

Bear Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Meeting Minutes
45th Annual Meeting September 4, 2021 – Hazelhurst Town Hall

The Annual Meeting on September 4, 2021 was called to order by Chairman Austin at 9:00 AM.

Board Members present: Austin, Klein, Schulz, Thome and Mundt

Secretary's Report: Motion to approve the September 5, 2020 meeting minutes by Tom Church, second by Joe Mazza. Approved by all.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer's report was presented by Rick Klein. Klein reported that Bill Raasch was the external auditor and approved the report. The Checking Account balance is \$8,163.04. The Savings Account balance is \$20,729.93. The Dam Trust Savings balance is \$7,345.70 resulting in Total Assets of \$36,238.67. Motion to approve the report by Joe Mazza, second by Louise Church. Approved by all.

Dale Jalinski was presented with a plaque by Mundt from the BLPRD in honor of his service. Jalinski retired after volunteering to take lake reports for over 30 years.

County report was presented by Robert Thome.

Discussion on the Dam drawdown. DNR agreement was for a minimum of every 3 years, however, there is nothing in agreement restricting us to lower it sooner. Shore owners from the Southwest corner nearest the dam stated is becoming a marsh and hard to get out from shore. They asked to lower the dam every year. Dale Jelinski reported that the lake varied about 18 inches prior to the dam and only about 6 inches since the dam was installed. Explanation of results from Whitewater were discussed. Final suggestions were to check with the DNR on lowering the dam every 1 or 2 years and add it to the next commissioner's meeting agenda.

Fish Stocking Poll: Schulz reported he had contact with Zach from the DNR. Zach did not recommend changing to crappie or any of the panfish species for stocking since they have been very productive at sustaining themselves. He recommended to continue the Walleye stocking and he will conduct a survey next year to help give us a better perspective on the Walleye population. He also stated we can stock the fish in any part of the lake. 3 members voted against the Walleye stocking out of the 30 attendees.

2021 Annual AIS Survey Results were very favorable with 7 samples being good. The only concern is Yellow Iris. Shore owners were asked to remove them as they are dangerous to the lake.

A Point Intercept Lake Vegetation Survey will be done in 2022 by Whitewater which will include GPS sites, vegetation reports and identify and quantify reports. Motion to approve by Joe Mazza, second by Lori Crane. Approved by all.

2022 Budget was presented line by line with Rick Klein. Motion to approve the budget by Thome, second by Will Ruch. Approved by all.

Motion was made to re-elect Rick Klein for another 3-year term by Nancy Austin, second by Ginny Mazza. Approved by all.

There were no public comments.

Motion was made to schedule the next Annual Meeting Date for September 3, 2022 by Ginny Mazza, second by Louise Church. Approved by all.

Motion to Adjournment by Tom Church, second by Ginny Mazza. Approved by all. Meeting was adjourned at 11:10 AM.