



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting
THURSDAY, October 18, 2018 – 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

D. Bauer moved to Item 9 on the agenda.

3. Comments from the Floor

None.

4. Correspondence

Emails

Various emails from Brooke Donovan, City of Oconomowoc, regarding Lake Level Reports (8/12, 8/22, 9/6, 9/12, 9/19, 9/25, 10/3, 10/9 and 10/17)
July 22, 2018 – Lisa Conley – Invitation to Collaborate with the LLB Environmental Foundation
July 22, 2018 – Lisa Conley – Add Report to Website
July 30, 2018 – Brad Steckart – AIS Species Update – July 2018 Newsletter
July 24 and 25, 2018 – Gail Bryant - Question
August 3, 2018 – Phone call from Dean Krotts re: Prestwick
August 5, 2018 – Larry Halvorson – Shoal Markers
August 15, 2018 and September 5, 2018 – Clean Water Association – Quarterly Lake Country

Community Board Meeting

August 22 and 24, 2018 – Suellyn Rohrer – Lac La Belle Water Quality Issue
August 27, 2018 – Lisa Conley – Links/Info for LLBMD Website
August 31, 2018 - Wi DNR - Rock River Recovery September 2018 Newsletter
September 5, 2018 – Brad Steckart –AIS Species Update –August 2018 Newsletter
September 24, 2018 – Lynn North – Lac La Belle – A Few Questions
September 27, 2018 – Brad Steckart –AIS Species Update –September 2018 Newsletter
September 29, 2018 - Wi DNR - Rock River Recovery October 2018 Newsletter
October 12, 2018 – Karen Trepton – Suds

To:

August 2, 2018 - Tom Steinbach – Prestwick
August 6, 2018 – Mark Frye & Larry Halvorson – Shoal Markers

J. Bode explained that suds frequently come to the surface after a windy day when the lake turns over in the spring and fall. The warmer water down below comes to the surface in this process and sudsy foam can be generated as a result. This is a normal reaction and is not harmful to the lake.

5. Approval of July 19, 2018 & August 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes

K. Carr moved to approve the minutes from the July 19, 2018 LLBMD meeting as presented. D. Zimmermann seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Zimmermann moved to approve the minutes from the August 23, 2018 LLBMD meeting as presented. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Review 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

The 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes were reviewed. No action was taken.

7. Treasurer's Report

A Treasurer's Report had been provided to Commissioners in advance of the meeting. A review of all current account balances took place.

D. Zimmermann moved to approve to the October 18, 2018 Treasurer's Report. E. Bollinger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

K. Carr explained the Schumacher's had paid the 2018 Shoreland Restoration program invoice and a reimbursement in the amount of \$1908.08 should be provided to the Schumacher's.

D. Zimmermann moved to approve payment of the Shoreland Restoration invoices to the Schumacher's in the amount of \$1,908.08. J. Groose seconded the motion. There was no

further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

a. Appoint Treasurer

Discussion took place regarding the requirements to the Treasurer position. J. Groose agreed to fulfill the position of Treasurer if appointed.

K. Carr moved to appoint Jim Groose to fill the position of Treasurer of the LLBMD. J. Bode seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

b. Discuss & Act on Bank Account Consolidation

Discussion took place regarding the various bank accounts currently being used by the LLBMD.

D. Zimmermann moved to draft a resolution signed by the Vice-Chair D. Zimmermann and Secretary K. Carr identifying Treasurer Jim Groose and Chair Dan Bauer as signatories on new accounts. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Zimmermann moved to request the Treasurer and/or Chair provide a proposal regarding how to merge all accounts into one account at one bank. T. Largent seconded the motion. E. Bollinger questioned whether a proposal could be brought forward regarding whether there should be a single account or more than one account retained.

D. Zimmermann amended the motion to request the Treasurer J. Groose and/or Chair D. Bauer provide a proposal at the next meeting regarding how to best consolidate the current LLBMD bank accounts. T. Largent seconded the amended motion. There was no further discussion regarding the amended motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

c. Assignment of Form Completion

Various state forms pertaining to LLBMD business required completion. D. Bauer offered to assist in form completion.

d. Discuss & Act on 2018 Shoreland Restoration Program Reimbursement

This item was previously discussed. Please see above.

- e. Discuss & Act on Clean Water Association Annual Membership Fee

There was nothing to report on at this time. No action was required.

8. Payment Authorizations

D. Zimmermann moved to approve the payment authorizations to be paid in October, 2018 as presented and to authorize the Treasurer to pay the usual and customary bills of the LLBMD until the next Commissioner meeting slated for March 21, 2019. T. Largent seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Zimmermann moved to proceed with the 2019 Spring LLBMD newsletter and to direct Accurate Business Communications, Inc., to author the newsletter. J. Groose seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

9. Update On Village of Lac La Belle Proposal For Golf Course Erosion Control

Tim Clarke, Village of Lac La Belle President, explained he had communicated with D. Bauer prior to this meeting regarding streambank restoration work on the creek that ran through The Club at Lac La Belle. The Village of Lac La Belle engineering staff had informed them that without a new permit from the DNR they would only be allowed to complete 1,000 feet of streambank restoration or 10,000 feet of land disturbance under an existing DNR permit. The original quote from Oliphant Golf Construction was for \$155,000 to complete 2,800 feet of restoration that equated to approximately \$55 per foot. This amount was considered too expensive and another estimate was requested. In potentially moving forward, an estimate of \$80 per foot was being used. While he understood a special meeting of the LLBMD would be required to authorize amendment of the budget for this work, the \$80 per foot had been used to allow adequate funding so that work would not need to be stopped in the future in order to approve additional funding for this project. Efforts were underway currently to work with Oliphant Golf Construction and the Village Engineer to determine what could be constructed for approximately \$24,000. The equipment was present on site and could potentially provide cost savings at this time. Stabilization of the first 200-300 feet of the stream where it entered the property from farmland north of the Highway 67 bypass was considered the most critical at this time because the stream water had speed and was already doing damage. D. Bauer had suggested a comprehensive approach to resolving the run-off and streambank stabilization that caused undesirable impacts to Lac La Belle. Potential partners in resolution could include Tall Pines Conservancy and the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program in addition to the Village of Lac La Belle and LLBMD.

T. Clark also explained the owner of the Golf Course would provide a complete property review for the Village of Lac La Belle noting easements granted to retain water, the streambank restoration work, etc., and a full update provided to all parties involved. As soon as data was provided to the Village of Lac La Belle, it would be distributed to D. Bauer and K. Carr who planned to attend the Village of Lac La Belle Plan Commission meeting where this information would be discussed. Anyone interested in learning more about the property and the project should plan to attend the Village of Lac La Belle Plan Commission meeting in the future. Currently the

golf course planned to open in 2019. 2018-2019 winter plans included stabilization of soils. Sediment basins and erosion barriers were being double-checked prior to the winter season. Village of Lac La Belle engineering staff was often present on site to monitor the construction situation. Current planning efforts included proceeding with a quote for the streambank restoration from Oliphant Golf as a municipality only, subject to LLBMD approval of the work on the easement, as well as a comprehensive plan for the area when completed with Tall Pines and OWPP as potential partners. D. Bauer explained the comprehensive plan was desired and should include the neighboring properties to the north and east of the course. T. Clark should take the lead on getting the comprehensive plan request started as part of the overall golf course documentation. Discussion ensued. Drone coverage of adjacent properties noted the land to the northeast included Department of Transportation lands with retention ponds. The DOT land was not for sale at this time. T. Clark clarified that 1000 feet of streambank restoration could take place with no more than 10,000 feet total land disturbance. This would allow approximately 200 feet of riprap to be placed along the streambank to stabilize the critical area. Discussion ensued regarding the past agreement with the golf course that included the use of certain plantings. T. Clark explained Oliphant had expressed concern with grasses being planted in that area because the taller grasses tended to grow further apart. A carpet of grasses was desired to stabilize the soils. Oliphant staff recommended the streambank be pulled back a bit and sodded with their grasses with webbing placed over the top and anchored so in a rain event, it would not be washed away. K. Carr noted a wider shallower stream had been desired in the past and she questioned whether changes had been made to various parts of the streambank over time to cause it to deepen and erode. T. Clark explained there were no changes made; however, areas were affected due to lack of maintenance. At this point in time, Oliphant staff had indicated there was a better way to proceed. T. Clark also explained that the contractors would be on site until they were unable to proceed with construction due to the winter weather. Two permits were being requested from the DNR. One permit had been received and another was still coming. Grasses could no longer be planted so sod would be used over the winter to stabilize the erosion so that plantings could be completed in spring. Economies of scale could be found with the contractors on site. To wait to proceed could potentially cause issues with damage to the golf course construction that would require additional funding to repair. Runoff coming from the farm property to the north of the bypass was questioned. It was noted that there was chocolate brown water coming off the field into the stream and big chunks of earth had eroded and gone into the stream as a result. Runoff into the lake was impacted by the farm north of the bypass, the adjoining property to the east, the DOT lands and the Golf Course property. A comprehensive plan would be helpful regarding mitigation and abatement. The streambank agreement with previous golf course owners was old but still remained in effect with maintenance of the streambank required by the golf course with a ten foot buffer. It was noted the interior creek side buffer area was deteriorating. The DNR had only required that the owners maintain a specific distance down the stream. Certain areas were being fixed and others still required work. Discussion ensued. Getting the correct grade on the streambanks was critical to preventing future damage. J. Bode and E. Bollinger would plan to meet with the Village of Lac La Belle and other partners, including Tall Pines Conservancy, the OWPP, DNR, and Village of Lac La Belle staff regarding the comprehensive plan for the overall area. Additional information would be provided at the next LLBMD meeting.

D. Bauer returned to Item 3 and the remainder of the agenda.

10. Update On Lake Country Community Board Meeting Regarding Wake Boat Wake Control

An update was provided regarding the use of wake boats on area lakes at the most recent Lake Country Community Board meeting. Wake boats produced a deep heavy wake that could be problematic in certain areas of the lake. The wake boat manufacturers were fully aware of the concerns associated with smaller lakes and the turbulence created beneath the boat. Despite these concerns, larger wake boats were being manufactured. The depth to the bottom of the lake was the issue. If wake boarders wanted to make use of Lac La Belle, they might consider using the deepest part of the lake to avoid disturbing sediments on the lake bottom and they would also get a bigger wake. It was important to note that state regulations were being considered that would require wake boats to have a 200 foot minimum distance from the shoreline.

a Update on Discussion With DNR Representative Regarding Lake Levels

Discussion took place regarding DNR findings that indicated an existing Order pertaining to lake levels did not always seem to be maintained. Certain lake level conditions require dam owners to control the release of water to downstream lakes and rivers. Discussion ensued regarding enforcement of the Order. J. Bode and D. Zimmermann would provide additional information on this topic in the future.

11. Update on Grates At The West Wisconsin Avenue Dam

Grates from the West Wisconsin Avenue dam had been retained by the City of Oconomowoc at the time of dam reconstruction. Additional discussions with City staff could take place in the future if necessary regarding the grates.

12. Discuss & Act On Transient Boat Docks At City Beach

Transient boat docks had been placed at City Beach. Two rental boats had been allowed to use dock slips in the past summer. Concern was expressed for having the spaces for boaters and then allowing a private commercial entity to utilize the slips. D. Bauer would work with City staff regarding this matter for the future.

13. Discuss Definition of “Slow No Wake” On Lac La Belle

Due to the significant rainfall in recent months, a “Slow No Wake” was declared on Lac La Belle. This meant that boating speeds were restricted to the slowest possible navigational speed to maintain steerage of a watercraft. While the lake levels were posted weekly and the “Slow No Wake” declaration noted on the LLBMD website, many people had either ignored the declaration or were unaware of the event despite the barrier and signage at City Beach boat launch.

a Discuss & Act on “Slow No Wake” Notification Options To Residents

Discussion took place regarding an efficient way to notify LLBMD residents of the “Slow No Wake” on Lac La Belle when it occurred. While several options were discussed, the use of social media sites, including the Lac La Belle website and Facebook page would provide the

quickest notification. Residents would be encouraged via the spring LLBMD newsletter to check the LLBMD website, City of Oconomowoc and LLBMD Facebook pages and boat launch in times of high water for notification.

14. Discuss & Act On 2019 Commercial Carp Removal

Information received from the DNR in July, 2018 regarding commercial carp removal required further clarification prior to expending monies allocated in the budget for this project. An update on this item would be provided at the next LLBMD meeting. It was noted that local carp fisherman had indicated less carp being caught this year than in other years.

15. Discuss & Act On 2019 Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant Program

Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) program was an educational grant program that informed boaters of aquatic invasive species and provided boat inspections for boats coming into and going out of lakes and waterways. Information was also provided to Commissioners regarding options available for the CBCW program that included hiring off duty officers and use of county interns. Discussion ensued regarding the program relative to the LLBMD mission statement. Partnerships could be discussed with the City of Oconomowoc regarding the CBCW program. The grant program deadline was December 10, 2018. Additional information on this topic would be available at the next LLBMD meeting.

D. Zimmermann moved to request the LLBMD Chair to commence with the Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant program and to authorize the LLBMD Chair to commit to contributing a maximum of \$1,000 toward the 25% matching portion of the Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant program. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

16. Discuss & Act On 2019 Muskrat Control Program January Mailing

Information was provided on the 2019 Muskrat Control program process. Arnold Groehler, Animal Damage Control Trapper, had suggested cooperative efforts between the Fowler Lake Management District and the LLBMD if efficacy was desired in muskrat control. Discussion ensued. Concern was expressed that few property owners had sought assistance for muskrat control in the past relative to the program expense; however, property owners had voted to initiate the program at the 2018 Annual Meeting and funding resources were proposed in the budget to that end.

J. Goose moved to direct the LLBMD Chair to contact City of Oconomowoc staff regarding participation and cooperation between lake management districts in a 2019 Muskrat Control Program and if agreeable between districts, to approve sending a permitted property mailing in January, 2019 to LLBMD property owners for the 2019 Muskrat Control Program. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

17. Update on LLBMD Website

Updated lake levels, a “Slow No Wake” posting, agendas, minutes and monthly Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species newsletters had been added to the website since the last meeting. The Lac La Belle Management District page was functional on Facebook. All were encouraged to “like” the “Lac La Belle Management District” on Facebook.

a. Topics For The Website

- 2019 Muskrat Control program contact information for Arnold Groehler
- Wake Boat wake information
- Reminder for LLBMD residents to check the website in times of high water
- Updated LLBMD Commissioner Contact information

b. Discuss & Act on Facebook Page Administration

Facebook page administration required activity on the page. K. Trepton had offered to continue to manage the page. Any pertinent information for the Facebook page should be provided to Karen Trepton.

18. Discuss & Act On 2019 Meeting Schedule

Commissioners discussed future meetings of the LLBMD Board of Commissioners. The following meeting dates were selected for 2019:

- March 21
- May 16
- July 18
- August 15 (Annual Meeting)
- October 17

19. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Thursday, December 13, 2018. The following items were suggested for the March, 2019 LLBMD meeting agenda:

- Discuss & Act on Proposal For Golf Course Erosion Control
- Update on Coordination of Muskrat Control Program with City of Oconomowoc
- Update on 2019 Commercial Carp Removal
- Update On 2019 Clean Boats, Clean Water Grant Program
- Discuss & Act on 2019 Shoreland Restoration
- Discuss & Act on 2019 Goose Round-Up
- Discuss & Act on 2019 Newsletter
- Discuss & Act on Bank Account Consolidation
- Discuss & Act On Transient Boat Docks At City Beach

20. Adjournment

E. Bollinger moved to adjourn the October 17, 2018, Lac La Belle Management District meeting at 9:27 P.M. K. Carr seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.