



## LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting

**THURSDAY, May 19, 2016 – 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 La Belle 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

Karen Carr

Terry Largent

Karen Trepton

Dave Zimmermann

Absent

Lou Morgan

Ryan Myhre

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 (3/3, 3/18, 4/1, 4/6, 4/29, 5/6 and 5/13)

March 23, 2016 – Brad Steckart re: Four Upcoming Clean Boats, Clean Waters Workshops in SE Wisconsin

March 23, 2016 – Dave Zimmermann re: Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator in Waukesha County

March 28, 2016 – Peter Carpenter re: LLBMD Shoreland Restoration Form

March 28, 2016 – Don Heilman re: Clean Water Association

April 12, 2016 – Norm Eckstaedt re: Norm Lake Management/ Shorehaven

April 13, 2016 – Holly Tunak re: Norm Lake Management/ Shorehaven

April 15, 2016 – Chris Dehnert re: LLBMD meeting date

April 20, 2016 – Mark Frye re: The Flume

May 7, 2016 – Kevin Kerstein re: Labelle

May 11, 2016 – Susan Buchanan re: You're Invited! Healthy Lakes Conference – Friday, June 17  
May 11, 2016 – Brad Steckart re: There's Still A Chance to Become a CBCW Inspector!!  
May 18, 2016 – Lisa Conley re: meeting Friday  
May 19, 2016 – Mike Jones re: Cooperative Service Agreement for the 2016 Goose Round-Up

5. Approval of March 17, 2016 Meeting Minutes

**D. Zimmermann moved to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2016 LLBMD meeting as presented. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for May 19, 2016 was distributed to Commissioners. Cash balances were noted as being the same from the March 17, 2016 meeting. The Treasurer was aware of this and updated information would be provided at the next Commission meeting.

**K. Carr moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for May 19, 2016 as presented. K. Trepton seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

7. Payment Authorizations

**T. Largent moved to approve the Payment Authorizations as presented. K. Trepton seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

8. Discuss 2015 Annual Audit Report

No report given.

9. Presentation by Don Heilman Regarding Clean Water Association

Don Heilman, Executive Director of the Clean Water Association provided history on the formation of the Clean Lakes Alliance in Madison, Wisconsin and the recently formed Clean Water Association. The Clean Lakes Alliance began several years ago in Madison, Wisconsin as a result of a water ski club that was interested in improving water quality. That ski club decided to take action and began to raise funding through a Clean Lakes Festival. Businesses donated sizeable funding amounts to the ski club to take action. The Clean Lakes Alliance was formed through these efforts by working with researchers, business partners, private citizens and community groups. The Clean Lakes Alliance currently has a 10 person staff and a budget of \$1.5 million to manage various water quality research projects. Project results continue to be reported back to communities to enhance water quality and improve best practices. Approximately five years ago, the Pewaukee Waterski Club had a similar interest in water quality and decided to do something similar in the Lake Country area. To that end, the Pewaukee Ski Club started the Lake Country Clean Water Festival, began raising money and asked him to participate and begin the Clean Water Association. Over the past few months, he had been meeting with lake districts,

businesses and other community members to raise funds and to provide education about water quality issues at the Healthy Lakes Conference. The Healthy Lakes Conference was scheduled for Friday, June 17, 2016 beginning with registration at 8:30 A.M. at the Oconomowoc Community Center. The conference included all day workshops, tours of various farms using good practices related to water quality, pontoon rides to visit a number of shoreland restoration projects, free kayak and paddleboard rentals, followed by a lakeside reception. All were invited. Detailed information on the Healthy Lakes Conference could be found on the LLBMD website.

D. Heilman also explained that a community board was beginning to gather as part of the Clean Water Association. Its purpose was to bring a number of stakeholders including government officials, lake district members, farmers and business leaders together to learn, discuss and strategize water quality efforts. In Madison, the Clean Lakes Alliance worked with farmers on a farmer led Yahara Pride farms program. The purpose was to engage farmers and involve them in water quality issues. The same type of program was underway in the Lake Country area with Farmers of Lake Country Board. These farmers committed to good farming practices and were committed to water quality stewardship through sound conservation projects as well. Examples of farming practices and stewardship would be shared in Concord, Wisconsin in upcoming weeks and would include demonstrations and discussions of conservation tillage and planting of cover crops. D. Heilman noted the most of the farmland north of Highway K in Oconomowoc was designated as farmland preservation district through zoning efforts. The education component in working with area farmers had been valuable. Farmers engaging in sound conservation practices would be recognized by signage in their yards that recognized them for their efforts in stewardship practices to improve water quality. With regard the community board, efforts were underway to begin to meet in the fall of 2016. Other educational efforts, including the Lake Science Academy would be held at the Oconomowoc Community Center on a monthly basis with topics related to lake water quality issues, including research findings and information from the UW-Milwaukee Freshwater Science and Water Council. Other programs being offered included the annual Clean Water Festival on Pewaukee Lake in June and Shoreland Clean-Up opportunities available to businesses or interested groups throughout the Lake Country area. D. Heilman requested the LLBMD consider joining the Clean Water Association and establish representation on the Community Board.

D. Zimmermann questioned the geographic span of the efforts included in the Clean Water Association within the Lake Country area. D. Heilman explained the area included the Oconomowoc, Bark and Rock River watersheds and included Washington, Jefferson, Dodge and Waukesha Counties. Discussion ensued regarding water quality impacts from the agricultural runoff in the area.

D. Bauer thanked D. Heilman for his efforts in providing information about the Clean Water Association to the LLBMD.

10. Discuss & Act on Representation to Clean Water Association Community Board

Discussion ensued regarding participation in the Clean Water Association and how representation would be designated.

**K. Carr moved to have Dan Bauer represent the LLBMD on the Clean Water Association Community Board for one year and then representation would rotate amongst Board members living within the District. K. Trepton seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

11. Discuss & Act on Donation to Clean Water Association

**K. Carr moved to have the LLBMD join the Clean Water Association at a cost of \$100. T. Largent seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**D. Zimmermann moved to donate \$500 to the Clean Water Association for sponsorship of the Healthy Lakes Conference. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

12. Discuss & Act on Shorehaven Visit Invitation

Discussion ensued regarding an invitation to visit Shorehaven to learn about their campus facility and promote opportunities for housing and life enrichment. Discussion ensued. While the facility and campus were considered outstanding, it did not seem the LLBMD mission would support promoting this type of business.

13. Discuss Citizen Water Quality Monitoring

K. Trepton volunteered to attend a training session about how to conduct citizen water quality monitoring this spring. More information would be available at a future LLBMD meeting.

14. Discuss & Act on DNR Impaired Waterways List

D. Bauer explained that Lac La Belle had recently been placed on the DNR Impaired Waterways List. Research yielded little information about the reason for the recent designation. Lac La Belle had been placed on the same list in 1998. Additional information would be available at the next Commission meeting.

15. Discuss & Act on 2016 Shoreland Restoration Program

K. Carr noted information on the 2016 Shoreland Restoration Program had been shared via the newsletter and was on the LLBMD website. LLBMD residents were encouraged to participate. An update on the 2016 program would be provided at the next Commission meeting.

16. Update on LLBMD Website

a. Topics for the website

- Healthy Lakes Conference event information
- Clean Water Association information
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Paddle & Protect the Monarchs Workshop

b. Discuss & Act on LLBMD Facebook Page

K. Trepton suggested the creation and use of an LLBMD Facebook page. She discussed the Options available for setting up the page were discussed and an example of what the page could potentially look like was shared. Discussion ensued regarding the best way to manage the page. Additional information and discussion would take place at the next LLBMD meeting. It was suggested that a photo submission release form be used on the page, limit the posting to one administrator of the site and to give attention to careful monitoring of the site if commentary was allowed. Creation of general criteria for the use of the Facebook page was considered helpful for the future.

17. Set Next Meeting Date

The next regular meeting of the Lac La Belle Management District was scheduled for June 16, 2016 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall.

18. Agenda Items for Next Commissioners Meeting

The following items were suggested for the June 16, 2016 LLBMD agenda:

- Discuss & Act on Shoreland Restoration
- Discuss & Act on LLBMD Facebook page
  - Criteria for Future Use of LLBMD Facebook page
- Update on Goose Round-Up
- Update on Sponsorship Efforts for Healthy Lakes Conference
- Update on DNR Impaired Waterways List
- Update on Horton Insurance
- Discuss Preliminary 2017 Budget
- Discuss & Act on 2015-2016 Annual Audit

19. Adjournment

**D. Zimmermann moved to adjourn the May 19, 2016 Lac La Belle Management District meeting at 8:42 P.M. T. Largent seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.