



ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING OF LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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August 15, 2019 - 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

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

2. Introduction of Commissioners

Dan Bauer welcomed all present to the 2019 Lac La Belle Management District (LLBMD) Annual Meeting. Dan Bauer, Chairperson; Karen Carr, Secretary; Jim Groose, Treasurer and Commissioners Ernie Bollinger, Jeff Bode and Terry Largent, Town of Oconomowoc Representative were present. Dave Zimmermann, Waukesha County Representative/ District 2 Supervisor and Vice Chairperson, was absent.

3. Lake District Mission

D. Bauer noted the Board continued to support the mission statement of the LLBMD through various activities in the past year including a Goose Round-Up, citizen water quality monitoring, carp tagging and monitoring via the Carp Telemetry project with the DNR, working to contract a commercial carp fisherman, continuation of the Shoreland Restoration program, and supporting the work of Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species team. In addition, Board members attended the quarterly stakeholder meetings of the Clean Water Association and Healthy Lakes Conference with other lake district members and the Board also continued to work cooperatively with other municipalities and agencies in support of the activities at The Club at Lac La Belle Golf Course.

Lisa Conley, 516 Lac La Belle Drive, explained Ginny Pease was conducting the water quality monitoring on Lac La Belle. L. Conley continued to randomly check the lake with a Secchi Disk to gather information as well. The last time she had checked she had read a depth of seven feet. When there was not much rain, the lake looked better. Good control of run-off would continue to enhance the quality. It seemed that shorelines were nicer this year for swimming than in recent years. J. Groose noted that the water coming from Fowler Lake into Lac La Belle also seemed clearer. D. Bauer explained ongoing efforts to engage

The LLBMD continued to work cooperatively with the Village of Lac La Belle, the Prestwick Development Group and other entities, such as Tall Pines Conservancy and the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program, regarding the land above and north of the golf course, Lac La Belle Creek that ran through the golf course and the areas surrounding the golf course. It was noted that run-off had exceeded the site during construction and control of run-off in those areas would continue to be the focus of the LLBMD, the golf course owners and the Village of Lac La Belle in the coming year. Toward that end, J. Bode and E. Bollinger would meet with representatives of the DNR, the Village of Lac La Belle, golf course owners and consultants to review the current state of the creek and what could be done to bring the golf course into compliance with necessary permits and/or to obtain permits that were not yet obtained so removal of boulders could take place in sequence with work to be completed near Lang Road and the sedimentation pond and down the creek before entering the lake. The focus was on larger areas of the watershed further north and east along with the golf course and surrounding areas. A holistic view of the situation was being considered in trying to form partnerships with landowners and entities to move all forward in a positive way.

4. Presentation by Cassie Taplin, Waukesha & Washington County AIS Coordinator

Cassie Taplin, Waukesha & Washington County AIS Coordinator, was unable to attend the meeting this evening. In her place, she provided a report to the District. D. Bauer reviewed the report. A spreadsheet provided noted four aquatic invasive species of concern in Lac La Belle including Asian clams, Eurasian Water Milfoil, Zebra Mussels, and Purple Loosestrife. To date, Starry Stonewort, a newer aquatic invasive species to the area, had not been located in Lac La Belle. Most of the AIS species had been brought to the country's waterways from tankers and boats traveling in many areas. The best way to prevent AIS from invading local waters was through education and diligent cleaning of boats, trailers and watercraft. One way of doing this involved the Clean Boats, Clean Waters training that took place each year provided through the County AIS programs. Money had been proposed in the budget being discussed later in the meeting to allow funding toward having interns attend the boat launch on Lac La Belle to educate boat owners about AIS and to prevent the further spread of species such as Starry Stonewort.

5. Update on 2019 Shoreland Restoration Program

K. Carr reviewed the objectives and benefits of the annual Shoreland Restoration program. The LLBMD Shoreland Restoration program offered district residents a reimbursement program that included a 75% cost share with the District, up to \$2,000. A map showing Shoreland Restoration properties around Lac La Belle since 2009 was distributed. A new Shoreland Restoration consultant, Keir Peckham of Natural Landscapes, discussed options with K. Carr due to the departure of previous shoreland consultant Lisa Reas to a new career. K. Peckham preferred the use of seeding native plants instead of live plant plugs at the shoreline. One applicant had come forward this year. Additional discussions would take place on the program options in the future.

Herb Schick, 702 Glenview Avenue, noted he was a 2009 Shoreland Restoration property

owner. The first year the plants grew slowly and by the third year were full, three foot plants. Concern was expressed that with the rising and lowering of the lake levels, the seeded areas would not survive and hold soil in the same way that live plant plugs did. L. Conley noted there were methods of planting that included large mats that could be unrolled containing seeds within them that soon grew to full size plants. Discussion took place regarding removal of the shoreland restoration projects when new property owners took possession of a property. It was noted the contractual obligations for the annual Shoreland Restoration projects were in place for five years.

6. Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes

L. Conley moved to approve the 2018 Annual Meeting minutes as presented. Tim Clark, 270 Lac La Belle Ave, seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Approval of the Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for August, 2019 was reviewed and balances noted. J. Groose explained several bank accounts had been consolidated to two accounts for the LLBMD in the past year. Savings had been transferred to gain a higher rate of return.

K. Carr moved to approve the August, 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented. J. Bode seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

E. Bollinger moved to approve payment of the invoices shown in the August, 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. Report Results of Annual Audit

The Annual Audit had been conducted since the last meeting. All items were reviewed and procedures noted and all was in order. Two exceptions related to inadvertent recording errors were noted and reviewed. There were no questions about the Annual Audit report.

9. Review & Approval of 2020 Budget

The proposed 2020 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 \$38,650 was proposed.

L. Conley encouraged all members of the District to consider attending the Wisconsin Lakes Annual Convention. The donations portion of the budget could be used to offset convention costs.

E. Bollinger moved to approve the proposed 2020 budget as presented. J. Bode seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Motion carried.

10. Presentation & Approval of Tax Levy

No questions were asked regarding the proposed tax levy.

E. Bollinger moved to approve the tax levy as proposed in the amount of \$38,650. J. Groose seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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. The seat belonging to Karen Carr was open this year.

T. Clark nominated Karen Carr, for the position of LLBMD Commissioner with a term to expire in 2022. L. Conley seconded the motion. T. Clark moved to close all nominations. L. Conley seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Bauer welcomed the 2019- 2020 LLBMD Board of Commissioners, noting an organizational meeting would take place immediately after the adjournment of the Annual Meeting.

12. Adjournment

T. Clark moved to adjourn from the August 15, 2019 LLBMD Annual Meeting. K. Carr seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Minutes prepared by:

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