

LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Commissioners Meeting
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2006 – 7 P.M.
Oconomowoc City Hall B Conference Room

Minutes

1. Call to Order

C. Kilander called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Charles Kilander
Tom Martin
Paul Carpenter

Absent

Jeny Balliet
Richard Paul
Bob Thelen
Marsha Camitta

Guests:

Dr. Jeffrey Thornton, SEWPRC
Lisa Conley, citizen
Jay Larson, citizen

3. Comments from the Floor

.....J. Larson discussed the no-wake hours. He would like to see a 7:00 a.m. boating hour versus a sunrise designation. Over the past few years, there has been a lot of high speed activity early in the morning which has been disruptive to homeowners around the lake. Various curfews on surrounding lakes were discussed.

P. Carpenter motioned to approve a 7:00 a.m., 10 mph revision to the current regulation. T. Martin seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. Two were in favor. C. Kilander was opposed. Motion carried.

4. Correspondence

There was no correspondence to discuss.

5. Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2005

T. Martin motioned to approve the October 20, 2005 minutes. P. Carpenter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

6. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Treasurer's Report, dated 2/17/06 were handed out.

P. Martin motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. T. Carpenter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

7. Payment Authorizations

There were no payment authorizations to be made.

8. Discuss & Act on Phosphorous Fertilizer Ban

L. Conley presented a slide show on the effects of phosphorous on our lakes and handed out information on the Minnesota state ban as well as other information. She mentioned that Wisconsin is the third largest area of concentration of fresh water glacial lakes on the planet. Excess phosphorus comes from the land from farmers, homeowners, soil erosion. This ban would be a no-cost way to save our lakes. Dr. Thornton discussed various conversations he's had with local farmers regarding runoff from their farm land into the local lakes. Maintaining a 15-20 foot path between farm land and lake so run-off won't occur would be beneficial. He handed out several documents regarding lawn-management practices to manage the nutrients applied to lawns. In Southeast Wisconsin, he estimates that there are 12 communities that have adopted these ordinances. The Dane County ordinance and the City of Waterford ordinances were also handed out. Fertilizers containing 3% vs. no-phosphorus was discussed. Discussion ensued regarding sending letters to the Counties regarding zero phosphorous fertilizer, with the exception of natural based composts.

C. Kilander motioned to approve a phosphorous phase-out and send a letter to the three municipalities. L. Conley will help with this. T. Martin seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

9. Discuss & Act on No-Wake Hours

See #3 above.

10. Website Update

C. Kilander said there was nothing to report at this time.

11. Geese Police Discussion

T. Martin mentioned that geese are being tested on Okauchee Lake for edibility so that the meat could be donated to local food pantries.

12. Update on Rock River Coalition Grant

Discussion regarding the restoration of the island on Lac La Belle into natural vegetation was recommended. The City needs to apply for a grant regarding this.

13. Update on Fishery Report

Due to the absence of S. Beyler, this item was not discussed.

14. Discuss & Act on Carp Project for 2006

P. Carpenter mentioned putting an ad in the Enterprise to have people fish for the carp and have an award for who catches the most. Having someone at the Bait Shop take pictures for who caught the biggest, the most and a price per carp was mentioned. P. Carpenter will take care of this. Spring time is the best time to run this event. More discussion will take place at the next meeting.

15. Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will take place April 13, 2006 at 7 p.m. at the City of Oconomowoc City Hall.

16. Agenda for Next Meeting

Discussion of the Carp Project mentioned in #14 above.

17. Adjournment

T. Martin motioned to adjourn from the meeting. P. Carpenter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.