



BEAR LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
Tuesday April 8, 2025, 6:00 PM
(VIRTUAL ZOOM)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Mic Austin at 6:00 pm.

2. Board Members Present

Mic Austin, Chairman

Lori Crane, Treasurer

Dawn Wozniak, Secretary

Ron Mundt, Town of Minocqua Representative

Chris Schultz, Oneida County Representative

3. Meeting Minutes

Minutes from the December 3, 2024, meeting were presented and resulted in the following motion:

Motion made by L. Crane seconded by R. Mundt to approve the December 3, 2024, Commissioner's Meeting Minutes as presented. Carried unanimously.

4. Chairman's Report

A. Clean Boats Clean Waters 2025

M. Austin reported the grant from the state has been approved for the program to continue into the current year. A posting has been made in the Lakeland Times to find person to fill this position. M. Austin and D. Wozniak will work together to do additional postings to fill this position.

B. Walleye Fish Stocking 2025

M. Austin referred to L. Crane to address this issue - L. Crane is still waiting for responses from businesses she has contacted regarding the fall fish stocking.

C. Dissolved Oxygen Meter Update

M. Austin referred to L. Crane to address this issue - L. Crane is moving forward with acquiring a new meter.

D. Water Sample Report

M. Austin presented the report received from the University of Stevens Point, Water & Environmental Analysis Laboratory. Bear Lake water is stable.

E. Bulletin Board Maintenance

M. Austin will purchase the necessary materials and will stain all three bulletin boards over the summer.

5. Secretary's Report

D. Wozniak reported approximately 25 property owners have opted in to receive annual meeting notices via email. A Facebook post will be made to encourage more property owners to opt-in.

6. Treasurer's Report

A. Income/Expense Report

L. Crane presented the financial reports reflecting the current balance of each account:

Checking - \$23,164.91

Savings - \$15,736.18

Dam Trust - \$8,848.62

Motion was made by R. Mundt and seconded by D. Wozniak to accept the current income/expense report. Carried unanimously.

Motion was made by D. Wozniak and seconded by R. Mundt to accept the budget report as presented. Carried unanimously.

B. Insurance for Dam

L. Crane reported the current insurance company is no longer covering liability for dams. A new liability policy is being sought.

7. Minocqua Report

R. Mundt reported the town was discussing creating new parking fee structures for in town parking but ultimately dropped the idea for now. Residents of Minocqua can receive free permits at the town boat launch sites. R. Mundt was asked to continue being the town representative to the district board; which he has agreed to continue being the representative unless someone comes forward.

8. County Report

C. Schultz reported information regarding the upcoming Clean Boats Clean Waters training. C. Schultz further reported the DNR denied Nokomis permit for invasive species treatment. Further calls to ban wake boats have been reported but are waiting for the DNR to take action.

9. Nano/Bubble Technology

R. Mundt discussed the need to inquire with the DNR regarding permits that will be needed if the district want to move forward. Approval from the DNR can take up to a year. He will continue to reach out to gather information.

10. Public Comment

Beckie Gaskill joined the meeting as this point volunteering her services for the Clean Boat Clean Waters program. She already has completed training.

11. Next Meeting & Adjournment

The next meeting will be May 27, 2025, at 6 pm via Zoom.

Motion made by R. Mundt seconded L. Crane by to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm. Carried unanimously.