



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting
THURSDAY, March 17, 2022– 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

B. Nattinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Bruce Nattinger

Dave Zimmermann

Jeff Bode

Ernie Bollinger

Absent

Terry Largent

Karen Carr

Jim Groose

Also present

Don & Bobby Jo Paul - 244 Lac La Belle Drive, Village of Lac La Belle

Tim Clark - 270 Lac La Belle Drive, Village of Lac La Belle

3. Comments from the Floor

244 Lac La Belle Drive - Residents wish to raise the issue of significant erosion along their property and feel that the bike path may soon be affected.

270 Lac La Belle Drive - Resident echoes the sentiments of 244 Lac La Belle Dr and provides some historical information. He is encouraging discussion and cooperation with other municipalities to discuss a unified ordinance to curb/eliminate practices that exacerbate the issue.

4. Correspondence

None presented.

5. Approval of October 21, 2021, LLBMD Meeting Minutes
D. Zimmerman made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 21, 2021, LLBMD meeting as presented. Motion was seconded by E. Bollinger. There was no further discussion. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

6. Discuss & Act On Future Land For Sale / Lac La Belle Foundation
Bob and Lisa Conley were unable to attend this meeting but plan to be in attendance at the next one to present an update on the Lac La Belle Foundation. Discussion took place regarding the future of the Foundation and the possible involvement/cooperation with other similarly interested organizations/parties.

7. Treasurer's Report
No invoices were presented for approval.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and discussed. The report was not put forward for approval as it has not been fully reconciled.

8. Discuss & Act On West Wisconsin Avenue Dam Grates
E. Bollinger was copied on a proposal to the City of Oconomowoc for the needed work on the grates. This includes restoration and installation of the - previously rusted and discarded - grate near the canoe portage (\$9,500) as well as the installation by crane of the remaining grates which are in storage (\$16,500). These are soft numbers, as the contractor would like to work on T&M. This project would have to happen in conjunction with the City, since they own the dam. Would the City be willing to contract and oversee the project if LLBMD funds it? There are no funds currently budgeted for this, so the commissioners will need to look into the steps needed to amend the budget if it is to occur in this budget cycle.

E. Bollinger made a motion to contact the City to review the proposal noted above and express the support of LLBMD for this project. Motion was seconded by J. Bode. There was no further discussion. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

9. Discuss & Act On DNR/Commercial Fisherman Roughfish Contract
Email received from Ben Heussner, DNR Fisheries Biologist, regarding the "experimental contract" for commercial fishing to reduce the carp population in the lake by 25,000 lbs (current biomass is 127,500 lbs). LLBMD has agreed to allow Ben to proceed with attempting to find a commercial fisherman interested in taking on this contract.

10. Discuss & Act On Lac La Belle Creek Restoration Project At The Club At Lac La Belle
Mark Mickelson has confirmed that they have not yet secured the necessary permits for the project. J. Bode has encouraged him to start working on the permit applications for

this reach of stream as well as the areas above it and below it in case the opportunity to make improvements in those locations presents itself during the project. Mark's timetable is to put it out for bid in August and move forward in Fall with most of the construction happening when the ground is frozen. Jesse, the DNR Grant Manager, has expressed willingness to extend the grant deadlines if needed. DOJ has not yet signed off on the open enforcement case and there is concern that if it is not done this year, the grant will be lost. J. Bode will follow up with Tom Steinbach on this matter.

11. Update on Shoreland Restoration Program

K. Carr was absent, but provided the following update:

The Klein's project was completed in fall 2021. They paid their invoice in full and received LLBMD's cost sharing check.

The Damron project that was approved on July 15, 2021 had to be postponed. There was site prep work that had to be completed by another contractor before the shoreland work could begin. Due to COVID-19 related delays the site prep didn't get completed in time for a fall planting. K. Carr told Rob Damron his approved project could be moved to 2022. This happened one other time several years ago. As a result, one additional project will be selected for 2022. This will give LLBMD a total of 2 projects this year for a maximum expenditure of \$5,000 in 2022, which is in line with the 2022 budget.

Currently there is one new shoreland inquiry for 2022. The program will be listed on the website and in the Newsletter with a June 1 deadline for those interested. LLBMD will be working with Mike from Eco Harmony again this year as our shoreland restoration landscape designer/contractor.

12. Discuss & Act On 2022 Grants

a. Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant

J. Bode received confirmation that LLBMD has been selected for this. Interns will be stationed at the boat launch on weekends & holidays to educate boaters and inspect boats to control invasion of aquatic invasive species. The grant amount is \$4000, with a total project cost of \$5300.

D. Zimmerman made a motion to allow J. Bode to sign-off on the IGA with Waukesha County to proceed with the administration of the program. Motion was seconded by E. Bollinger. There was no further discussion. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

b. Lake Planning Grant

No recent activity. J. Bode has an upcoming meeting with Heidi Buck to discuss the \$4500 balance remaining on the contract and possible options as to how best to spend those funds.

c. Targeted Runoff Management Grant

No comments on this topic beyond what is noted under item 10.

d. Point Intercept Survey Report

No comments on this topic.

13. Discuss & Act On North Lake Wake Boat Study & Recommendations For Ordinances or Educational Activities Related to Wave Effects On Area Lakes

E. Bollinger attended the Ashippun Lake meeting on wake boats. There was much discussion during that meeting, but nothing on enforcement. These wake boats are not intended for use in shallow bodies of water. E. Bollinger cites locations where “wake surfing mode” has been banned, as the water/lake bed can be affected up to 20’ below the surface. In the short term, it’s clear that education is needed to expand the knowledge base of boaters. There may be templates available online from the Water Sports Industry Association that could be used. Ideas include flyers at the boat launch, mailing to district residents, signage at key entrance points, etc.

14. Discuss & Act On City of Oconomowoc Boat Launch Upgrade

Discussion took place regarding the proposed \$2.5MM upgrades to the boat launch and surrounding area. Matters of cost, logistics and ecological implication were introduced. Discussions will continue in future meetings as more details emerge.

15. Discuss & Act On Recording Secretary Position

B. Nattinger introduced Kristine Depies as the new recording secretary for LLBMD. Commissioners asked questions as to her background and current level of interest in taking on additional projects. Kristine is open to assisting as needed and looks forward to learning more in this role.

16. Discuss & Act On Newsletter

Commissioners are working on articles and will get them to Kristine to assemble the first draft of the Newsletter for review & comment.

17. Select Annual Meeting Date

Annual meeting date was not chosen due to the absence of multiple commissioners.

18. Agenda Items For Next Regular Meeting – May 19 2022

The next meeting of the LLBMD is scheduled for Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 7PM.

- Discuss & Act On West Wisconsin Avenue Dam Grates
- Discuss & Act On DNR/Commercial Fisherman Roughfish Contract
- Discuss & Act On Lac La Belle Creek Restoration Project At The Club At Lac La Belle/Targeted Runoff Management Grant
- Update On 2022 Shoreland Restoration Program
- Discuss & Act On 2022 Grants – Clean Boats, Clean Waters Grant & Lake Planning Grant
- Discuss & Act On Educational Activities Related To Wave Effects On Area Lakes
- Discuss & Act On Future Land For Sale / Lac La Belle Foundation
- Discuss & Act On City of Oconomowoc Boat Launch Upgrade
- Discuss & Act on Goose Roundup
- Update on Newsletter

19. Adjournment

J. Bode makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:46 PM. Motion is seconded by D. Zimmerman. There was no further discussion. Motion carried with unanimous approval.

Minutes prepared by:

Kristine Depies, Recording Secretary