anyone thinks they have found some and want to verify it, then you need to call Carl Holmgren or Jeremy Williamson.

### **NAVIGATION**

Keep checking and treating before it gets too thick.

### **INVASIVE CORRIDORS**

It is in our BLPRD APM plan; a permit is required to spray.

## **6. REPORTS**

### **• Chair – Howard Seim**

Thanked everyone for entrusting him to do the commissioner job. He thanked all of the district officers for all their hard work and everything that they do. They all go above and beyond their duties. He thanked Cheryl Clemens from Harmony Environmental; she does our grant writing and is awesome at it. Howard talked about all the grants we are applying for: CBCW, APM, WRP, WQ, and said that we will be applying for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the water quality grant this year.

**Bridge Project:** Statues provide inland Lake District the responsibilities, with DNR for lake access, water ways and recreational boating and control.  
Health of the organization is strong!!! Thank you to everyone!!

### **• Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) – Carl Holmgren**

- Report provided with update and statistics from the beginning of CBCW. The numbers have been going up ever since the start. Unity School is used to get the student volunteers. This year two teams were organized with team leaders. All the data that the volunteers have collected is entered into the state data base, to date, we have had 112 inspections from May to June.
- Our goal is to inspect, educate, collect data, and make boaters of the state law.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **• Waterfront Runoff Program (WRP) – Cheryl Clemens**

The board will be applying for an extension on the \$100,000 grant to continue with projects identified. Luke Lee was introduced as the newly hired intern working with the program. Cheryl made note of the affect of phosphorus in the lakes:

1 lb of phosphorus is equal to 500 lbs of Algae in the water.

- Minimize hard surfaces
- Prevent runoff

- Encourage integration-reduce nutrients

### **Native Vegetation**

Native Plants

Trees in water-fish habitat

There will be a boat tour on Friday July 23, 2010 from 5-7 pm. It will tour around the lake to see what types of water run off projects have been completed. There are tour maps available, contact Karen Aubin for more information or if you would like to go on the tour.

### **Culvert Replacement Project-Scott Geddes**

Scott Geddes from Polk County Land and Water department, made a presentation for the Culvert (Bridge) replacement project.

The Polk County Highway stated that the culvert as a culvert is in just fine condition and will last at least another 50 years. The current condition of the culvert shows deterioration on the South side and would require maintenance to clean up the deteriorated areas. The roadway is unaffected and deemed safe.

The Board has currently looked at many different designs and the one that is recommended is a 14x10 bridge. This will allow for passing of bigger boats to go from Town Bay to the Millpond and the Millpond to Town Bay. In addition, space is available on the roadway for a guardrail protected pathway to serve pedestrians, handicap, and bicycles.

He noted that this type of bridge structure is readily available. The estimated project cost is \$225,855.00 for removal and replacement of the new structure.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **WATER QUALITY-DAVE WAGNER**

The water quality project was started over a year ago. Barr Engineering was hired. During this last year of the project Barr has been busy collecting data; taking samples of the water and measurements of the water. With all the data that is being collected, Barr will prepare a preliminary and final report of its data. The board should have the preliminary report in January with the final report in March. The report will provide us a better understanding of what nutrients we have in the lake. The preliminary report to date is that the water coming into Balsam Lake is very good.

## **9. TREASURERS REPORT – Presented by Karen Aubin**

### **• 2010 Budget Approval:**

A motion was made to approve the 2011 budget by Raymond Sloss and seconded by Debbie Irestone.

There was a discussion of the items:

- A motion was made by Greg Moore and seconded by Patrick Sturve to direct the BLPRD District to create a Non-Lapsable Capital Fund for purposes financing the construction of the bridge across County Rd I suitable to allow for pontoon and boat traffic, going out of the Millpond into Town bay and from Town Bay into the Millpond, replacing the existing deteriorating box culvert. The purpose

of this budget amendment is to establish a waterway access between the Millpond and Balsam Lake for recreational boating and lake management purposes. The fund amount will be determined when all costs and planning are known including: Approved contractor bid price for the completion of approved engineer design; Polk County Highway department financial and project management support; Balsam Lake Village financial and management support; Suitable Emergency Recovery plan established by the Balsam Lake Village with the Polk County Highway administration and the DNR; and prepare required permit application with the DNR. These cost and plans are to include the BLPRD share of these costs will be presented on or before the next annual meeting of the BLPRD in 2011 for review and approval. The BLPRD share will be funded as approved by the referenced District meeting by means of reallocating existing non-lapsable funds. No new taxes for these purposes will be levied to the district land owners.

An amendment was made by Milt Stanze and seconded by Gordy Hanson to strike the last sentence of the amendment reading 'No new taxes for these purposes will be levied to the district land owners.' Failed.

There was a request to 'call the question' to the original motion with the amendment by Jim Heller.

The motion amendment was approved by voice vote.

The motion to approve the amended 2011 budget was approved by a majority of hands raised.

- **Audit Report:** Karen Aubin reported that the audit report stated there was good cash flow and stated no discrepancies.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Patrick Sturve stated that better communication with the membership was needed and is very important when there are big issues on the agenda.

11. **ADJOURN**

A motion was made by Patrick Struve to adjourn the meeting at 11:30 and seconded by Ben Patterson. Approved.