

BEAR LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
P.O. BOX 68, HAZELHURST, WI 54531
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COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
THURSDAY April 20, 2023
6:00 PM
(VIRTUAL ZOOM)
Minutes

1. Call to Order - M. Austin at 6:00 pm

2. Board Members Present – M. Austin, R. Klein, R. Mundt, T. Ryden, L. Crane (L. Crane late, came in at 6:03)

3. Secretary's Report – Crane –presented by M. Austin, approved by R. Klein, second by T Ryden. approved

4. Treasurer's Report – Klein

- Savings Balance = \$15.7K
- Checking Balance = \$15.7K
- Dam Trust Balance = \$7.8K

Received some of the payments from both Minocqua and Hazelhurst. Current levy is 5.3K

R. Mundt motion to approve, L Crane 2nd – Approved.

5. 2022 / 2023 Project Updates – Austin

- The lake owners survey has been sent Whitewater Data.
- John Primozich will write an article about how the dam came about.
- Dam boards are still out, ice is still on the lake.
- Beaver, 2 dams are present. A report of one beaver was removed.
- Checking on W. Ruch for doing some marketing articles
 - R Mundt will be sending W. Rusch info for the Gentleman's agreement and at that time Ruch will be done.
- Annual AIS survey. Will do the survey, but this was not budgeted for.
 - \$750.00 cost and do about late July / early August
 - Board will absorb this cost.
 - R. Mundt questions about the county that did this for free. Not sure if a follow up will be done.
- Fish stocking will be done again. R. Klein will oversee this again in 2023.

6. County Report – Ryden

- Bob Toomey resigned as of Tuesday April 18th.
- Pelican River Forest – property that state is trying to purchase permanent easement.
- Wake Boats –
 - Boulder Junction – hazard meeting not allowed to talk about because the meeting violated a bunch of open meeting laws.
 - The state is trying to find a happy ground.
 - Right now, it looks like they will not be allowed on lakes under 500 or 400 acres.
 - Homeowners will be grandfathered in.
 - Trying to protect lakes that are too small and too shallow.
- PFAS – Eastern side of Rhinelander that is high. They do not know why.
- Shoreline protection amendment 13-2022.
 - NR115 contradictory to 13-2022
 - NR115 is just a code.
 - State statute supersedes NR115.
 - Kind of accidentally became whistleblower.
 - Questioned why other counties were allowed to have ordinances that was not allowed for Oneida County.
 - 35 ft per 100 ft clearing. 35% access and viewing corridor.
 - 35% for the next on top of that
 - 2 accesses would be ok.
 - working on all of this
- Wake Boats Question from R. Mundt
 - Any idea of when wake boat issue settled. – Not yet.
 - 700 ft away from shore? Too difficult to gage for people. Tough to do distance other than 200 ft
 - DNR gave input at a few.
 - 400 acres depths over 15ft deep.

7. Public Comment – None. No one.

8. Next Meeting – Thursday, 6:00 pm June 8, 2023

9. Adjournment – T. Ryden motion to adjourned. R. Mundt 2nd.