



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting
THURSDAY, April 16, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall

6812 Brown Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

“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 LaBelle for today and tomorrow.”

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 (left at 8:00 P.M.)
Paul Carpenter
Karen Carr
Terry Largent
Ryan Myhre
Dave Zimmermann (arrived at 8:10 P.M.)

Absent

Lou Morgan

3. Comments from the Floor

There were no citizens present wishing to speak.

4. Correspondence

Emails

Various emails from Kathy Buss, City of Oconomowoc regarding Lake Level Reports (2/24, 3/16, 3/30 and 4/9)

February 20, 2015 – Mike Jones, USDA APHIS, re: 2015 Goose Round-Up

March 9, 2015 – Lisa Conley re: DNR Regulation changes

March 9, 2015 – eLake Letter re: The Budget & The Lakes Partnership

March 10, 2015 – Ben Heussner, DNR, re: Lac La Belle / Oconomowoc River Carp Telemetry Study

- March 13, 2015 – Lori Opitz, Town Clerk, re: Buoy Maps
- March 17, 2015 – Wisconsin Lakes: Action Alert- Public Hearings on State Budget Proposal
- March 19, 2015 – Ben Heussner, DNR, re: Lac La Belle / Oconomowoc River Carp Telemetry Study
- March 25, 2015 – Tom Steinbach, City of Oconomowoc Utilities re: Partners Meeting for OWPP (Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program)
- April 1, 2015 – Stan Christiansen re: Sludge on Farmfields north of Lac La Belle
- April 13, 2015 – Mark Frye, City of Oconomowoc DPW, re: 2015 Goose Round-Up
- April 14, 2015 – Ben Heussner re: Lac La Belle / Oconomowoc River Carp Telemetry Study

A brief history regarding sludge on the farm fields north of Lac La Belle was noted.

5. Approval of February 19, 2015 Meeting Minutes

R. Myhre moved to approve the minutes from the February 19, 2015 LLBMD Commissioners meeting as presented. P. Carpenter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

R. Myhre reviewed the Treasurer's Reports for March, 2015 and April, 2015. The Commissioners had no questions

K. Carr moved to approve the March 19, 2015 Treasurer's Report and April 16, 2015 Treasurer's Report as presented. T. Largent seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Payment Authorizations

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

8. Presentation by Ben Heussner, WDNR, Regarding Lac La Belle/ Oconomowoc River Carp Telemetry Study

Ben Heussner, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Biologist, was not able to be present at the meeting. He provided information to Commissioners regarding the Lac La Belle/ Oconomowoc River Carp Telemetry Study project in advance of the meeting. The request was for assistance in funding tags/ receivers to be fastened to carp

to study the movement of fish through acoustic telemetry. This telemetry would allow the movement of various types of fish to be tracked near various obstacles, such as dams/ electric barriers, to determine if these fish were moving around the obstacles at certain times of the year. This technology would also be used to determine if fish were moving among lakes or habitats within large systems. Once receivers were in place, other types of fish movement, such as muskellunge, northern pike and walleye could also be tracked. Information gathered as a result of the study could impact management of invasive species, migration patterns of fish and related habitats, and could determine locations of common carp to assist in removal by commercial fishing operations. At the request of Ben Heussner, S. Keefe of Accurate Business Communications, Inc., reported B. Heussner had added correspondence stating “the proposed telemetry project was a very interesting project with solid management implications. Great headway had been made with the fishery in Lac La Belle. Better understanding of how to prevent carp from immigrating into the lake would help continue this trend.”

Discussion ensued regarding the telemetry study and the opportunity to provide a “matching grant” for the project. Commissioners had several questions related to the study including the removal of tagged carp from the fishery due to death, specific information and future use to be determined as an outcome to this study, information from Lac La Belle and other lakes relative to use in this study, potential positive and negative ramifications from the outcome of the study, minimum number of tags/receivers to participate and other interested parties currently participating in the telemetry study. Consensus was indicated for support of the project with a request to gather additional information from B. Heussner to allow further discussion and possible action at a future Commission meeting.

9. Update on Navigational Buoys on Lac La Belle and Buoy Reimbursement Grant

P. Carpenter reported original buoy permit information was being located. More information would be available at the next Commission meeting.

10. Discuss & Act on Lac La Belle/ Oconomowoc River Carp Telemetry Study

This item was discussed as part of Item 8 on the agenda.

11. Discuss SEWRPC Water Quality Management Plan for Lac La Belle

Commissioners reviewed Table No. 42 in the Water Quality Management Plan for Lac La Belle published by the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Plan Commission (SEWRPC). Commissioners discussed water quality trends, noting the water quality seemed to be improving slowly over time based on findings reported in the Water Quality Management Plan and from volunteer monitoring data. There were no immediate issues of concern

presented. The Cooperative Streambank project was complete which should also assist in providing improved water quality. In addition, the City of Oconomowoc had begun a new program focusing on the Oconomowoc River Watershed that also worked to enhance water quality in the area. For these reasons, it was the consensus of the Commission to monitor the water quality of Lac La Belle for the next several years to determine if the positive trend would continue. Should an issue arise, action could be taken to begin a new project.

12. Discuss & Act on 2015 Goose Round-Up

D. Bauer noted the City of Oconomowoc intended to proceed with a Goose Round-up in 2015.

13. Discuss & Act on 2014 & 2015 Shoreland Restoration Programs

K. Carr explained one project remained to complete the 2014 Shoreland Restoration program. The 2015 program was underway and would be noted online and in the newsletter being sent to residents. Once the participation deadline arrived June 1, a discussion would be required to determine how many projects would be undertaken for this year. More information would be available at the next Commission meeting.

14. Discuss & Act on Annual Meeting Date

Potential dates were reviewed for the Annual Meeting date.

P. Carpenter moved to approve August 27, 2015 as the Annual Meeting date. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Bauer exited the meeting at 8:00 P.M. and P. Carpenter assumed the role of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

15. Update on Spring 2015 Newsletter

Commissioners reviewed draft copies of the 2015 Spring Newsletter, noting the Annual Meeting date of August 27, 2015 could be shared with residents via the newsletter. The newsletter should be mailed to all LLBMD residents on May 1, 2015.

16. Update on LLBMD Website

S. Keefe reported on the articles and links added to the website since the last Commission meeting. The website had undergone annual maintenance and issues with the Google

Map mobile feature had been remedied.

a. Topics for the Website

- Clean Lakes, Healthy Lawn article

17. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Lac La Belle Management District was scheduled for May 21, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall.

18. Agenda Items for Next Commissioners Meeting

- Discussion & Possible Action on the Lac La Belle/ Oconomowoc River Carp Telemetry Study
- Discuss & Act on the 2015 Goose Roundup
- Update on Spring 2015 Newsletter
- Update on 2014 & 2015 Shoreland Restoration programs
- Update on Navigational Buoys on Lac La Belle and Buoy Reimbursement Grant
- Presentation by the Traveler' Insurance Representative regarding coverage

19. Adjournment

R. Myhre moved to adjourn from the April 16, 2015 LLBMD Commissioners meeting. D. Zimmermann seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:
Accurate Business Communications, Inc.