

BLAKE LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Annual Meeting Minutes 2018

Meeting Date: August 18, 2018 Revised: 7-19-19

The BLPRD Annual Meeting at Georgetown Lutheran Church was called to order by Co-Chair Sam Rivers Weber at 9:07 am. Board Members present: Sam Rivers Weber/Chair, Shelley Rodriguez/Commissioner, Jen Wistrick/Treasurer, and Peggy Lauritsen/Secretary, Communications.

The agenda was approved with flexibility unanimously. Motion to approve the August 2018 Annual Meeting minutes by Sue Ogren. Motion 2nd by Warren Pannkuk. Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Report (Jen Wistrick)

Reviewed 2017 annual report (provided on handout to attendees). Reviewed current account balances as of July 31st, 2018 as follows: savings account \$5.00, money market account \$119,651.15, dam account \$5,500.88 and BL account \$13,166.64.

Dam Update (Adam Elliott): Update given regarding dam progress. Key points:

- July 2nd at the pre-construction meeting it was noted that there was a fiber-optic cable buried in between survey and final drawing. This resulted in a redraft of the engineering plans to accommodate and resubmit to the DNR for approval.
- July 5th we were awarded DNR dam grant to cover 50% of construction costs.
- July 17th we received approval from the DNR for the new plan. Tentative start date for construction start is August 27th.
- July 14th there was a special meeting that was held that approved the board to borrow additional funds of \$140,000 to be able to pay and cash flow the dam project.

Lake Plan Update (Shelly Rodriguez):

Reviewed upcoming events and lake management goals we need volunteers for. We have 7 goals with 20 objectives. So far, we have acted on all goals including 13 objectives. Reviewed status of Lake Management Plan. Introduction of Blake Lake Bingo. Members participate in lake projects and volunteer hours to win a prize at the 2019 annual meeting (refer to annual meeting for details).

Healthy Lakes Program (Peggy Lauritsen)

Reviewed Healthy Lakes grant updates. We received a DNR grant for \$22,000 April 27, 2017 to install 19 practices before Dec. 31, 2018. Currently, we have 6 projects completed (2 rain gardens, 4 shoreline plantings) with 11 projects to be completed by the end of 2018. The Healthy Lakes Tour of 6 projects is Saturday, September 1st, 12-3pm. Tom Borden gave update on invasive species monitoring of zebra mussel traps and weed analysis. See full presentation at <https://blakelake.org/records/>.

Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) /Clean Boats, Clean Waters (Peggy Lauritsen)

Reviewed update on CBCW. Thank you to all volunteers who have helped over the years with boat landing coverage, invasive species monitoring and attending meetings. Also noted, in 2018 we have a new DNR grant that pays 75% of the cost for 400 paid hours for staff at the landings. Reviewed AIS goals and updates. See full presentation at <https://blakelake.org/records/>.

Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Harvey Report (Jen Wistrick for Jim Maxwell)

APM coordinator was unavailable for weed harvester report so this will be published in future communication. Based off request for reimbursement we are much lower in cutting and hauling hours and expense compared to the last few years.

Communications (Peggy Lauritsen)

Reminders to sign up for lake news at the registration table or online at www.blakelake.org/contact if you are new to the lake district. Check to see if you are on the email list for 7-10 emails that are sent out yearly.

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Grants Update/Overview (Sam Rivers Weber)

Current grants that are active are: CBCW, Healthy Lakes and the Dam Grant. See full presentation at <https://blakelake.org/records/>. All new grant applications for future years due by December 10 or February 1 each year, depending on the grant type.

WI Lakes Partnership Convention 2018 (Peggy Lauritsen)

Looking for two volunteers to go to 2019 convention (hotel, mileage and convention fee paid). Peggy attended again for 2018. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Peggy. Benefits of sending a representative from our district: Networking with nearby lake districts; Information that supports our Dam ownership; Board member education and training; Access to state and county-level discussions, and free literature.

Georgetown Update (Ron Ogren, Chair)

Ron Ogren informed us about the road work starting on the east side of Blake Lake that continues for a year until the new blacktop is completed. There will be a new culvert installed. He also commented about changes coming in the services related to EMT and fire department services in the area. Nothing has been decided but is likely to be defined by September 2019 budget.

ANNUAL BUSINESS (Sam Rivers Weber)

2019 Proposed Budget: the budget forward is the same as last year. We were a bit under budget this past year due to lower expenses used by the harvester team (-\$2386.48). Motion by Mike Rogge to approve the 2019 budget and 2nd by Jan Anderson. Unanimous, motion carries.

<u>Aquatic Plant Management</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>
<u>WI Lakes Convention</u>	<u>1,500</u>
<u>Dues</u>	<u>475</u>
<u>Harvey/weed harvesting</u>	<u>8,500</u>
<u>Insurance</u>	<u>4,500</u>
<u>Admin.</u>	<u>4,525</u>
<u>Lake Management Plan</u>	<u>5,700</u>
<u>TOTAL =</u>	<u>\$27,700</u>

Motion for Excess Funds: Currently, there is a balance of \$47,091.63 in the Capital Reserve Fund. Motion by Gail Rustad, “Resolution to allow the BLPRD Board to apply excess tax levy funds into the Capital Reserve or Rapid Response Fund annually upon Board review of Treasurer’s Annual Report.” There was a 2nd by Paul Rodriguez, and the motion passed.

Elections for Commissioner: Sue Ogren nominated Shelley Rodriguez, she accepted, and Jacci Quist 2nd the nomination. No further nominations came forward. Motion by Jack Beslisle to have the Board find an additional Commissioner, 2nd by Don Kelly. Motion unanimous, carries. The vote resulted in Shelley Rodriguez re-elected to the Board.

Announcements (Sam Rivers-Weber)

- Spring Meeting, May 18, 2019, 8:30 AM
- July 6th, 2019 Boat Parade 4:00 PM. Starts at north end of lake and parade around the whole shoreline.
- June 29th, 2019 Pontoon Tie-up middle of the lake, 6:00 PM.
- Saturday August 17th, 2019 Annual Meeting, 8:00 AM

Adam Elliott retired from the Board and was thanked for his contributions to the District.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jack Beslisle, motion seconded by Robin Kelly. Meeting adjourned at 10:41 am. A total of 52 people (48 eligible voters) attended the Annual Meeting.
Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Jen Wistrill, Treasurer and Peggy Lauritsen, Acting Secretary.

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