



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting
THURSDAY, November 19, 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 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Dan Bauer

Ernie Bollinger

Jeff Bode

Jim Groose

Dave Zimmermann

Absent

Karen Carr

Terry Largent

3. Emailed Comments from the Floor – None.

4. Correspondence

Emails

October 15, 2020 - Aquatic Invasive Species Update – October 2020

October 16, 2020 –Bob & Lisa Conley – LLBEFL and Possible Land acquisitions

October 27, 2020 - AIS November Update 2020

October 31, 2020- WIDNR Rock River Recovery –June Newsletter

November 12, 2020 – Mike Judkins & Kevin Moran - Musky Madness 2020

5. Approval of October 15, 2020 LLBMD Meeting Minutes

J. Groose moved to approve the minutes from the October 15, 2020 Meeting as presented. D. Zimmermann seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report and Payment Authorizations were reviewed by the Treasurer. A donation had been received in the amount of \$100.00 from Wisconsin Lift Truck Corporation. Clarification was requested and provided regarding the donation to the Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species program. An amendment could be made to the Treasurer's Report correctly noting the donation.

J. Goose moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as amended for the donation to the Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species Program. D. Zimmermann seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

E. Bollinger moved to approve payment authorizations as presented. J. Bode seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Update On Lac La Belle Creek

E. Bollinger and J. Bode met with Tom Steinbach, of the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program and Mark Mickelson, Village of Lac La Belle Engineer, onsite at the Lac La Belle Creek to tour the creek and review recently completed work in certain areas of the creek. The group walked the entire creek toward Lac La Belle and inspected the individually permitted meandered stream. Upstream, the Village of Lac La Belle had worked with The Club at Lac La Belle (Club) owners to use riprap in stabilizing the detention pond created by the installation of the Highways 67/16 bypass. Limestone from another Club project had been used help stabilize the banks. The Village of Lac La Belle had undertaken implementation of the bank stabilization project at a cost of \$25,000. The banks had been slightly regraded. An underlying mat and two feet of overlay riprap with seeding had also been placed along the streambank to hold the bank in place. A need for culvert repair upstream remained and the entry of the creek from the DOT land to the golf course property still needed work. The area to the east of the bank of the stream had not yet been redone. Due to velocity of a hard structure, this area could require further examination at the time the large-scale grant project was undertaken. Downstream, there were four segments of the stream work noted under the grant. The Village Engineer should approach the DNR if an amendment was needed for the scope of the grant project work in order to be able to stabilize the area across from the riprapped berm and further downstream. If funds were available to expand the grant downstream beyond the scope of the original grant, it would be important to also consider whether the grant application could be amended in order to work in areas where the grant did not go far enough. Construction of the grant areas would need to wait until the ground froze at this time of year in 2021. M. Mickelson noted the large-scale project required a bidding process and rescope. He would discuss possible amendment opportunities with DNR staff prior to having the project put out for bid. Discussion took place in the group at the creek regarding how to stage the project and whether smaller sections could be done under

local control at a cost savings. Discussion also took place that day regarding compliance concerns with existing permits prior to receiving any larger cost sharing associated with the project. Concern was expressed relative to the ongoing easement work and existing easement agreement as well as compliance requirements of construction.

8. Discuss & Act On Carp/ DNR Roughfish Contract

Jeff Riedemann, Commercial Carp Fisherman, had been on Lac La Belle several times this fall and found the fish were a bit scattered throughout the lake due to the weather. Sound speakers could be used to herd the fish to one of the deep-water basin areas at the southerly end of the lake. J. Riedemann proposed spending two to three days (\$2500 per day) with a crew on the lake to understand the current locations and to begin to catch, tag, and release the fish as well as herd the fish to the southerly end of the lake so that in January 2021 the harvesting of the fish could take place. This phase of the work would be separate from the DNR Roughfish contract to catch the fish in January 2021 and required separate approval. The proposed DNR Roughfish contract expired in 2020 so any approval of this activity would be conditioned upon extension of the DNR Roughfish contract that was proposed earlier in the year. D. Bauer would speak with DNR staff to determine if the DNR contract could be extended into 2021.

J. Groose moved to authorize the LLBMD Chair to contract with Jeff Riedemann with certain stipulations including a maximum time to be spent on the lake engaged in catch/tag/release of the rough fish, contingent upon DNR requirements and the DNR Roughfish contract being extended to 2021. E. Bollinger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

9. Update On 2020 Grants – Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant, Lake Planning Grant & Targeted Runoff Management Grant Including Point Intercept Survey Report

The Targeted Runoff Management Grant had been discussed previously as part of Item 7. Please see above.

a. Discuss & Act On Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant - 2020 IGA Intern Invoice

An invoice received in the amount of \$3,531.64 for the Clean Boats, Clean Waters cost sharing reimbursement grant had been provided to Commissioners in advance of the meeting along with the summary report of intern hours spent in Clean Boats, Clean Waters activity. The reimbursement process was explained. Approval of the invoice was recommended to allow the reimbursement process to begin promptly.

E. Bollinger moved to approve the Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant - 2020 IGA Intern Invoice in the amount of \$3,531.64. J. Bode seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

b. Discuss & Act On Onterra Invoice For Point Intercept Survey Work

Onterra, LLC had completed the Point Intercept Survey work on Lac La Belle this summer as part of the Lake Planning Grant work begun this year. The report provided information about Phase One of the grant work. The second phase would include using the prepared data to review and plan how to follow-up with the recommendations included at the end of the report. The process of review would need to be determined and would likely include working with other Lac La Belle municipalities, DNR Fisheries Management and other appropriate agencies and entities.

Concern was noted in the report for the significant loss of vegetation in Lac La Belle over the past few years. The quality of vegetation had always suffered in the lake; however, there had now been a decrease in water quality and the plants currently rooted at 10 feet versus 15 feet in the past. Several factors could have influenced the problematic decline in plants, including roughfish, lake levels, and boat traffic. Next steps included Commissioners providing commentary to J. Bode prior to December 4, 2020 regarding report findings and sharing of information with the DNR and the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission (SEWRPC) to begin to set a course to increase the strength of the aquatic vegetation in the lake. The District had received \$4,300.00 from the DNR earlier in the year with 33% of the Onterra invoice paid from the LLBMD. It was noted that the bill had been allocated in the budget between this year and next year. Phase Two of the work would not result in significant costs because the LLBMD would work with existing partners. Various partners had already indicated willingness to work with the LLBMD in the future. It would be important to work with local municipalities to ensure buoy placement in certain "Slow No Wake" parts of the lake to offer protection to existing concentrated vegetative areas.

D. Bauer questioned whether this was typical to what other lakes experienced. J. Bode explained none were noted to the same extent as Lac La Belle. He would continue to work with DNR staff to determine if an amendment to the grant could be made to allow water quality sampling. E. Bollinger noted the report explained the most abundant vegetation was 10% of what it was ten years ago. This meant that a huge amount of plants essential to the health of the lake had been lost. Also, most reports included data and interpretation. This report had included a call to action, and this was unusual at this phase, indicating that a significant change had taken place, and something needed to be done soon to keep the issue from getting worse.

J. Bode moved to approve payment in full of the Onterra, LLC invoice in the amount of \$5,605.00. J. Groose seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10. Update On LLBMD Website

The previous LLBMD website had completely stopped functioning and an error message indicated that was the case when searching for the LLBMD online. Efforts were underway to begin construction of the new LLBMD website. A “splash page” noting the new website would be coming soon would be placed online so that when someone was searching the LLBMD they would be made aware of the issue.

11. Agenda Items For Next Meeting –March 18, 2021

- Update on LLBMD District Parcels
- Update on Commercial Roughfish Contract
- Update on West Wisconsin Avenue Dam Grates
- Update on Lac La Belle Creek Project
- Update on 2020 Grants – Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant, Lake Planning Grant & Targeted Runoff Management Grant Including Point Intercept Survey Report
- Update from North Lake on Wake Boat Regulations
- Update on Property Owned By the Lac La Belle Environmental Foundation
- Discuss & Act on Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant & 2021 Intergovernmental Agreement
- Discuss & Act On 2021 Shoreland Restoration
- Discuss & Act On 2021 Goose Round-Up
- Update on 2021 Spring Newsletter
- Update on LLBMD Website

12. Adjournment

D. Zimmermann moved to adjourn the November 19, 2020 Lac La Belle Management District meeting at 8:15 P.M. E. Bollinger seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.