



**BEAR LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT**  
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**COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**  
**Tuesday April 2, 2024**  
**5:30 PM (VIRTUAL ZOOM)**  
**AGENDA**

**<https://zoom.us/join> Meeting ID: 678 301 4647 Passcode: 562010**

- 1. Call to Order:** by Mic Austen at 5:30
- 2. Board Members Present:** Mic Austen, Rick Klein, Ron Mundt, Lori Crane arrived at 5:50
- 3. Secretary's Report – Crane:** Minutes read by Lori Crane, Motion to approve by Rick Klein , 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Mundt
- 4. Treasurer's Report – Klein:** Report presented by Rick Klein
  - Savings Account Balance: \$15,734.38
  - Checking Account Balance: \$15,998.01
  - Dam Trust Account Balance: \$8,347.62

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report as presented by Mic Austen, and seconded by Ron Mundt

- 5. Minocqua Report – Mundt:** Minocqua is waiting to see if an ordinance will be set by the state. Suggestions have been sent into the state by Onieda County. Ron has agreed to continue as the Minocqua rep.

Recommendations right now are 500 ft from shore and 20 foot depth.

- 6. County Report – Ryden:** N/A
- 7. Clean Boats Clean Water:** Check for down payment of 1K sent in to town of Minocqua to start the position for the boat landing. Town of

Minocqua will invoice the district for the balance. Ken Gardner has been hired at \$16.00 per hour.

Mic will purchase a hat and a hoodie for Ken and will turn in the receipts to be reimbursed.

Virtual trainings will be available. Mic and Nancy will take the trainings. Lori plans on taking the trainings.

8. **Updated Bear Lake Adaptive Management Plan:** Continuation of the annual aquatic AIS survey is scheduled June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This seems early for the yellow iris. We may need to do some pictures ourselves and document the locations while the flowers are in bloom.

Nancy and Mic will sign up for the frog and toad survey.

Periodically set traps for rusty crawfish on the lake.

Conversation about getting a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion by using another consulting firm. Funds will need to be looked at for next year.

Conversation of other options for other options to learn of different organizations also.

9. **New Item:** Requirement to operating the dam is to do water sampling with a dissolve oxygen meter. The one we own is very old and it is not working properly. Cost to by a new meter is about 1K to 1.2K.

Rick Klein says that we can make this work in the budget.

Mic Austen will get some pricing.

Ron Mundt feels as though we should get the DO meter as soon as we can.

Ron Mundt made a motion to get the purchase Dissolve Oxygen Meter, but not to exceed a cost of 1.5K.

Lori Crane seconded the motion. – Passed

Lake water level readings are difficult to obtain. Lori Crane feels more than one gage should be done.

Mic Austin will look into how to get the gage set at a new place.

**10. Bear Lake Dam Operation 3 Year Trial:** Boards were put in on March 12<sup>th</sup> by Lori Crane. New locks were installed.

This was the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the trial.

Feelings about this trial. Does pulling the boards help move the silt out.

Rick Klein does not think that pulling the boards does anything.

Lori Crane thinks it does help move some of the silt flow out.

Ron Mundt does not think this helps the silt flow for the whole lake.

Mic Austen does feel as though pulling the boards out does help clean the creek bed. Removing the lake sediment however it does nothing.

Lori Crane agrees with Mic Austen.

Reports of the bogs over by Schults.

The question is does pulling the boards help at all. We need to find the answers of did this help the silt level at all.

DNR requirement is to pull the boards this winter in 2024. Pull the boards by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

As of this time no beavers.

One board did split last year. Lori will look into getting a couple of new boards for replacement. Right now there is no spare.

**11. Public Comment:** None present

**12. Next Meeting:** Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30pm

**12. Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Rick Klein and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Mudnt at 7pm