

LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2008 – 7 P.M.
Oconomowoc City Hall B Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order

P. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Paul Carpenter
Sally Keefe
Ryan Myhre
Richard Paul

Absent

Jeny Balliet
Bob Thelen
Brian Wiemer

Also Present

Mark Mickelson, Village of Lac LaBelle Engineer
Lisa & Bob Conley
George Stumpf, Village of Lac LaBelle, President

3. Comments from the Floor

Lisa Conley reported that the Senate has passed SB 197 to restrict Phosphorus in Lawn Fertilizers, but that it is stuck in the Assembly Natural Resources Committee. A hearing was held, and there was talk of an amendment, but it is not scheduled to come out of committee, or go to the Assembly for a vote. This legislative session ends in March, and if the bill is not voted on in the Assembly, it must start over again during the next session. She encouraged everyone to call their representative. An email was sent to all of the board members with information.

Other information provided to the Commissioners included:

- WaterWise Conference will take place on March 15, 2008
- Rock River Coalition Newsletters
- The Lake Convention
- SEWRPC Regional Water Supply Plan for SE Wisconsin
- Today's Catch

- Journal Sentinel article regarding road salt and its effect on lakes
- Wisconsin Lakes Convention in Green Bay April 17-19, 2008

4. Correspondence

- Email from Bill King dated January 17, 2008 regarding Buoy Placement
- Letter sent to SEWRPC to close out grant
- Letter sent to Rep. Joel Kleefisch regarding support of SB197
- Email from Lisa Conley dated January 23, 2008 regarding setback requirements and the effect on the lake
- Email from Attorney Chapman dated January 23, 2008 regarding buoy placement
- Email from Lisa Conley dated January 26, 2008 regarding SB197
- Email from Lt. Jeffrey A. Schmidt dated January 28, 2008 regarding buoy placement
- Email from Mark Mickelson, Yaggy Colby, dated February 19, 2008 regarding the Village of Lac LaBelle

5. Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2008

R. Myhre motioned to approve the minutes from the January 17, 2008 meeting. S. Keefe seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer’s Report

a. General Report

A copy of the report was distributed to the Commissioners at the meeting.

b. Update on Grant Close-Out

The grant has been officially closed out and the check in the amount of \$4,209.56 should be received in the very near future.

P. Carpenter motioned to approve the Treasurer’s Report. R. Myhre seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Payment Authorizations

R. Paul motioned to approve the payment of the above bill. P. Carpenter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

8. Website Updates

- Added the Lac LaBelle Management Plan Newsletter
- Added “Clean Boats, Clean Water” Workshop announcement for 3/8/08

- A link from the Yacht Club website to the LLBMD website was added

S. Keefe suggested adding a link from the City, Village, and Town websites. Accurate Business Communications will investigate this.

The charges for website additions will be reported on at the next meeting.

9. Discuss Concerns regarding Golf Course Stream and Adjacent Lands Farm & Possible Action on Joint Project with the Village of Lac LaBelle and Waukesha County (Mark Mickelson)

A report titled “Lac LaBelle Creek Sediment Delivery Study (May 1998)” was distributed. The Village of Lac LaBelle (“the Village”) is looking at cleaning up “Golf Course Creek”. A conservation easement was received by the Village last year for this property. The Village met with the DNR and they would like to see a “global” perspective. The report outlined some past history on the corridor. In 1999 an agreement was entered into with the Golf Club, the VLB, and LLBMD for removal of the dam and stream restoration. R. Paul suggested looking at the golf course lands to make sure that they were adhering to the agreement in terms of the maintenance of the lands. A copy of the easement for the Golf Course lands had been obtained and was given to the LLBMD Secretary, S. Keefe. A buffer strip is needed along the Runyard Farm property and stream restoration is needed in certain areas to stabilize the banks. M. Mickelson stated that this would take a good partnership. The Department of Transportation, Town of Oconomowoc, Waukesha County, and the Village are all interested parties in improving the stream quality. The first step would be to get Mark Jenks from Waukesha County on board with the project. An update of the distributed study would be essential. Dale Shaver, head of Waukesha Park & Planning, should also participate. It was suggested that perhaps a member from the LLBMD could meet with D. Shaver. G. Stumpf discussed the easement that they obtained. The stream is a source of a lot of deposit of sediment. They would like to catch the runoff from the Runyard Farm before it enters into the lake. The Country Club needs to be encouraged not to disturb the stream. The Village sent a letter to the Golf Course regarding the stream stating that they may not modify areas within the conservation easement. The corridor is 22’ wide. G. Stumpf stated that the Village has a commitment to this. L. Conley stated that this is a perfect case to get the County involved in and should be made a priority with Dale Shaver as he knows the corridor and is in a strong position to make things happen. L. Conley discussed the “T” value and stated that this is a very important factor in receiving Federal Funds. G. Stumpf will contact the DNR and will press them for a response. G. Stumpf asked that a LLBMD board member attend a meeting when one takes place; R. Paul, volunteered to attend meetings on this subject on behalf of LLBMD. The Village will continue to pursue this; M. Mickelson will follow-up with the progress that the DNR is making on this issue and set up a meeting with D. Shaver and Mark Jenks.

10. Discussion Regarding Land for Sale on the East Side of the Lake (Mark Mickelson)

G. Stumpf is aware of a parcel on the lake next to property owned by E Bollinger that is for sale. It is at the mouth of the Spaulding Canal south of Beggs Isle. He thought that overtures should be made and that appraisal of the property should take place. L. Conley suggested contacting the Waukesha County Land Conservancy or the Lac LaBelle Foundation to negotiate. P. Carpenter stated that initially when this was presented it seemed like a high price tag, a benefit of this acquisition was not seen, and there was a sense of urgency to move on this property when it was previously presented to the District. He felt that getting land upstream to help with the Runyard run-off would be a higher priority than this parcel. G. Stumpf strongly felt that this lot should not be developed. As soon as it is owned by someone who wanted to place a house there, all benefits would be lost. G. Stumpf and B. Conley encouraged LLBMD to consider this property for possible purchase and to let the Lac LaBelle Foundation proceed with possible negotiations. R. Paul stated that he would not be opposed to the Foundation proceeding with possible negotiation on the property and to come back to the LLBMD with more information. P. Carpenter stated that as long this was impacting the lake that LLBMD would commit to listen to what comes back. G. Stumpf stated that the LLBMD was formed for the preservation of the lake and a big part of it was for the preservation of land. The Environmental Foundation has acquired 5-6 acres over time. He questioned if the LLBMD had ever spent money on property. This is the only taxing authority that can presently act. P. Carpenter stated that LLBMD must be responsible and be good stewards. R. Myhre would like to review the land acquisition guidelines prior to making any decisions. L. Conley stated that the land protection grant would cover 75% or up to \$200,000 of land purchase. G. Stumpf stated that this parcel is a wetland (85%) and is at the mouth of where water is passing consistently. The Foundation will provide more information on this project and report back. In response to a question from S. Keefe regarding grant deadlines, L. Conley stated that a letter of retroactivity to purchase the land prior to getting the grant could be obtained from the DNR.

11. Update on the Status of the Lac LaBelle Foundation

It was clarified that the Foundation is still available to negotiate land acquisitions. G. Stumpf stated that a couple of years ago the Foundation considered liquidating and funds were given to the Waukesha Land Conservancy. The Lac LaBelle Foundation is a vehicle to be used for negotiations, etc., but only has funds of approximately \$1,000. The Foundation is able to hold property. Its charter is written to prohibit developing or selling land.

12. Update on City Strategic Planning Issues

The Go Green Oconomowoc Group met with City Planner regarding the proposed changes in the shoreline zoning. They are looking at some compromises.

13. Discuss & Act on Buoy Placement

P. Carpenter reviewed the various emails that have taken place since the last meeting. R. Mauer of the City of Oconomowoc Park & Rec stated the City's Public Works Department is responsible for the placement of the buoys. The buoys in the Town are placed with assistance of Town employees. The buoy that Mr. King requested for safety issues would be located in the Town of Oconomowoc.

R. Paul motioned, per the request of a LLBMD constituent to recommend to the Town of Oconomowoc, consideration of the placement of one buoy off of the island north of Lakeview Lane in the shallow area for safety reasons. S. Keefe seconded the motion. Three were in favor, R. Myhre opposed. Motion carried.

14. Discuss & Act on Goose Round-up Application

L. Conley stated that Kathy Aron would be good to work with.

P. Carpenter motioned to retain the services of Kathy Aron of Arons Associates to proceed with the application of the Goose Control at a cost not to exceed \$400. R. Myhre seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

15. Discuss & Act on Purchase of DO Meter

The grant for the DO meter has been received and was approved. The Treasurer's signature will be obtained and the form will be sent in along with the check. A copy of the original application was provided to the District. The grant will cover 75% (\$756.00) of the DO meter.

R. Paul motioned to authorize payment of the DO meter in the amount of \$1,008.00. S. Keefe seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

16. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 11, 2008 7 p.m.**

17. Agenda for Next Meeting

Possible Appointment of Interim Treasurer
Discussion Regarding Land for Sale on the East Side of the Lake
Newsletter articles
Update on Record Retention
CarpFest

18. Adjournment

R. Paul 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 10:00 p.m.

Minutes Prepared by:

Accurate Business Communications, Inc.