



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting

THURSDAY, May 21, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.

“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.”

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held virtually via Zoom with additional dial-in information provided on the agenda to allow public access to the meeting.

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 (arrived 7:14 P.M.)

Jim Groose

Terry Largent

Dave Zimmermann

Absent

3. Emailed Comments from the Floor – None.

4. Correspondence

Emails

Various emails from Brooke Donovan, City of Oconomowoc, regarding Lake Level Reports

(10/25, 11/1, 11/7, 11/15, 11/27, 12/6, 12/13, 12/27, 1/10, 1/31, 3/24, 4/7, and 5/12)

October 25, 2019 – Perry Lindquist – Clean Boats, Clean Waters on Lac La Belle

October 25, 2019 – Dave Love - LLBMD Mtg 10 17 2019, La Belle Weeds From Fowler Lake

October 28, 2019- Jeff Reidemann – Commercial Fishing Contract

October 29, 2019 – Sean Strom – 2019 Goose Contaminants Report

October 30, 2019 - Aquatic Invasive Species Update – October 2019

October 30, 2019 – WIDNR Rock River Recovery – October Newsletter

November 4, 2019 - Rock River Recovery - November Newsletter

November 7, 2019 – Ben Heussner – Grant Application Meeting Request

November 7, 2019 – Ben Heussner – LLB Rough Fish Contract

November 15, 2019- Cassie Taplin – Support For County’s AIS Program

November 19, 2019 – Alexandra Devoye (DNR) - CBCW Project Funding Request & Agreement

November 19, 2019 – Jocelyn Good – DNR Project on Lac La Belle
November 25, 2019 - Aquatic Invasive Species Update –November 2019
November 29, 2019 - WIDNR Rock River Recovery –December Newsletter
December 12, 2019- Aquatic Invasive Species Update –December 2019
December 17, 2019- Greg Breese – Dam Information
December 30, 2019- WIDNR Rock River Recovery –January Newsletter
January 6, 2020 - Aquatic Invasive Species Update –Special Announcement
January 9, 10 & 13, 2020 – Tina Behrens – DNR Project
January 31, 2020 - WIDNR Rock River Recovery – February Newsletter
February 5, 2020 – Cassie Taplin - Updated IGA
February 13, 2020-Tim Young – 540 Glenview
February 13, 2020 – Ben Heussner – Surface Water Grants Posted
February 15, 2020 – Tim Young – 540 Glenview
February 24, 2020 - Cassie Taplin - Updated IGA
February 24, 2020 - Aquatic Invasive Species Update –February 2020
March 1, 2020 - WIDNR Rock River Recovery –March Newsletter
March 15, 2020 – Lisa Conley – Wisconsin Lake and River Convention Goes Online! April 1-3
March 20, 2020 – Horton Group – Important Information Regarding Payment
March 27, 2020 – Wisconsin Lakes - Convention Goes Online! - The Lake Connection Online
March 31, 2020 – Brad Steckart (LCCW) – Lake Country Clean Waters Update &
Announcements
March 31, 2020 - WIDNR Rock River Recovery –April Newsletter
April 21, 2020 – Lisa Conley – Hello From Lake Mills
April 21, 2020 – Alan Barrows - Aquatic Invasive Species Update
April 23, 2020 – Lisa Conley - Re: Village Request and Latest COVID Report from WLF
April 23, 2020 –Ginny Pease- Re: Village Request and Latest COVID Report from WLF
April 30, 2020 - WIDNR Rock River Recovery –May Newsletter
May 7, 2020 – Mike Jones, APHIS – 2020 Goose Round-Ups
May 14, 2020 – Lisa Conley – Re: Road Sealing Product Hazards
May 15, 2020 – Erin McFarlane – CBCW Update: Guidelines Coming Soon
May 15, 2020 – Perry Lindquist – AIS Update
May 17, 2020 – Bradley Steckart – June 5 Healthy Lakes Conference Goes Virtual
Monday, May 18, 2020 – Jim Ruppenthal – Beavers Are Back!
Monday, May 18, 2020 – Ben Heussner – Beavers Are Back!
Tuesday, May 19, 2020 – Wisconsin Lakes - Lake Orgs & COVID-19 - Webinar Update

The Healthy Lakes Conference will be held virtually as an all-day event on June 5, 2020 from 9.A.M. to 4 P.M. Morning and afternoon sessions will be split up with a break between sessions. Registration is required.

5. Approval of April 30, 2020 LLBMD Meeting Minutes

D. Zimmermann moved to approve the minutes from the April 30, 2020 Meeting as presented. T. Largent seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

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

E. Bollinger moved to approve the May 2020 Treasurer's Report as presented. J. Bode seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

K. Carr moved to approve payment authorizations as presented. E. Bollinger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Bauer moved to Item 7 on the agenda.

a. Update on 2019 Audit Transactions

The audit process was reviewed. J. Groose and D. Bauer would work with an auditor to assemble information for the 2019 transactions audit. A report of the audit would be provided at the 2020 LLBMD Annual Meeting scheduled for August 20, 2020.

D. Bauer moved to Item 12 and the remainder of the agenda.

7. Update On April 22, 2020 Lake Country Clean Waters Association Group Meeting

E. Bollinger attended the virtual April 22, 2020 Lake Country Clean Waters Association Group meeting. Information was provided about waves created due to wake boat activity. Deep water was best for this activity. If wake boating occurred in 6-10 feet of water, the thrust of the boat that created the desired wake could easily uproot lake plants and stir sediment. Regulatory agencies were aware of the damage done to shorelines and the negative impacts to other boaters when this activity occurred carelessly. Enforceable regulatory distances from shore were discussed.

8. Update on Carp/ DNR Roughfish Contract

There was nothing new to report on this matter.

9. Discuss & Act On Lac La Belle Creek Project

A complaint had been received since the last LLBMD meeting regarding sand bagging activity that took place along the ditch tributary from the creek. Filamentous algae had developed as a surface scum in the sand bagged area. This matter had been referred to the Village of Lac La Belle engineer because that area had been ordered closed in the past.

Information had been sought from the Department of Natural Resources regarding the application to allow materials to be placed in the creek as part of the overall Lac La Belle Creek project; however, no word had been received at this time.

D. Bauer moved to Item 10c at this time.

10. Update on 2020 Grants

a. Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant Program Interns

An update had been received from the local Clean Boats, Clean Waters Coordinator regarding training Clean Boats, Clean Waters interns over the next few weeks. Interns were anticipated to begin at the City Beach boat launch site the first week of June.

b. Lake Planning Grant

- i. Findings of Lake Plant/ Soil Sampling
- ii. Scan of Lac La Belle For Debris At South End

Items 10bi and 10bii were discussed concurrently. No information had been received regarding lake plant/ soil sampling. The scan for debris at the south end had not yet taken place. E. Bollinger had found approximately 150 of the mapped underwater logs that were in the lake noted as fish habitat in the past.

c. Targeted Runoff Management Grant Application

The Targeted Runoff Management Grant application had been received and was accepted as complete by the DNR. Various aspects of the grant application were discussed. The stream course had moved over the years for the entire length of the stream. Increased sedimentation had occurred in the old irrigation pond. The application process included review and ranking by the DNR in the next few months. Once those determinations were made, grant award notifications would take place later this year.

D. Bauer returned to Item 10a at this time.

11. Discuss & Act On 2020 Shoreland Restoration

Participation forms for the 2020 Shoreland Restoration Program were available in the LLBMD 2020 newsletter and on the LLBMD website for interested participants. The deadline for application was June 1, 2020. The Wozny restoration site was not able to be planted last year and would be completed in 2020. Efforts were underway to work with Echo Harmony Landscape and Design Services in Brookfield, Wisconsin for the 2020 Shoreland Restoration program. Additional information would be available at the July 16, 2020 LLBMD meeting.

D. Bauer returned to Item 6a.

12. Update On 2020 Goose Round-Up

Beginning in 2019, a flat fee of \$2500 was required for the Round-Up with payment provided on date of service with a minimum of 35 geese present to conduct the Round-Up. There were no contaminant testing costs required for the LLBMD in 2020. Discussion ensued regarding current

numbers of geese present. Geese sightings would be noted over the next few weeks and if there were not enough geese present, the Round-Up could be cancelled.

K. Carr moved to authorize the LLBMD Chair to determine if the Lac La Belle Management District should proceed with the 2020 Goose Round-Up based on reported numbers of geese and if there were not ample numbers of geese present by the required Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources deadline, the 2020 Goose Round-Up would be canceled. J. Groose seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

13. Update on 2020 LLBMD Newsletter

The 2020 LLBMD newsletter had been distributed. Additional copies were available at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall, Village of Lac La Belle and at the City Hall in Oconomowoc. The newsletter was also located on the “Reports” page of the LLBMD website.

14. Update On LLBMD Website

Updated lake levels, agendas, minutes, and information pertaining to the Healthy Lakes Conference and website technical issues had been added to the website since the last meeting.

a. Discuss & Act On Website Issue

Information was provided regarding the technical issue that negatively impacted the LLBMD website’s “Agendas/ Minutes” page. Agendas and minutes were posted to the “Reports” page of the website and website visitors directed to that location on the front page of the website. Estimates had been gathered with options to repair or upgrade the website. Various options and costs associated with each estimate were reviewed and discussed. A preference for upgrade was noted. Additional information would be provided at the July 16, 2020 LLBMD meeting.

15. Discuss 2021 LLBMD Preliminary Budget

Discussion took place regarding items to be included in the 2021 Preliminary Budget to be discussed at the July 16, 2020 LLBMD meeting. Grant costs, website upgrades, and maintenance of the sedimentation pond at the Club at Lac La Belle were suggested as potential expenditures that required planning as part of the 2021 budget. Any other items to be considered for inclusion in the 2021 Preliminary Budget should be submitted to D. Bauer as soon as possible.

16. Adjournment

T. Largent moved to adjourn the May 21, 2020 Lac La Belle Management District meeting at 8:32 P.M. J. Groose seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.