

Meeting Minutes:

BEAR LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

THURSDAY April 14, 2022 6:00 PM (VIRTUAL ZOOM)

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

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Austin at 6:00 PM.
2. Board Members Present: Austin, Klein, Schulz, Thome, Mundt. Klein left meeting due to other commitments at 7:30 PM
3. Secretary's Report - (1/13/2022 Meeting Minutes) – Schulz presented a copy of the 1/13/2022 minutes for review. Motion to approve by Klein, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thome. All approved.
4. Treasurer's Report – Klein reported the Savings at \$20,731.13. Checking at \$12,969.55. Dam at \$7346.12. Total Levi collected \$14,633. Balance to collect is \$3984.15. Overall, in very good shape and townships have been paying very well. Motion to approve by Schulz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mundt. Approved by all.
5. Bear Lake Drawdown: Reports of lake dropping by 8 inches due to Dam boards being removed last fall. Boards will be replaced by Austin when ice is out and accessible.
6. 2022 Point Intercept Survey / Project Grant Update – Austin reported the DNR grant was not approved. 3 options were presented. 1. Postpone and retry in 2023. 2. Drop the project (not recommended due to lake management program). BLPRD pay the entire amount and proceed. After an extensive conversation on the options, an agreement was reached to restructure the budget, divide the survey into 2 years and reapply for a DNR grant for the 2023 balance due. A Special Meeting will be held on 4/26/22 to finalize the process. Motion to hold a Special meeting by Schulz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Mundt. Approved by all.
7. Wake Boats – Schulz presented concerns based on an article from Presque Isle. Main concerns from the article were, Wake boats create a hazardous destructive wake from two to five feet high which can damage shorelines, piers, watercraft, shore stations and increase erosion. It can turn over the bottom of a 200-acre lake in just 22 hours of boating time (one weekend). The domino effect endangers water quality, aquatic plants and wildlife, safety for other lake users including people in canoes, kayaks, paddle boards, fishing or swimming and the spread of AIS. Plowing the lake bottom can lead to increased algae bloom and create re-suspension of sediment containing phosphorus, which fertilizes algae blooms. The blooms die and decay, and in the process eats up the dissolved oxygen in the lake water, potentially killing the lake. Austin stated we are restricted on controlling the wake boards due to state boating regulations. Thome advised everyone of an open meeting July 15<sup>th</sup> at Nicolet College regarding this issue and others.
8. Walleye Stocking Discussion – Mundt suggested we change the approach of stocking based on conversations with representatives of Lake Minocqua and Lake Geneva to doing a fish hatchery. Schulz explained our lake is not large enough or conducive to do a fish hatchery. Efforts to spread out the stocking into other parts of the lake last fall wasn't done due to lack of equipment from the supplier and lack of help. Schulz stated a survey by DNR after ice out and future efforts to better disperse the fish will be focused on in 2022.

9. Clean-Boats-Clean-Water - Austin updated us that Stephanie from Oneida County is looking for help and hoping to have someone at the boat landing for at least the holiday weekends this year. Austin has volunteered once again to assist on an at will basis.

10. County Report – Thome sent a report which is accessible on the county website. To note: 490 open complaints on file some dating back to pre-2019. Of the open violations, 81 or roughly 1/5, have a shoreland violation component. Of those 81, 74% are attributed to non-residents.

11. Public Comment: No public comments.

12. Next Meeting – Special meeting was called for to address the funds needed to proceed with the Point Survey on 4/26/2022 at 6:00 PM. The next regular meeting will be June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6 PM. Both meetings will be a Virtual Meeting. Motion by Schulz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thome. All approved.

13. Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM by Mundt, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Thome. All approved.