



ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING OF LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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August 20, 2020 - 7:00 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

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“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.”

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Vice- Chair Dave Zimmermann called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M.

2. Introduction of Commissioners

D. Zimmermann welcomed all present to the 2020 Lac La Belle Management District (LLBMD) Annual Meeting. Vice-Chairperson Dave Zimmermann, Waukesha County Representative/ District 2 Supervisor; Karen Carr, Secretary; Jim Groose, Treasurer and Commissioner Ernie Bollinger were present. Dan Bauer, Jeff Bode, and Terry Largent, Town of Oconomowoc Representative were absent.

3. Approval of 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes

Bob Johnson, 832 N. Lake Road, moved to approve the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. Bob Conley, 516 Lac La Belle Drive, seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

4. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for August 2020 was reviewed, and balances noted. B. Conley questioned the invoices shown. J. Groose explained the invoices were for secretarial work, annual website costs and work being done along Labelle Creek in conjunction with the Village of Lac La Belle and Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program (OWPP). He also explained that since the last Annual Meeting accounts had been consolidated to simplify banking for the District and to gain higher interest rates. There were currently no fees for banking.

B. Johnson moved to approve the August 2020 Treasurer's Report as presented. B. Conley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Conley moved to approve payment of the invoices shown in the August 2020 Treasurer's Report as presented. B. Johnson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

B. Johnson noted he had lived on the lake for approximately 20 years. He questioned the monies that funded the detailed budget and tax levy. D. Zimmermann explained the tax levy for this year was reduced. Spending had been offset by the tax levy, grants and from an existing fund balance. **Lisa Conley, 516 Lac La Belle Drive**, explained that the fund balance had originally been a land and water acquisition fund used to purchase land in the watershed and/or conservation easements and had been set aside for potential property purchase a little at a time for a number of years when the District started. J. Goose noted that the balance had gotten larger than wanted and would be used to offset capital expenditures over time.

5. Report Results of Annual Audit

The Annual Audit had been conducted since the last meeting. All items were reviewed, and procedures noted, and all was in order. There were no questions about the Annual Audit Report.

B. Johnson move to approve the Annual Audit Report as presented. L. Conley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Review & Approval of 2021 Budget

The proposed 2021 Budget and detailed budget were presented, noting various uses and proposed projects for each of the funds and/or line items in the detailed budget. A tax levy of \$25,044 was proposed. K. Carr explained the purpose of the LLBMD Shoreland Restoration program and outlined the criteria necessary for participation.

Steve Smith, W398N6102 Mary Lane, lived on the lake during the past 22 summer seasons. The carp population was an issue in the past that had gotten worse. Numerous carp were living near his shoreline and when they roiled in the lake, they stirred the sediment and made swimming in the lake difficult which significantly reduced his enjoyment of the lake.

D. Zimmermann explained the LLBMD had been working with a commercial fisherman to reduce the number of carp in the lake. Monies were included in the proposed budget to allow the commercial fisherman to net the carp this year and possibly again in 2021. People had been concerned at the last Annual Meeting as well and that had been the impetus for including funding in the budget for carp removal in 2020. E. Bollinger explained that recent fisheries studies had indicated the common carp population had declined. Scientifically there was a difference in buffalo carp and common carp. The common carp levels were the lowest they had been in 30-40 years. The DNR Carp Telemetry Study would also provide data on carp migration in and out of Lac La Belle.

The experimental rough fish removal contract with the commercial fisherman should provide additional data about the carp populations. Anecdotally, people reported seeing more carp in the lake this year. Discussion took place regarding the historic use of rotenone to reduce the carp population in Lac La Belle.

E. Bollinger explained that in the last couple of years the LLBMD had become more active in understanding the importance of the entire watershed. Lac La Belle was the last lake in the watershed. Things that happened 20 miles upstream affected Lac La Belle. The OWPP was in its fifth year in working with local farmers, agencies and local lake groups that were interested in reducing the amount of phosphorus that entered local waterways.

J. Groose moved to approve the proposed 2021 budget as presented. L. Conley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Motion carried.

7. Presentation & Approval of Tax Levy

The proposed tax levy was noted and reviewed. No questions were asked regarding the proposed tax levy.

K. Carr moved to approve the tax levy as proposed in the amount of \$25,044. L. Conley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. Nomination & Election of Commissioners

D. Zimmermann explained the nomination and election process to be used in determining the Commissioners for the Lac La Belle Management District. The three-year term seats belonging to Jeff Bode and Ernie Bollinger were open this year.

B. Conley questioned whether the Commission could be more than a seven-member group. D. Zimmermann explained the Commission was comprised of five residents of the District, a Waukesha County representative, and a Town of Oconomowoc municipal representative according to state statute.

L. Conley nominated Ernie Bollinger to the position of LLBMD Commissioner with a term to expire in 2023. B. Conley seconded the nomination. E. Bollinger accepted the nomination. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

K. Carr nominated Jeff Bode to for the position of LLBMD Commissioner with a term to expire in 2023. J. Groose seconded the nomination. Jeff Bode had agreed to being nominated. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

No other nominations were presented. The ballots were distributed, voting took place, and the results were tabulated twice with the same number of ballots each time. Results were provided. Ernie Bollinger and Jeff Bode each received eight votes.

L. Conley expressed concern about the huge wakes created by wake boats that disturbed other boaters on the lake. People had been injured and required emergency care due to the large wakes. She requested consideration be given to establishing some “quiet time” on the lake where “Slow- No Wake” speed could be enforced, or the wake boats restricted from creating large wakes during a certain time. All surrounding Lac La Belle municipalities would be required to pass the same ordinance relative to any changes in lake regulations. Research would be conducted about how other area lakes had handled this situation. This matter would be placed on the October 15, 2020, LLBMD regular meeting agenda.

D. Zimmermann welcomed the 2020- 2021 LLBMD Board of Commissioners, noting an organizational meeting would take place immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

19. Adjournment

**K. Carr moved to adjourn from the August 20, 2020, LLBMD Annual Meeting.
L. Conley seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.**

Minutes prepared by:

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