



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting
THURSDAY, March 25, 2021– 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

Ernie Bollinger

Jeff Bode

Jim Groose

Dave Zimmermann

Absent

Karen Carr

Terry Largent

3. Emailed Comments from the Floor – None.

4. Correspondence

Emails

Various emails from Brooke Donovan, City of Oconomowoc, regarding Lake Level Reports (3-24-21)

October 19, 2020 – Mike Judkins - Musky Madness 2020

November 25, 2020 – Jeff Riedemann & Ben Heussner – Fish Tagging

November 25, 2020 - Wisconsin Lakes – Speak For Lakes, With The Governor - The Lake Policy Report

November 27, 2020 – Jeff Riedemann – Fish Tagging

November 30, 2020 -Aquatic Invasive Species Update –December 2020

November 30, 2020 - WDNR Rock River Recovery – December Newsletter

December 17, 21 And 26 – Jeff Riedemann – Fish Tagging

December 29, 2020 And January 18, 2021 - Tom Steinbach – Join Us As We Celebrate Five Years Of The Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program

December 31, 2020 – Brad Steckart - Register Today For LCCW's 1st Quarterly Meeting Of 2021 - Wednesday, January 20 At 6:00

January 3, 2021 - WDNR Rock River Recovery –January Newsletter
January 4, 2021 - Aquatic Invasive Species Update –January 2021
January 5, 2021- Tim Clark - Fw: Wave Characteristics From Wave Surfing Versus Wakeboarding
January 7, 2021 – Jeff Riedemann – Fish Tagging
January 14, 2021 – Samantha Lammers _ AIS Meeting Reminder
January 15, 2021 – Samantha Lammers – Lac La Belle Team
January 18, 2021 – Tom Steinbach - Register Today For The 5 Year Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program Update - Wednesday, January 27, 2021
January 20, 2021 – Lisa Conley - Fwd: Upcoming Webinar: Using The Water Quality Portal And Other Tools To Explore My Waterway And Rock River Data
February 1, 2021 – Waukesha County Department Of Parks & Land Use – AIS February Update 2021
February 2, 2021 - Widnr Rock River Recovery –February Newsletter
February 3, 2021 – Lisa Conley – Water Action Alert
February 19, 2021 – Candace White –LLBMD District Boundaries
February 22, 2021 – Paragon Marketing – Invoice From Paragon Marketing Group
February 23, 2021 – Scott Uhler – Annual Audit
February 23, 2021 –Bonnie Lewis-Tschannen –LLBMD Spring Newsletter
February 25, 2021 - Widnr Rock River Recovery – March Newsletter
February 28, 2021 – Lisa Conley – A Better Legislative District Map For Waukesha Lake Country
March 1, 2021 - Waukesha County Department Of Parks & Land Use – AIS March Update 2021
March 1, 2021 – Lisa Conley - Oconomowoc Divided
March 1, 2021 – Tim Clark - Re: A Better Legislative District Map For Waukesha Lake Country
March 2, 2021 – Mike Jones – LLBMD 2021 Goose Round-Up
March 6, 2021- Wisconsin Lakes – Wisconsin's Week Of Water
March 7, 2021 – Lisa Conley - Re: A Better Legislative District Map For Waukesha Lake Country
March 9, 2021 – Wisconsin Lakes - Water Week Wednesday (And Thursday)!
March 11, 2021 – Rick Smith – Water Level
March 15, 2021- Jeff Riedemann – Fish Tagging
March 21, 2021 – Alex Delvoe – 2021 CBCW Important Information
March 22, 2021 – Julie Meyer - LLBMD - Board Member Liability Insurance
March 23, 2021- Paul Carpenter - City Fair Maps Resolution Help Needed
March 24, 2021- Lisa Conley - Free Conference For Shoreline Protections - Wave Actions
March 24, 2021 – Candy White – District Maps
March 25, 2021 – Mark Frye – Lake Levels

D. Bauer noted information on wave activity pertained to all smaller inland lakes across the nation. Concerns were shared at the March 24, 2021 conference noted in correspondence that related to the action/reaction of wave activity on shallow lake areas and shoreline retaining walls.

5. Approval of November 19, 2020 LLBMD Meeting Minutes

E. Bollinger moved to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2020 Meeting as presented. J. Bode 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 from November 2020 to March 2021 were reviewed by the Treasurer. An invoice for insurance was noted with a slight increase of approximately \$30 in premium noted. Discussion ensued regarding the need to have bonded and insured sub-contractors performing work for the District relative to insurance coverage.

J. Bode moved to approve the Treasurer's Report. J. Goose seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

a. Discuss And Act On 2020 Audit

Information was shared relative to conducting the 2020 Audit. LLBMD boundaries did not change.

b. Discuss And Act On Annual Liability Insurance

This item was discussed as part of the Treasurer's Report. Please see above.

D. Bauer moved to Items 9 and 10.

7. Update On District Boundary

The District boundary had not changed. In the past, certain parcels in the District were not properly noted by Waukesha County staff as being located within the District. County staff had rectified the situation and would notify the affected District residents of the error this year. There was nothing the District needed to do at this time. A map showing the District boundaries would be included on the new LLBMD website.

8. Update on 2021 Lake Monitoring

The southerly end of Lac La Belle was not monitored for Citizen Lake Monitoring Network data in 2020. Discussion took place regarding locating a volunteer to monitor the south end of the lake for 2021. E. Bollinger volunteered if the previously interested person was not able to do it.

9. Update on West Wisconsin Dam Grates

Items 9 and 10 were discussed concurrently. Please see below.

10. Discuss & Act On Carp/ DNR Roughfish Contract

Ben Heussner, DNR Fisheries Biologist, was present. Information was provided to Commissioners relative to the West Wisconsin Avenue outlet dam construction and grate installation that occurred in 1976. A historical maintenance agreement with the City of Oconomowoc for dam maintenance was also shared. In 1976, the WDNR had several crews responsible for removing roughfish, including carp, from Lac La Belle. In order for installation of the dam grates to take place in 2021, a new maintenance agreement was required with signatures from all entities including the Village of Lac La Belle, Town of Oconomowoc, and City of Oconomowoc and WDNR. In fall 2020, City staff had suggested the original contractor, Terra Contractors, be contacted regarding an estimate for installation of the grates for the dam. Discussion ensued regarding the water levels and flow through the open dam at this time. Water levels were low in all waterways currently. Maintenance work on Oconomowoc Lake was complete and water levels should be returning to normal summer levels shortly. Carp would always be a problem to be managed along the Rock River system. Tools should be pursued to prevent spawning in peak migration, including replacement of the physical grates, by working to gain a maintenance agreement first and then reaching out to the contractor with funding resources available.

Heussner explained the electric carp barrier in Ixonia had been decommissioned due to safety ineffectiveness at lower electric levels. To turn it up to an effective level would pose a safety risk to humans and would be cost prohibitive. There was better technology available that posed less safety risk to humans. Because of this, the current electric barrier had been shut down and feasibility study pursued for replacement. The feasibility study indicated the total cost of the equipment and installation would cost approximately \$150,000. It was unlikely that the DNR would fund this expense so the physical installation of the dam grates would be very important as a temporary or permanent fix at this point in time and should be done as soon as possible. Carp migration typically occurred in May and June of each year. Discussion ensued regarding the historical responsibilities associated with the 1976 dam grate installation and maintenance agreement. No action was necessary at this time. D. Bauer would contact City staff to initiate discussion of cost estimates associated with installation of the dam grates and maintenance agreement .

Discussion ensued regarding current efforts to engage the Roughfish contractor. Heussner noted there had been a decline in Common Carp and an increase in Smallmouth and Largemouth Buffalo Carp in many areas. It was not unusual to have difficulty in

pursuit of a commercial fishing contractor and the WDNR was currently in process of examining the process for working with commercial contracts. Competitive bid processes and alternatives available for this year were reviewed. If no action was taken in 2021, efforts to engage in a new bid process could take place in 2022.

J. Groose moved to request Ben Heussner, DNR Fisheries Biologist, pursue renewing the existing DNR Commercial Roughfish Contract with Jeff Riedemann for 2021. E. Bollinger seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Bauer returned to Item 7 and the remainder of the agenda.

11. Discuss & Act on Request For Fair Maps Rezoning

Commissioners discussed a request from a District resident to participate in support of a rezoning to provide fair maps. No action was taken.

D. Bauer moved to Item 12.

12. Discuss & Act On Lac La Belle Streambank Restoration Project

Historical information was shared relative to the Resolution signed approximately one year ago that supported the efforts of the Club at Lac La Belle owners relative to the work being done at the golf course and along the stream that meanders through the property. Permits for work were issued and the District had participated in requesting a Targeted Runoff Management (TRM) grant from the DNR that was formally approved in December 2020. The Village of Lac La Belle Board President contacted the participating entities and called for a meeting at the golf course on March 10, 2021. Participating entity representatives discussed moving forward with continued engineering, planning, and financial support despite non-compliance with DNR permits and requested actions, such as removal of the rocks and boulders placed in the channel areas and streambank restoration, installation of wetland plantings, etc. Various options were discussed at that time with the preferred outcome to allow the golf course owners to move forward with the engineering and necessary planning with the understanding that no financial support would be provided until compliance issues with the DNR were resolved. This would allow the project to move forward and issues with the DNR to be settled. A letter would be drafted with the support of the Village of Lac La Belle, the City of Oconomowoc, Tall Pines Conservancy, Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program, and the District outlining expectations of the golf course ownership related to compliance with DNR permits as well as a timeline for work completion. No action was necessary.

13. Update on Lake Planning Grant & Targeted Runoff Management Grant Including Point Intercept Survey Report

The Point Intercept Survey report was complete and awaiting feedback from the DNR. Additional information would be available at the next LLBMD meeting.

a. Discuss & Act On 2021 Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant & 2021 Intergovernmental Agreement

An application for participation in the WDNR 2021 Clean Boats, Clean Waters grant had been filed in October 2020 as required by the WDNR. Information had been provided indicating the grant was awarded to the LLBMD. A designated representative was required to begin implementation of the work authorized in the grant as had been done in 2020. Jeff Bode volunteered to work with the Clean Boats, Clean Waters staff in 2021 and to act as a designated LLBMD representative to coordinate work necessary as part of the 2021 Intergovernmental Agreement. Discussion ensued.

E. Bollinger moved to designate Jeff Bode as an authorized representative of the LLBMD to proceed with application and award for the 2021 Clean Boats, Clean Waters project and 2021 Intergovernmental Agreement for funding of the Clean Boats, Clean Waters interns. J. Bode seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

14. Discuss & Act On 2021 Shoreland Restoration Program

Discussion took place regarding proceeding with the 2021 Shoreland Restoration Program. K. Carr would provide additional information at the next LLBMD meeting.

J. Goose moved to proceed with the 2021 Shoreland Restoration Program. J. Bode seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

15. Discuss & Act On 2021 Goose Round-Up

This item was moved to the next LLBMD meeting agenda.

16. Discuss & Act On 2021 Annual Newsletter

The 2021 Annual Newsletter topics were reviewed. More information would be available at the next meeting.

17. Agenda Items For Next Meeting –May 20, 2021

- Update on West Wisconsin Avenue Dam Grates
- Update on Lac La Belle Creek Restoration at the Club at Lac La Belle
- Update on 2021 Grants – Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant, Lake Planning Grant & Targeted Runoff Management Grant Including Point Intercept Survey Report
- Discuss & Act on Carp/Commercial Roughfish Contract
- Discuss & Act on North Lake Wake Boat Study and Ordinance Related to Wave Effects on Area Lakes
- Discuss & Act On 2021 Shoreland Restoration
- Discuss & Act On 2021 Goose Round-Up
- Update on 2021 Spring Newsletter
- Update on LLBMD Website

18. Adjournment

D. Zimmermann moved to adjourn the March 25, 2021 Lac La Belle Management District meeting at 8:46 P.M. J. Bode seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Minutes prepared by:

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