



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting

THURSDAY, July 19, 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 7:02 P.M.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Dan Bauer

Karen Carr

Terry Largent

Karen Trepton

Dave Zimmermann

Absent

Lou Morgan

3. Comments from the Floor

There was no one present wishing to speak at this time.

4. Correspondence

Emails

Various emails from Brooke Donovan, City of Oconomowoc, regarding Lake Level Reports (6/14, 6/28 and 7/12)

May 18, 2018 – Bill King – Muskrat Issue On La Belle

May 24, 2018 – Karen Jenk – Water Quality Monitoring

May 29, 2018 – Laurence Jacobs – buoy question

May 29, 2018 – Brad Steckart – AIS Species Update – May/June 2018 Newsletter

May 29, 2018 – Randy Klibowitz – Carp Problem

May 30, 2018 – Amy Kretlow - Lac La Belle - Corbicula (Asian Clam) Found

May 30, 2018 – Lisa Conley - Potential Ixonia CAFO impacts of phosphorus laden groundwater to local surface waters

June 1, 2018 -- Wi DNR - Rock River Recovery June 2018 Newsletter

June 3, 2018 – Lisa Conley - Blame It On The Rain: Study Ties Nutrient Loading in Lakes to Extreme Precipitation Events – UW-Madison Center for Limnology

June 4, 2018 – Lisa Conley – Problems at the Golf Course
June 4, 2018- Ben Heussner – LLBMD May 17, 2018 Meeting & Carp Question
June 4, 2018 –Don Heilman (Clean Water Association) - DON'T Miss The Healthy Lakes Conference
June 4, 2018 – Jim Groose - LLBMD
June 5, 2018 – Lisa Conley –AIS Species Update – Special Announcement
June 6, 2018 – David Debbink – LLBMD
June 7, 2018 – Abbie Repinski – (No subject)
June 7, 2018 – Brad Steckart - Eckstaedt forward from Lac La Belle Management District
June 10, 2018 – Bill King – Muddy Plume in Labelle from construction off Capital Drive (3 photos)
June 11, 2018 – Bill King - Muddy Plume in Labelle from construction off Capital Drive
June 13, 2018 – Laurence Jacobs – Buoy question
June 15, 2018 – Lisa Conley – Golf Course records
June 16, 2018 – Lisa Conley – Golf Course/ Carp History and Concerns
June 18, 2018 – Emily Heller- Waukesha County AIS Participates in the 10th Annual Statewide Landing Blitz
June 18, 2018 – Ben Heussner – LLBMD May 17, 2018 Meeting & Carp Question Carp Tag Program
June 20, 2018 – Lisa Conley – Golf Course/ Carp History and Concerns
June 20, 2018 – Wisconsin Lakes – This Friday! NW Wisconsin Lakes Conference
June 24, 2018 – Lisa Conley – Water Quality Partners and Players
June 26 and 30, 2018 – Mark Thurow – Water Quality Monitoring
June 29, 2018 – Wi DNR - Rock River Recovery July 2018 Newsletter
June 30, 2018 – Laurence Jacobs – buoy question
July 19, 2018 – Ben Heussner – 2019 LLBMD Commercial Carp Fisherman Questions

Without objection from the Board, D. Bauer moved to Items 9, 10 and 11 on the agenda at this time. Please see below.

5. Approval of May 17, 2018 Meeting Minutes

D. Zimmermann moved to approve the minutes from the May 17, 2018 LLBMD meeting as presented. T. Largent seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

A Treasurer's Report had been provided to Commissioners at the meeting. One invoice in the amount of \$65.74 needed to be included in the Treasurer's Report for Goose Round-Up maps.

K. Trepton moved to add the invoice in the amount of \$65.74 to the Treasurer's Report for this meeting. T. Largent seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

K. Carr moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as amended. K. Trepton seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Payment Authorizations

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

8. Discuss 2017 Audit Process

D. Bauer reviewed the 2017 Audit process. Information on the 2017 Audit findings would be provided at the August 23, 2018 Annual Meeting.

9. Update By Tim Clarke – Village of Lac La Belle Projects & Watershed Protection Efforts

Items 9, 10 and 11 were discussed concurrently.

George Stumpf, Village of Lac La Belle Administrator, and Tim Clarke, Village of Lac La Belle President, were present. G. Stumpf provided a history of the offer to purchase the Lac La Belle Golf Course by The Prestwick Group (Prestwick). Negotiations had taken place. Compensatory easements had been used to assist in exchanging land that flooded on the golf course, specifically near holes #6, #7, the 15th fairway and along the creek, for land that did not flood in order to allow the course to be played without interruption for full seasons. There would be no net loss in the area of land that flooded in this area. Discussion took place regarding various portions of the golf course that would be swapped in order to allow appropriate areas to be wet in times of flooding. The Village of Lac La Belle (the Village) secured a maintenance easement regarding certain elevated areas that would allow the Village to restore elevation if Prestwick was unable to do so in a required manner. Some current retention pond areas would remain and the irrigation pond would be used as a new retention pond. A new pond would be constructed and referred to as a "lake" on the course.

K. Carr questioned whether the ponds would flood into the creek in times of high water. T. Clarke explained that if the creek flooded, it would go to the ponds. G. Stumpf further explained the abandoned irrigation pond had breached on the north side by natural events and the creek flowed into that location. The area had been bermed in 1999 during restoration efforts. A breach in that berm was discovered by Prestwick as well as other property issues that the Village was not aware of related to the adjacent Paul property. K. Carr noted there was a large delta of sediment building up the exodus of the golf course near the old 15th hole. There were little black "islands" of sediment and mud sitting there that would enter the lake in a plume in rain events. G. Stumpf noted this area was stable when the retention pond was constructed approximately four years ago and there were no issues with the Paul property at that time. Since then things have changed with additional tamarack and buckthorn in abundance. The black sooty soil in the stream did not seem to have an origin in the golf course.

T. Clark explained the creek running through portions of the golf course currently had bends in it. Each time a rainstorm event took place, the bends get bigger and soil was eroding under the grassy

edge. Prestwick had agreed to riprap near holes #11, 13 and 15. Discussions were underway regarding cost estimates for the cost of riprap for the creek from the Village of Lac La Belle entrance to the streambank area. There was a drainage ditch near the 15th hole. Water did not flow off the course into that area as it should. There was a negative slope so the water flowed back into that area causing ponding. This area developed a smell and solutions were underway to fix it. Currently there was a preference by Prestwick to eliminate this pond, put in drain tile in that area and create a sump system. This would require a bit of reshaping of the creek and the ditch with riprap; however, clear water would be the result. This water feature would be similar to those featured at Geneva National in Lake Geneva. Approvals were being gathered from the Army Corp of Engineers with appropriate permits applied for by Prestwick and the Village. Prestwick had committed to various environmental stewardship practices including a commitment to water quality for the lake. K. Carr questioned previous owners' efforts to support the streambank agreements that were in place. It was noted that previous owners lacked the resources to deal with the issues that needed long term maintenance. Prestwick was very interested in working on solutions for the issues on and near the golf course.

Discussion ensued regarding the adjacent property impacts to and from the golf course creek that entered Lac La Belle as well as properties further to the north and east of the golf course.

G. Stumpf clarified the pond areas that were being established would be designed to be a floodable area similar to holes #7 and #8 where it only flooded in times of high water. The design of the streambank in the late 1990's was too shallow and areas that were now floodable areas needed to be re-graded. When the DOT project finished to the north of the golf course, a plateau of material was left. Not enough topsoil was restored in that area to make farming viable so that area was abandoned by the farmer. As a result, a flume from the erosion would feed the sheet of water that would come across Saeger Road and impact residential driveways. A relief pipe had been placed there to manage the overflow. Efforts were underway to take water from the flume and put it into a proposed pond in that area. Water would then outflow through a culvert under Saeger Road and out toward the west end of the Village. The pond was designed to slowly release water so that the drainage system was not inundated with water but would provide relief to residents along Saeger Road.

K. Trepton questioned whether the use of chemical fertilizers was regulated in any agreements with Prestwick. G. Stumpf noted the use of fertilizers and other chemicals was regulated by the state in golf course areas. T. Clarke noted the use of bent grass on all the greens that provided dense growth without weeds.

T. Steinbach noted the OWPP was interested in the golf course creek area as well. There was an easement agreement completed in the late 1990's that ran with the land and not the landowner that would be in effect today. That agreement included a 22 foot buffer on both sides of the creek as it passed through the golf course. G. Stumpf explained certain exhibits related to the 22 foot buffer had been accepted in negotiations; however, he was not representing the LLBMD. The LLBMD was legally allowed to provide representation in the negotiations regarding this buffer along the golf course creek.

Discussion ensued. D. Bauer questioned whether the Prestwick Group was made aware of the golf

course streambank agreement in early negotiations because the LLBMD had never been contacted regarding this matter. There were four areas of concern to the LLBMD Board at this time, including the area north of Lang Road, the golf course lands, the area of land to the east known as the Paul property and the area of the last 200 feet of the creek just before it enters the lake. T. Clarke explained the solution would be to riprap along the entire streambank to prevent chronic erosion from occurring. Some of these areas required DNR approval. They were not involved in any of the golf course proceedings at this point.

Discussion ensued regarding potential assistance from the District in working with the Paul property as well as addressing other issues noted that were outside the Village and Golf Course properties. T. Clarke noted that all water issues dealt with by the Village of Lac La Belle did not originate in the Village.

10. Presentation by Kevin Freber – Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program Update

Kevin Freber, of the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program, was present. He provided his background in wastewater management, noting he was pleased to collaborate with Tall Pines Conservancy in various water quality management endeavors.

11. Presentation by Tom Steinbach – Tall Pines Conservancy

Tom Steinbach, of Tall Pines Conservancy, explained there were approximately 50 partners involved in the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program and Tall Pines Conservancy was a major partner. T. Steinbach provided a map of projects underway in the watershed. There were approximately 50 different projects involving 30 different landowners. Some projects spanned five to ten years with multiple projects involving conservation cover crops. One such project was located north of Lac La Belle and involved cover crops with removal of buckthorn anticipated along the creek. He was hopeful that any efforts being put forth in working with the golf course owners would support good stormwater management practices. Fifteen to twenty additional watershed projects were anticipated in the next year. Discussion ensued regarding specific areas adjacent to the golf course that were considered critical to stormwater runoff into the lake. D. Bauer noted information shared at this meeting provided the District with opportunities that would need to be investigated and researched further. Specific actions would need to be placed on a future LLBMD agenda.

Gail Bryant, 454 Lac La Belle Drive, expressed concern that water problems created on one property were allowed to impact others downstream or on neighboring properties.

Jim Groose, 306 N. Lake Road, questioned the number of acres of farmland in the entire watershed. T. Steinbach explained there were 89,000 acres in the watershed with half being agricultural land. Critical areas included about 2,000 acres of farmland.

With regard to the areas referenced in the Golf Course Creek issue, T. Steinbach noted monitoring was the key to many remaining questions. It would be important to monitor areas, such as the Paul property, when rain events were happening to see how certain properties impacted the overall water from the area. Secchi disk readings in various tributaries would provide information as well.

T. Steinbach also noted there were underutilized incentive resources often offered for years through the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) that was an “arm” of the Department of Agriculture. Where the NCRS could offer farmers or landowners 70% of the costs lost due to leaving the farmland in cover crops to stabilize the soil, the OWPP could assist in funding the remaining 30% of costs to the farmer. The OWPP had a simple system of getting the money to the farmers. D. Bauer questioned whether assistance from the OWPP was available in any aspects of the issues presented regarding the golf course creek at this meeting. T. Steinbach clarified the OWPP was not able to provide assistance because the lands discussed were not agricultural lands; however, the Tall Pines Conservancy could potentially be of help.

D. Bauer returned to Item 5 and the remainder of the agenda at this time.

12. Update on Carp Telemetry Study & Oconomowoc River Carp Tag Return Program

Carp had been tagged in the telemetry study and were in the Oconomowoc River system. At the request of Ben Heussner, DNR Fisheries Biologist, information had been posted on the LLBMD website regarding the Oconomowoc River Carp Tag Return program. If tagged carp were captured, a potential \$100 reward was available for return of the telemetry equipment to the person that caught the tagged carp.

13. Update on Clean Boats, Clean Waters Signage at the Boat Launch

Tools had been provided for the Clean Boats, Clean Water signage at the boat launch. Last time they had lasted only a few weeks. While use of the tools is appreciated, the tools should remain on the signage for all to use.

14. Update on Lake Country Community Board Meeting /Healthy Lakes Conference

The most recent Lake Country Community Board Meeting was held Friday, June 8, 2018 in conjunction with the Healthy Lakes Conference at the Seven Seas Restaurant. K. Trepton attended the event. There were approximately 150 people in attendance. An update on the conference was provided, noting information pertaining to cover crop farming, Clean Boats, Clean Water Program monitors and general information about the size of the watershed were all impactful parts of the day. A boat tour of Nagawicka Lake concluded a portion of the day’s event. It was noted that Districts participating in the Clean Boats, Clean Water inspection program had paid inspectors as part of the program.

15. Update on 2018 Shoreland Restoration Program

Three applicants had responded to requests for the 2018 Shoreland Restoration Program. Information about the program had been provided to them. Two of them were not interested after that point in time and one desired riprap. Jim and MaryLou Schumacher, North Lake Road, had also indicated interest. Their property was located two doors from past years participants. Design plans were being created for the Schumacher’s at this time. Additional information would be available at a future LLBMD meeting.

16. Update on 2018 Goose Round-Up

Due to a lack of geese present at the time of the 2018 Goose Round-Up date, the Goose Round-Up was cancelled for this year.

17. Update on 2018 Citizen Water Quality Monitoring

Several people had responded to the request for assistance with the 2018 Citizen Water Quality Monitoring previously conducted by Lisa Conley on Lac La Belle. Mark Thurow had agreed to work with Lisa Conley and to coordinate volunteers for the project. Ginny Pease had also agreed to work with L. Conley regarding measurement of “the deep hole”, “the Northwest” and Secchi disk readings. There were resources available to people interested in participating in Citizen Water Quality Monitoring efforts. Jayne Jenks of Waukesha County managed the river monitors in the area. Training for Oconomowoc River monitoring took place in the spring of each year. Mud Chasers were a group of volunteers that monitored and documented samples of the lake during rain events for water clarity readings. In addition, all were encouraged to watch for aquatic invasive species in the lake.

18. Discuss & Act On Donation To Shorehaven For May 23, 2018 Boat & Operator – AIS Presentation

D. Bauer explained that Shorehaven had been contacted regarding donation of the use of a pontoon boat on May 23, 2018 for an AIS demonstration conducted by Brad Steckart of Waukesha County, AIS staff. Shorehaven donated two boats and an operator without cost and were present most of the day. Discussion ensued regarding making a monetary donation of gratitude to Shorehaven for the boat and operator.

K. Trepton moved to approve donation of \$250 to Shorehaven for use of the boats and operator on May 23, 2018. K. Carr seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

19. Discuss & Act On Watershed Protection Efforts Related To Water Quality Improvements For Lac La Belle

Discussion took place regarding working with various agencies and individuals to move forward in protecting and/or improving the water quality of Lac La Belle. With regard to the four issues of concern presented earlier in the meeting pertaining to Golf Course Creek, Tall Pines Conservancy could lend support to the Village, Prestwick Group and LLBMD. Monitoring was needed after a rain event for the property adjacent east of the Golf Course. Efforts would continue and potential cooperative partnerships could arise for the riprap of the creek and last 200 feet of the creek prior to entering Lac La Belle. If an opportunity presented itself, D. Bauer agreed to represent the District in any discussion related to water quality improvements to Lac La Belle prior to the next meeting. Additional information would be available at the next LLBMD meeting.

20. Discuss & Act On 2019 Commercial Carp Fisherman Estimate

An estimate had been received from Ben Heussner, DNR Fisheries Biologist, regarding the potential cost of a commercial carp fisherman for Lac La Belle. The estimate indicated a week of fishing should be budgeted at \$5,000 with another \$5,000 budgeted for disposal and additional fishing days if required. Currently the market for sale of buffalo carp was not cost effective for the fisherman. Additional research into options for commercial carp fishing and disposal were discussed including potentially partnering with the City in this matter. Costs associated with this activity would be researched and placed on the October 18, 2018 meeting agenda for discussion and action. Discussion took place regarding the removal of grates at the dam at the time of construction a few years ago relative to an increase in the carp population in Lac La Belle.

John Sausen, 616 N. Lake Road, provided a historical description of a carp removal event on Lac La Belle in the past. He suggested a number of volunteers conduct a similar event to remove carp in an effort to reduce the cost for carp removal.

21. Discuss & Act On 2019 Preliminary Budget

The 2019 Preliminary Budget was reviewed and discussed.

K. Trepton moved to recommend approval of the 2019 Preliminary Budget at the August 23, 2018 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.

22. Discuss & Act On August 23, 2018 Annual Meeting Agenda & Budget Hearing Notice

A potential August 23, 2018 Annual Meeting Agenda & Budget Hearing Notice was reviewed. Two terms would expire for Board members in addition to the existing vacancy. Any District residents and/or Board members interested in serving on the LLBMD for the next term were encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting on August 23, 2018 or provide interest to a current Commissioner in writing with contact information.

K. Carr moved to approve the August 23, 2018 Annual Meeting Agenda & Budget Hearing Notice. K. Trepton seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

23. Update on LLBMD Website/Facebook Page

Updated lake levels, agendas and 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 -
 - Facebook – “Like” us on Facebook!

24. Next Meeting Date – Annual Meeting – August 23, 2018

The Annual Meeting of the Lac La Belle Management District was scheduled for **Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall. Notices would be mailed to all LLBMD residents in early August. Information regarding the vacancy on the Board of Commissioners would be placed on the back side of the mailing.

The next regular meeting of the Lac La Belle Management District was scheduled for October 18, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall.

25. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

The following items were suggested for the October 18, 2018 LLBMD meeting agenda:

- Update On Grates At The West Wisconsin Avenue Dam
- Update On 2018 Shoreland Restoration Program
- Discuss 2018 Audit Process
- Discuss & Act On Golf Course Creek Watershed Protection Efforts
- Discuss & Act On Commercial Carp Fishing
- Discuss & Act On Clean Boats, Clean Water Grant Program For 2019
- Discuss & Act On Facebook Page Administration

26. Adjournment

T. Largent moved to adjourn the July 19, 2018, Lac La Belle Management District meeting at 9:51 P.M. K. Carr seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.