

LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2008 – 7 P.M.
Oconomowoc City Hall B Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order

P. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Paul Carpenter
Sally Keefe
Ryan Myhre

Absent

Jeny Balliet
Richard Paul
Bob Thelen

Also Present

Lisa Conley
Carol Wilson

3. Comments from the Floor

Lisa Conley – The phosphorous bill passed the Senate and is now at the Assembly level. She suggested writing letters to encourage State representatives to pass this bill. It was the consensus of the committee members that LLBMD should write a letter from the District encouraging passage of the bill.

Information from the meetings with the Mayor regarding strategic planning specifically on those items which related to the lakes in Oconomowoc (setbacks, green space, the City Beach, etc.) was distributed.

Without objection, Item #12 was taken next and then agenda Item #4 was returned to.

4. Correspondence

An email was received from the Wisconsin Lakes organization regarding the Senate approving the statewide phase out of phosphorus in law fertilizers.

P. Carpenter received emails from Bill King regarding buoy placement.

5. Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2007

S. Keefe motioned to approve the minutes from the November 15, 2007 meeting. R. Myhre seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

R. Myhre motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. S. Keefe seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Payment Authorizations

Without objection, Item #14 was taken next and then Item #7 was returned to.

P. Carpenter motioned to approve. S. Keefe seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. Website Updates

The following facts have been obtained regarding LLBMD's website activity:

- The website has been viewed by 284 unique visitors, creating 374 visits for 2007
- 1,649 pages have been viewed
- The busiest time was May and June 2007
- The most viewed pages are:
 - News
 - Photos
 - Agenda
 - Contacts
- 84 people looked at the pdf on CarpFest and 63 went on that page
- 41 visits were generated from Google inquiries
- 11 visits were generated from Yahoo inquiries

It was suggested that the link to SEWRPC lake management plan for Lac La Belle should be placed on website in addition to information regarding healthy lawns.

Investigation will take place with the webmaster to find out if the website could have the current water temperature of the lake displayed.

9. Report on Contents of Files

S. Keefe reported that the location of the key for the LLBMD files located at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall is not known and the file is locked. R. Myhre will investigate various methods for opening the safe.

10. Assign Articles for Spring Newsletter

Shoreline practices – S. Keefe
Phosphorous fertilizer – S. Keefe
CarpFest – P. Carpenter
Boating Safety – R. Myhre
Map of the Lake – P. Carpenter & S. Keefe
Clarity Readings/Interview with Lisa Conley – R. Myhre
Definition of terms for homeowners/Fun Facts – R. Myhre

11. Discuss & Act on purchase of Publishing Software

R. Myhre looked at the trial version of the publishing software and recommended purchase of the software at cost of approximately \$80.

S. Keefe motioned to authorize up to \$150 for the purchase of publishing software subject to R. Myhre’s discretion. P. Carpenter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

12. Discuss Goose Control

Carol Wilson, Chairperson from the Okauchee Lake Management District (OLMD), was present at the meeting and discussed the goose control project that has taken place on Okauchee Lake. She reported that the number one priority and concern on all lakes has been the geese. The first step in the process is to apply to the US Fish & Wildlife to come out to test seven geese. If the geese test out as edible, the District could apply the next year for the goose round-up. The cost of this one-time testing is between \$800-\$1000. Permission must be obtained from homeowners for the round-up to take place on their property should the geese congregate there on the day of the round-up. The geese are then processed and the meat is given to food pantries. In order for the round-up to take place, application must be made each year to the US Fish & Wildlife.

The OLMD round-up took place in June, 2007. She explained the actual round-up process. In 4-1/2 hours 141 geese were rounded up at a cost of \$2,400 (~\$17/bird). This included all ages of geese. The goose round-up had the approval of approximately 97% of the lake residents. This event will now take place yearly on Okauchee Lake. She stressed the importance of having additional area lakes participate. Kathy Arons of Arons & Associates was the consultant who worked with Okauchee Lake on this project at a cost of \$300. The DNR was absolutely in favor of this project.

S. Keefe reported that Julie Larson encouraged the promotion of shoreline naturalization versus the goose round-up. J. Larson has had good luck using naturalization shoreline practices. It was thought that shoreline naturalization should be used in conjunction with the round-up.

13. Discuss 2008 Activity List

Progress is being made on the 2008 Activity List. A number of activities are being worked on. This agenda item will be reviewed at each meeting.

14. Discuss & Act on Approval of Grant Close-Out

The original grant was in the amount of \$9,430.56. An advance payment in the amount of \$5,221 (dated 3/15/01) was received. A balance of \$4,209.56 is due to the LLBMD for reimbursement.

The SEWRPC bill in the amount of \$11,500.00 needs to be paid.

P. Carpenter motioned to close out the grant. R. Myhre seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

15. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Lac LaBelle Management District will be held Tuesday, February 26, 2008 at 7 p.m. at the City of Oconomowoc City Hall.

16. Agenda for Next Meeting

Update on City Strategic Planning Issues
Update on the Status of the Lac LaBelle Foundation
Discuss & Act on Buoy Placement
Discuss & Act on Goose Round-up Application

Agenda for Future Meetings

Presentation on Water Clarity Monitoring

17. Adjournment

P. Carpenter motioned to adjourn from the meeting. S. Keefe seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.