



## ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING OF LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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**August 17, 2017 - 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 LaBelle for today and tomorrow.”*

### Minutes

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Dan Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Introduction of Commissioners

D. Bauer welcomed all present to the 2017 Lac La Belle Management District (LLBMD) Annual Meeting. Dan Bauer, Chairperson; Karen Carr, Secretary; and Commissioners Karen Trepton and Terry Largent, Town of Oconomowoc Representative were present. Commissioner Lou Morgan and Ryan Myhre, Treasurer were absent. Dave Zimmermann, Waukesha County Representative/District 2 Supervisor and Vice Chairperson, was also present. D. Zimmermann explained as County Representative he was unable to vote on motions made at this Annual Meeting due to the voting requirements.

3. Lake District Mission

D. Bauer reviewed the Lac La Belle Management District mission statement, noting past projects included efforts to positively impact or maintain the lake's water quality. A Cooperative Streambank Restoration project to remove farm field run-off and sediment from entering the lake undertaken in past years was working well. Initial estimates for sediment pond maintenance were on a ten year cycle; however, the amount of sediment being removed as a result of this project might require earlier than anticipated dredging of the sediment pond. The LLBMD also partnered with the Clean Water Association and Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program to support programs to analyze the watershed area impacts to Lac La Belle from the north. The annual Shoreland Restoration program helped to maintain the water quality of the lake by providing shoreland stabilization through the use of native plantings. The efforts made by the LLBMD as stated in the Mission Statement did not happen quickly. Small efforts made over time helped the lake ecosystem in the future.

4. Presentation by Don Heilman, Clean Water Association Executive Director

Don Heilman, Clean Water Association Executive Director, explained that the Clean Water Association (CWA) began approximately two years ago as a non-profit organization. It was started by the Pewaukee Lake Waterski Club to provide community awareness at the Lake Country Clean Water Festival held annually each summer in Pewaukee, Wisconsin. Since that time the CWA had raised funding, received corporate sponsorship and organized as a non-profit organization to utilize funds raised in the Lake Country community. The CWA was a partner in the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program (OWPP) and had been strategically planning as a committee through the CWA Lake Country Community Board. The OWPP had acquired funding for the community but did not have willing partners to make use of the funding. The CWA developed Farmers for Lake Country, a program to work with Lake Country farmers and the OWPP to make positive impacts by reducing stormwater runoff into area lakes and waterways. An Ag Resource Day was held to engage farmers on topics such as preserving farmland and succession planning. The CWA also partnered with Tall Pines Conservancy to educate and engage farmers/landowners in producer led environmentally friendly efforts to reduce stormwater runoff from farm fields into area lakes. In the first year, there were 50 farmers involved and 70 farmers in the second year. This past year, a Field Technology Day was held in Concord, Wisconsin and involved Oconomowoc High School Future Farmers of America students. The Day showcased cover crop test plots and the concept of no till farming. There were many soil benefits that could be realized from these efforts. Other partnerships and sponsorships brought forth the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Healthy Lakes Conference in June at the Oconomowoc Community Center this year. This conference included a full day workshop about lakes and water quality topics, such as weed issues, shoreland restoration initiatives and water quality monitoring that helped to demonstrate the impacts of phosphorus on area lakes. A certification program for various conservation practices in farming supported farmers. Completion of the certification program allowed signage to be placed at farm sites that qualified as Water Friendly Farms. A new program was being planned for next year that would provide incentives for farmers that participated in no till farming efforts. A database of water quality monitoring efforts throughout area lakes was being started as well. Coordination of lake, park and shoreline clean-ups were underway with area businesses providing sponsorship and corporate support through employee clean-up days. Corporate and local business support for these initiatives and the work of the CWA were growing as evidenced by the increased number of sponsors in the program. Anyone with questions, comments or interested in donating, sponsorships or volunteering with the Clean Water Association should contact Don Heilman at [cleanwaterassociation@gmail.com](mailto:cleanwaterassociation@gmail.com).

**Larry Halverson, 1242 Wisconsin Avenue**, questioned how stormwater runoff entered Lac La Belle. D. Heilman explained the runoff entered the lakes as part of the Oconomowoc River waterway system. Lac La Belle was the last lake in the river chain of lakes. The lakes acted as a sedimentation pond for the river.

**Janet Curtis, 5812 Mary Lane**, questioned the impacts of cover crops. Cover crops were planted in the fall prior to the ground freezing. This helped to hold the soil during the winter and spring rains because the roots were still attached to the plants. Once the crops were tilled under the ground, they would decompose and make the ground lose for crops.

**Mary Patrick, 1250 Prairie Creek Boulevard**, explained she had lived on Lac La Belle for 40 years but no longer did so. She remained interested in issues associated with the lake. She was aware she was not allowed to vote in any matters before the LLBMD this evening.

Discussion ensued regarding various programs available to farmers that would provide payment for not planting their fields. L. Conley thanked the CWA for its ongoing efforts.

5. Update on 2017 Shoreland Restoration Program

K. Carr reviewed the objectives and benefits of the annual Shoreland Restoration program. At the end of 2017, approximately 14 properties with Lac La Belle shoreline would have participated in the restoration program. One project underway was in the City on West Wisconsin Avenue.

6. Approval of 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes

**L. Conley moved to approve the 2016 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. L. Halverson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

7. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

Due to the absence of Treasurer Ryan Myhre, D. Bauer reviewed the Treasurer's Report for August, 2017. There were no questions.

**L. Conley moved to approve the August, 2017 Treasurer's Report as presented. L. Halverson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**D. Curtis moved to approve payment of the bills shown on the August, 2017 Treasurer's Report. L. Halverson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

M. Patrick explained she has some issues she wanted to present prior to the end of the meeting. D. Bauer invited her to present these issues after Item #11 on the agenda.

8. Report Results of Annual Audit

D. Bauer explained the annual audit process noting an audit was conducted with more than

42 transactions noted over a three year period that represented 21% of expenses. The audit noted all transactions were within guidelines. All invoices submitted matched the check register. The final audit report would be available once a final review and signature could be gathered from the auditor in the next few days.

9. Review & Approval of 2018 Budget

The proposed 2018 Budget and detailed budget were presented at this meeting, noting the various uses for each of the funds in the budget. A tax levy of \$37,600 was being proposed. This was less than the tax levy of \$38,100 in 2016. Clarification was provided regarding various line items in the detailed budget. L. Halverson noted a local alderperson had said a pier was being installed near the current St. Matthews School property. The LLBMD would be contacted regarding cost sharing. He requested that if the pier were to be placed in the anticipated location, shoreland plantings seemed to be a prudent addition in supporting the water quality of Lac La Belle. He also questioned the placement of a buoy near the shallow rocky area near Shorehaven.

L. Conley suggested the LLBMD become a member of the Wisconsin Lakes Association. D. Bauer suggested this topic be placed on a future LLBMD regular meeting agenda.

**L. Conley moved to approve the 2018 Budget as presented. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

10. Presentation & Approval of Tax Levy

**L. Halverson moved to approve the tax levy as proposed in the amount of \$37,600. L. Conley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

M. Patrick suggested several topics be considered by the Board. Despite no longer living on the lake, she thought the DNR should be more involved with the lake activities. People using paddleboards needed to be aware of the danger of using the paddleboards near the dam along Highway 16. She was also concerned about the safety of all using the lake. Kayaks and paddleboards were difficult to see on the lake because people chose to operate them in areas of the lake that were not safe. In addition, she had seen people bring pontoon boats back into the river area near the Highway 16 dam and dump trash and human waste into the lake. She thought any commercial boat rentals should be inspected to avoid aquatic invasive species entering the lake and to be sure that people were not taking anything questionable out on the lake. Citizen monitoring of lake events and common sense should be used. She had moved off the lake to avoid these issues of concern.

11. Nomination & Election of Commissioners

D. Bauer explained the nomination and election process to be used in determining the Commissioners for the Lac La Belle Management District. Two seats belonging to Lou

Morgan and Ryan Myhre were open this year. Ryan Myhre had decided not to return as a Commissioner due to his work schedule. Prior to this meeting, Lou Morgan had indicated an interest in continuing to serve as Commissioner to D. Bauer if nominated and re-elected.

**L. Conley moved to suspend the ballot vote to allow a majority voice vote to prevail in the election for Commissioner. L. Halverson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**K. Trepton nominated Lou Morgan to a three year term on the Commission. L. Conley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

One open seat remained on the LLBMD Board of Commissioners. No one present wished to fill the open seat.

D. Bauer welcomed the 2017- 2018 LLBMD Board of Commissioners, noting an organizational meeting would take place immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting this evening.

12. Adjournment

**L. Conley moved to adjourn from the August 17, 2017 Annual Meeting. L. Halverson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 P.M.**

Minutes prepared by:

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