

**ts09.03.22 9am – 46th Annual Meeting
for
Bear Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District
Minutes**

- Meeting called to order by Mic Austin at 9:01 am on 09.03.22
- Board Members Present
 - Mic Austin
 - Rick Klein
 - Lori Crane
 - Ron Mundt
 - Bob Thome
- Secretary's Report – 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes
 - Read by L. Crane
 - Motion to approve by T. Klein
 - 2nd by Don Motts
- Treasurers Report
 - Presented by R. Klein
 - As of Sept 3, 2022 Savings account balance is \$20,732.01; Checking account balance is \$2,501.68; Dam Trust \$7,346.42
 - 2022 books were audited by William Ruch and found to be accurate and compliant
 - Motion to approve by Greg Watson
 - 2nd by Brian Schultz
- County Report
 - Presented by B. Thome
- Bear Lake Annual Drawdown Trial
 - The BLPRD board as decided to do a 3yr drawdown trail of removing the boards for the Bear Creek Dam annually. The reason for this is to attempt to reduce the bogs which are developing and growing at the headwaters of the creek and moving into the south west bay of the lake.
 - The boards to the dam will be removed by the board approximately Oct. 1st of the year and reinstalled once the ice is out. Ice is out usually in the month of April.
- M. Austin stated that there is beaver activity at the dam area. The Board is responsible, per the DNR, for a about a 1000 square foot area around the dam to keep it free of beavers. A local trapper has offered his assistance in removing the current beavers.
- Fish Stocking – R. Klein has organized fish stocking in September 2022 of walleye. The board is asking for volunteers to assist in spreading the walleye via boats to other locations of the lakes. This has been done at other lakes using fish stocking and it is believed to have been a success.
- 2022 Point Intercept Lake Vegetation Survey – Presented by M. Austin – Survey was done on the lake in June. The final report will be sent at a later date.
 - M. Austin went into detail about 400+ point survey done. The survey consisted of sampling vegetation for the bottom of the lake, bringing it up, identifying it, quantifying it, and recording it.

- A survey was mailed out to the property owners over the summer with a terrific return response being mailed back. Approximately 60%
- 2023 Budget Hearing & Vote – 2023 Budget was presented by R. Klein
 - The budget was put to a vote to the property owners. All in agreement. No one opposed. Budget was approved and passed.
- Election to fill expired term of Mic Austin (3-Year Term)
 - M. Austin stated he was willing to do another 3-year term.
 - No other opponents
 - Property Owners voted to M. Austin to serve another 3 years.
- Loon Report – Presented by Nancy Austin
- Gentleman’s agreement – presented by R. Mundt
 - Handout given out
 - Request to not purchase a wake boat to all property owners
 - Lake is not deep enough or large enough and wake boats would damage the lake.
- Public Comment – multiple property owners brought up questions about the bogs in the Southwest Bay. The board reiterated that the boards for the dam would be removed every year for the next 3 years on a trial basis to see if this would help with the bogs.
- Next annual Meeting Date for September 2, 2023.
- Adjournment – 10:40 am