



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting

THURSDAY, July 18, 2019 – 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

Jeff Bode

Ernie Bollinger

Karen Carr

Jim Groose

Terry Largent

Dave Zimmermann

Absent

3. Comments from the Floor

Ginny Pease, 466 Lac La Belle Drive, saw an article about The Club at Lac La Belle golf course in the July 18, 2019 *Oconomowoc Enterprise*. She requested information and insight from the Board regarding the article.

Suellyn Schellpepper Rohrer, 918 W. Labelle Avenue, thought the Village of Lac La Belle, the Town of Oconomowoc and City of Oconomowoc should be held accountable for what was happening on the north end of Lac La Belle where the stream entered Lac La Belle from the Golf Course.

4. Correspondence

Emails

Various emails from Brooke Donovan, City of Oconomowoc, regarding Lake Level Reports (5/17, 5/28, 6/6, 6/13, 6/20, 6/27, 7/11 and 7/18)

May 19, 2019 – Larry Rickert – LLB Mismarked

May 22, 2019 - Aquatic Invasive Species Update –May 2019

May 31, 2019 - WIDNR Rock River Recovery –June Newsletter
June 7, 2019 – Wisconsin Lakes – Don’t Miss The 2019 NW Wisconsin Lakes Conference
June 8, 2019 - Helen Hertneky – LLB Tax Inquiry Phone Call
June 10, 2019 - Wisconsin Lakes – Action Alert: Water Quality Hearings This Week!
June 20, 2019 - Wisconsin Lakes – Still Time To Get To The 2019 NW Wisconsin Lakes Conference!
June 29, 2019 – Ginny Pease – June 30 Construction Runoff Into The Lake
June 29, 2019- WIDNR Rock River Recovery –July Newsletter
June 30, 2019 - Suellyn Rohrer – Lac La Belle Lake Concern
July 1, 2019 - Aquatic Invasive Species Update –June 2019
July 3, 2019 - Wisconsin Lakes - Northern County Lake Groups To Meet On Clean Water
July 9, 2019 - Wisconsin Lakes – Action Alert: Grants Revision & Water Quality Hearings This Week!
July 16, 2019 – Kim Kirkpatrick – LLBMD 7-18-19 Agd
July 17, 2019 - Wisconsin Lakes – Action Alert: 1 Week To Comment On Grants Program

5. Approval of May 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

D. Zimmermann moved to approve the minutes from the LLBMD May 16, 2019 meeting as presented. T. Largent seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer’s Report

a. Discuss & Act on Bank Account Consolidation

Accounts had been consolidated into a singular checking and savings account since the last meeting. Other monies remained in the Local Government Investment Pool (LGIP). In the past a specific rate of return had been noted for a Certificate of Deposit (CD) at the new local bank. That investment was no longer available; however, the LGIP could provide a similar rate of return to the CD at the local bank. Discussion ensued regarding the amount of money that could be transferred to the LGIP, transactional requirements and limitations, fees associated with all accounts and rates of return on investments.

J. Goose moved to authorize the Treasurer to move a predetermined amount of money to an account where a desired rate of return could be obtained as discussed. Bode seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The Treasurer’s Report and Payment Authorizations were reviewed by the Treasurer.

K. Carr moved to approve the July 2019 Treasurer’s Report and moved to approve the payment authorizations as presented. E. Bollinger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Update On Golf Course Creek & Surrounding Areas

Since the last meeting, J. Bode and E. Bollinger had met to discuss ongoing activity near the creek and the ditch that runs through The Club at Lac La Belle golf course. The LLBMD Conservation Easement Agreement noted an easement covered 22 feet on either side of the middle of the creek and recognized the creek would meander and move over time. The golf course owner has the primary maintenance responsibility of the easement area. Much of the original native plant species no longer existed along the creek and the north part of the Creek has been sodded with Kentucky Bluegrass. This was considered a positive temporary effort to control erosion along the creek bank. A long-term solution for this area was still needed. In addition, numerous site visits were made to work collaboratively with representatives of The Prestwick Group, Village of Lac La Belle, Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program (OWPP) and their consultants to begin to develop short-term and long-term plans for stabilizing the bed and banks of the creek. It was noted that the creek through the golf course was often referred to as “Golf Course Creek” but the correct name of the creek was “Lac Labelle Creek.” Areas in need of rapid remediation and triage utilizing onsite contractors and materials were discussed. Discussions also took place regarding development and financing of a comprehensive restoration plan for the future. The creek no longer flowed through the creek bed in the area adjacent to the old irrigation pond. Instead, water flowed into the pond forming a sizeable delta where the creek water entered the pond. A copy of the Erosion Control Plan was shared in May, 2019 by Prestwick Group representatives for LLBMD information. An intense storm on June 30, 2019 had caused numerous complaints from area residents regarding runoff. Since then, Tall Pines - OWPP consultants developed a rapid remediation of each area in need of triage. Discussions would continue to take place regarding ongoing efforts and efforts would continue to be made to work cooperatively with all parties.

Discussion ensued. Various options for stabilizing the creek banks were discussed by Commissioners at this time. A need for wetland stabilization seeding and plantings was noted. It would be difficult to financially support activities until compliance with all plans and permits was noted. Village of Lac La Belle representatives had agreed to monitor existing erosion control practices and provide a weekly inspection report to all parties involved. Discussion also took place related to working with Tall Pines Conservancy on remediation plans for the creek. Appreciation was noted for the existing cooperation between golf course owners and representatives, contractors, municipal leaders, OWPP personnel and Tall Pines staff in moving discussions forward positively.

8. Discuss & Act On Lake Planning Grant Opportunities & Potential Lake Study

Information was provided regarding the Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) grant and other grants related to AIS projects and lake protection/planning efforts. The CBCW grant was available through the DNR and could be used for education, prevention, early detection, rapid response, and established invasive species control projects. The application process for the CBCW grant program was reviewed at this time. The deadline for application to this grant program is December 10. Success was noted by other area lake management districts for this grant program.

Grant funding was also available through the DNR for lake and watershed protection and planning. There were Small-Scale and Large-Scale Planning Grants, capped at \$3,000 and \$25,000 respectively, and the cost share rate was 67% state and 33% local. The deadline for the Small and Large-Scale Planning grants is December 10th. Lake Protection Grants supported large-scale projects (\$200,000 maximum), including land and conservation easement acquisition, implementing approved lake plans and restoring lake wetlands and shoreland areas. The cost share rate for this type of grant was the same (67% state and 33% local) and the deadline for application is Feb 1st. Tall Pines Conservancy staff could assist with the grant application process if desired. Additional information would be available on this topic at the next LLBMD meeting.

9. Update On 2019 Commercial Carp Fisherman Contract

Ben Heussner, DNR Fisheries Biologist, was present regarding a 2019 Commercial Carp Fisherman Contract. Since the last meeting, changes in the commercial fishing contract had been necessitated due to the inability of the commercial fisherman to sell the harvested fish once a certain type of contract was implemented. Because of this a new experimental commercial fishing contract was being sought between the DNR and the commercial fisherman. This type of contract would allow the fisherman to sell the harvested fish and would also allow the DNR to collect data on the carp population through a “mark and recapture” program. Fish would be caught, “marked” and then put back into the existing population for mixing. Once the marked fish were caught again, information would be provided regarding the baseline and measure of the mixture for comparison. Information provided in 2009 related to buffalo carp and common carp had changed so this new data would be helpful to determine the current carp population. A previously offered stipend to the commercial fisherman was still considered helpful in bringing the commercial fisherman to Lac La Belle.

With regard to the Carp Telemetry Study, 14 additional fish had been tagged and were being tracked this year. Data on the study was anticipated in the next few weeks.

10. Update on 2019 Shoreland Restoration Program

The 2019 Shoreland Restoration Program was underway with two applications submitted this year. Changes in the program consultant had caused a lag in design planning. Discussion ensued regarding multi-year applications. The goal of the program was to restore as much lake frontage as possible and new applicants would allow the program to expand to additional shorelines. Additional information would be available at the next LLBMD meeting.

11. Update On 2019 Goose Round-Up

A Goose Round-Up was conducted in late June due to the sighted number of geese on lake front properties. Six adult geese and 14 juveniles were collected.

12. Discuss & Act on 2020 Preliminary Budget

Discussion took place regarding the preliminary budget for the Year 2020.

J. Goose moved to recommend approval of the 2020 Proposed Budget at the August 15, 2019 Annual Meeting of the Lac La Belle Management District. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

13. Discuss & Act on August 15, 2019 Annual Meeting Agenda & Budget Hearing Notice

A potential August 15, 2019 Annual Meeting Agenda & Budget Hearing Notice was reviewed. One term would expire for a Board member this year.

D. Zimmermann moved to approve the August 15, 2019 Annual Meeting Agenda & Budget Hearing Notice. T. Largent seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

14. Update on LLBMD Website

Updated lake levels, agendas, minutes and information pertaining to the 2019 Shoreland Restoration Program had been added or removed to the website since the last meeting.

a. Topics For The Website – None.

15. Agenda Items for Next Regular Meeting

The following items were suggested for the October 17, 2019 LLBMD meeting agenda:

- Update on 2019 Shoreland Restoration Program
- Update on Lac Labelle Creek Watershed
- Update on Rosenow Creek Project
- Discuss & Act on Lake Planning Grant Opportunities & Potential Lake Study
- Update on 2019 Commercial Carp Fisherman Contract

16. Adjournment

D. Zimmermann moved to adjourn the July 18, 2019 Lac La Belle Management District meeting at 9:33 P.M. K. Carr seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.