



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting

THURSDAY, July 16, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.

“The LLBMD seeks to promote environmentally conscious and fiscally responsible decisions by providing education, enhancing a healthy lake ecosystem and ensuring safe use of Lac La Belle for today and tomorrow.”

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held virtually via Zoom with additional dial-in information provided on the agenda to allow public access to the meeting.

Minutes

1. Call to Order

D. Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Dan Bauer

Ernie Bollinger

Karen Carr

Jim Groose

Dave Zimmermann

Absent

Terry Largent

3. Emailed Comments from the Floor – None.

4. Correspondence

Emails

Various emails from Brooke Donovan, City of Oconomowoc, regarding Lake Level Reports (5/29 and 7/9)

May 28, 2020 – Lisa Conley - Guide To Restore-Able Wetlands In Rock River Basin

May 29, 2020 - - Aquatic Invasive Species Update –June 2020

June 1, 2020 - WIDNR Rock River Recovery –June Newsletter

June 2, 2020 – Wisconsin Lakes - Lake Events to Consider & New Voting Reqs for Lake Dist Elections

June 3, 2020 – Lisa Conley – June WIDNR Rock River Recovery Newsletter

June 3, 2020 – Samantha Lammers – Healthy Lakes Conference 2020

June 8, 2020 – Wisconsin Lakes - CBCW Amidst the Pandemic - A WI Lakes Webinar

June 24, 2020 – Dave Welnatz – Question About The "Goose Roundup"

June 30, 2020 - WIDNR Rock River Recovery –July Newsletter

July 3, 2020 – Waukesha County Parks & Land Use – July AIS Update

July 7 & 8, 2020 – Daniel Reinhold – Nighttime Bow Fishing

July 9, 2020 – Randy Kilbowitz – A Question About Lac La Belle

D. Bauer had been working with Waukesha Country staff regarding LLBMD District tax rolls. Clarification of tax-exempt status for some parcels in the District was needed.

5. Approval of May 21, 2020 LLBMD Meeting Minutes

E. Bollinger moved to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2020 Meeting as presented. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

J. Goose exited the meeting at 7:12PM. D. Bauer moved to Item 7.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report and Payment Authorizations were reviewed by the Treasurer. An Eco-Resources Consulting invoice submitted for payment was reviewed and clarified.

J. Goose moved to approve payment authorizations as presented. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

K. Carr moved to approve the July 13, 2020 Treasurer's Report as presented. E. Bollinger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Bauer moved to Item 8 and the remainder of the agenda.

7. Update On Carp/DNR Roughfish Contract

Discussions were ongoing with the commercial fisherman scheduled to fish Lac La Belle this year. Additional information was needed regarding the removal of debris at the south end of the lake and the costs associated with the commercial fishing activity. There were also several issues with the electrical barrier and grates for the West Wisconsin Avenue dam on the Oconomowoc River. The electrical barrier was not functioning properly, and an upgrade was required. City staff needed to re-install the grates on the dam located on West Wisconsin Avenue to offer some physical barrier to the carp that might be migrating upstream. E. Bollinger requested information from the DNR Fisheries Biologist for Lac La Belle regarding the impact of removal of structures on the fishery. There had been no issues related to removal of debris in past years and he questioned why there were issues present now. Commercial fishing efforts in the past had taken place in the north and central portions of the lake but little had been done at the southern end. Commercial fishing typically took place in the fall of the year.

J. Goose returned to the meeting at 7:17PM. D. Bauer returned to Item 6.

8. Discuss & Act On Lac La Belle Creek Project

There was nothing new to report about the project. Despite recent significant rainfall events the creek water was without a great deal of sediment as had been noted in the past.

9. Update on 2020 Goose Round-Up

Due to a lack of geese needed for the minimum requirement to hold the Goose Round-Up, the 2020 Goose Round-Up was canceled.

10. Update on 2020 Grants

a. Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant Program Interns

Samantha Lammers, Waukesha and Washington County Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator, and Clean Boats, Clean Waters interns, Mohammed, and Steve, were present. All introduced themselves and provided background information relative to their work experience. Approximately 125 hours had been provided to date at the Lac La Belle boat launch by Mohammed and Steve as part of the Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant program. The Lac La Belle boat launch was a busy launch with most people launching their boats to take part in recreational relaxation boating activities. Not many boats coming into the launch on weekends were for fishing. Overall, people were cooperative about the program and mainly seemed in a hurry to put their boats in the lake or take them out. Most people seemed to understand the Clean Boats Clean Waters message already and knew to remove weeds and drain water from their boats when questioned about the program. There were not as many people aware that all vegetation and water should be removed upon exiting the lake. S. Lammers noted it was illegal for people to remove a watercraft from a lake and not properly clean, remove vegetation and drain the water from live wells prior to exiting the launch. J. Bode noted a very positive relationship had been formed between the Clean Boats, Clean Waters interns and City Beach staff. Mohammed and Steve would also assist with the point intercept survey scheduled to begin August 5, 2020. If anyone had access to an old fishing pontoon or duck skiff that they would allow to be borrowed for participation in the point intercept survey work being done on Lac La Belle in August, please contact the LLBMD or Jeff Bode via email or cell phone.

b. Lake Planning Grant

- i. Findings of Lake Plant/ Soil Sampling
- ii. Scan of Lac La Belle For Debris At South End

Items 10bi and 10bii were discussed concurrently. Three estimates had been provided to the DNR for the Lake Planning Grant work being done on Lac La Belle. Onterra, LLC was the lowest bidder and had been awarded the contract for the point intercept survey. A report of work completed would be provided to the LLBMD in October 2020. The cost to the LLBMD for doing this survey work would be approximately \$2,000 with the remainder of the service costs provided by the State of Wisconsin. The grant spanned two years in case additional aquatic invasive species were found that required additional work in the next year.

c. Targeted Runoff Management Grant

There was nothing additional to report on at this time.

11. Discuss & Act On Wakeboat Activity

Questions and concerns had been raised by Lac La Belle residents regarding recent wake boat activity on the lake. Wake boats and wake boarders had been spotted out after dark several times this season as well as water skiers skiing after sunset. These were safety issues and enforcement concerns. Other lake management districts had similar concerns. All lakes were busier this summer than other years and many boat dealers had sold their inventory in the area. Other lake districts had observed that many of the infractions on the lake were not due to visitors. Discussion ensued regarding how best to provide information to residents and lake users about boating regulation and enforcement. Wake boats functioned best in deep water in the middle of the lake. Boats were required to operate more than 100 feet from any shoreline, dock, raft, pier, or restricted area of the lake. Water skiers and jet skiers were required to be more than 200 feet from any shoreline, dock, raft, pier, or restricted area and 100 feet from other boats unless going at a "Slow- No Wake" speed. "Slow - No Wake" speed was required of all watercraft from sunset to sunrise. While information could not physically be distributed as part of the Clean Boats, Clean Waters program, it could be provided to residents via mailing, the LLBMD website and at the 2020 Annual Meeting. DNR Wardens were available to deal with offenders if any identifying characteristics about the boat, such as boat color/style, license numbers posted on the side of the watercraft, or even names of those choosing to participate in unsafe activity, could be provided after the fact. DNR tickets were expensive and frequently exceeded the cost of municipal tickets. It was noted that other lakes regulated these issues by implementing hours of "Slow No Wake" for a limited time on weekends and holidays. Information would be gathered from North Lake Management District to see what worked effectively on that lake in dealing with these issues. Boating regulation reminders would be provided on the back side of the 2020 Annual Meeting Notice for residents.

12. Discuss & Act On Nighttime Bow Fishing

The LLBMD had been contacted by a resident of Lake Winnebago regarding potential support for legislation at the state level to limit the number of hours for night time bow fishing due to the lights and noise that negatively impacted many lake residents in the early morning hours. Discussion ensued. The issues of loud noise and annoying lights shining into people's homes were noted. At this time without enacted state legislation, there was little to be done without enforcement from local ordinances. Additional information would be available on this topic in the future.

13. Discuss & Act On Police Patrolling

The Town of Oconomowoc Police Department was responsible for patrolling Lac La Belle. Discussions with the Town Police Chief would take place to determine what the current patrol levels were and whether increasing the number of hours was possible. The City of Oconomowoc Police Department would also be contacted regarding past patrol experience and if there were any options available for the future. This item would be placed on the next LLBMD regular meeting agenda.

14. Discuss & Act On 2020 Shoreland Restoration

Information related to this agenda item had been provided to Commissioners in advance of the meeting. K. Carr provided an update on the 2020 Shoreland Restoration program. Originally, there were two interested property owners; however, one owner had decided not to proceed with the program this year. An estimate of work had been provided from Eco Harmony Landscape & Design to the Woznys in the amount of \$7,124.47. The project was slated to take place in August or September of this year with anticipated reimbursement cost from the LLBMD to the Woznys in the amount of \$2,000 for participation in the project as outlined in the program documents.

J. Goose moved to approve proceeding with the Wozny project for the 2020 Shoreland Restoration program. E. Bollinger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

15. Update on LLBMD Website

Updated lake levels, agendas, minutes, and information pertaining to the Healthy Lakes Conference and website technical issues had been added to the website since the last meeting.

a. Discuss & Act On LLBMD Website Estimates

Website estimates from three vendors and a comparison document had been provided to Commissioners in advance of the meeting. Total costs and benefits of working with each vendor were reviewed. Annual costs associated with hosting and maintaining the website were noted.

J. Goose moved to approve an upgrade of the LLBMD website to be provided by Paragon Marketing in the amount of \$2,399 as presented. E. Bollinger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

16. Discuss & Act On 2021 LLBMD Preliminary Budget

Commissioners discussed the preliminary budget for the Year 2021. Capital projects would be noted separately as a line item in this budget. Grant program costs and reimbursements were needed prior to distribution of the budget.

D. Bauer moved to recommend approval of the 2021 Proposed Budget at the August 20, 2020 Annual Meeting of the Lac La Belle Management District as outlined with the understanding that final budget numbers were needed prior to distribution. J. Goose seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

17. Discuss & Act On August 20, 2020 Annual Meeting Agenda & Budget Hearing Notice

The Annual Meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday, August 20, 2020 beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall. Due to COVID-19, lake management districts were being encouraged to minimize the Annual Meeting agendas to allow residents to

attend the meeting safely and swiftly. Terms of the current LLBMD Board members were reviewed with terms for Ernie Bollinger and Jeff Bode set to expire this year. A draft Annual Meeting Agenda & Budget Hearing Notice were reviewed. Revised proposed budget amounts would need to be inserted into the Notice prior to printing.

K. Carr moved to approve the draft August 20, 2020 Annual Meeting Agenda & Budget Hearing Notice with revised proposed budget amounts inserted into the Notice as discussed. E. Bollinger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

18. Next Meeting Date – Annual Meeting – August 20, 2020

The Annual Meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday, August 20, 2020 beginning at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall.

19. Agenda Items For Next Regular Meeting – October 15, 2020

- Update on Citizen Lake Monitoring Network Data
- Update on Point Intercept Survey – Lake Planning Grant
- Update on 2020 Shoreland Restoration Program
- Update on Lac La Belle Creek Project
- Update on Police Patrolling
- Report of Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program Data
- Update on LLBMD Website
- Update on LLBMD District Parcels
- Update on Carp/Commercial Fisherman Contract
- Discuss & Act on Wake Boat Regulations

20. Adjournment

J. Goose moved to adjourn the July 16, 2020 Lac La Belle Management District meeting at 10:20 P.M. E. Bollinger seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.