

**ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING OF  
LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**

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**Thursday**

**September 3, 2009 - 7:00 p.m.**

**CITY OF OCONOMOWOC CITY HALL – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**Minutes**

1. Call to Order

P. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

2. Introduction of Commissioners

Chairperson Paul Carpenter welcomed those present at the Lac La Belle Management District (LLBMD) annual meeting. Commissioners Sally Keefe, Julie Larsen, Richard Paul, Dave Falstad, and Paul Carpenter were present and introduced themselves. Commissioner Ryan Myhre was not present.

3. Lake District Accomplishments

S. Keefe reviewed the accomplishments of the LLBMD during the last year which included:

- Coordinated and conducted CARP FEST, a fishing contest for all ages, supporting carp removal from Lac LaBelle, resulting in hundreds of pounds of carp being removed from the lake over the years. P. Carpenter described the various activities that took place during the contest.
- Supported a SLOW NO WAKE ordinance during high water in all municipalities surrounding the lake. The notification of SLOW NO WAKE to residents and lake users is still being worked on, but it was noted that notification is always posted at the boat launch.
- Reduced the budget for the LLBMD for 2010
- Created and adopted a Mission Statement for the District as noted below:

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- Completed second phase of Goose Round Up program with collection of 74 geese
- Initiated Shoreland Restoration Grant program to support lake owners in restoring shoreline to a natural state. LLBMD has worked with Lisa Reas, Environmental Consultant, on this project. Two of three shoreland restoration projects approved for grants have been planted at this time.
- Commissioners volunteered their time for planting labor on restoration projects
- Toured properties within the Lake District in relation to the shoreland restoration project and in regard to properties brought to the District’s attention for possible acquisition
- Partnered with the Department of Natural Resources in support of a Comprehensive Lake Study of Lac LaBelle
- Reviewed and organized historical records of the LLBMD

#### 4. Goose Round-Up Update

R. Paul reported that the goose round-up took place on July 3, 2009 with 74 geese captured by US Fish and Wildlife representatives. Lake district residents had expressed interest in this project at past annual meetings of the LLBMD to reduce the goose population on Lac La Belle. The cost of the project was \$3,000.

Mary Patrick, 52 Riverview Lane, reported that the area by her home had historically had a large goose population and although geese were not presently there, she felt they would return next year despite the round-up efforts. P. Carpenter noted that a benefit of shoreland restoration was that it deterred geese from entering lakefront properties and due to the problems encountered on her property, he suggested she consider participation in the District’s shoreland restoration program next year.

#### 5. Shoreland Restoration Update/Shoreland Grants Project

J. Larsen stated that as part of the Lake Management Plan, Board members developed a Shoreland Restoration Grant Program that provided lake residents with the opportunity to participate in a cost sharing project between the LLBMD and three selected land owners. Lisa Reas, Environmental Consultant, was introduced to the group and explained that the concept of the Shoreland Restoration program is to plant native vegetation to reduce erosion. Three homeowners received grants for shoreland restoration; to date, two have been planted.

L. Reas presented a slide show entitled “2009 Restoration Projects” which gave an overview of the two completed projects and the property yet to be planted. The demonstration project strategy included providing cost sharing to interested landowners, reviewing private landowner sites, and ranking the properties. There were many great sites. L. Reas clarified that a DNR permit was not needed for work anywhere from the waterline up, but one would be needed from the waterline down into the water. The slides from the projects at 209 Woodland Lane and 702 W. Glenview showed photos from the planting, sketches of the plant locations, and associated costs. Future maintenance recommendations would include the application of herbicide every three weeks to kill unwanted weeds and removal of dead growth on the plants each spring.

In response to a question from Mary Patrick, 52 Riverview Lane, fabric was not used under the mulch as it would prevent the plants from spreading.

The third site approved for the grant program is located in the Monastery Subdivision but has not been completed at this time. L. Reas explained this site was in the Village of Lac LaBelle and problems were encountered with the Village regarding permitting issues. She felt discussion needed to take place with the Village in order to complete the project. Photos from the Annual Tour of Projects in Green Lake showed mature restoration sites. A slide of native plants was also shown demonstrating the depth and density of plant growth allowing for the retention of shoreland soils. P. Carpenter thanked Lisa Reas for all of the work completed on this project. Thanks were also given to J. Larsen and S. Keefe for work completed on the shoreland restoration program as well.

6. Fishery Update

Ben Heussner of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was not able to be present. P. Carpenter explained the fishery update would be included in an upcoming newsletter sent to lake district residents.

7. Approval of 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes

S. Keefe motioned to approve the 2008 Annual Meeting minutes. D. Falstad seconded the motion. After a recommendation by R. Paul that this motion should come from the members of the District not on the board, S. Keefe withdrew her motion and D. Falstad withdrew his second.

**Lisa Conley, 516 Lac LaBelle Drive, motioned to approve the 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes. Mary Patrick, 52 Riverview Lane, seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

8. Approval of Treasurer's Report

Due to the absence of R. Myhre, P. Carpenter reviewed the Treasurer's Report.

**Bob Conley, 516 Lac LaBelle Drive, motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Lou Morgan, 5942 Mary Lane, seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

9. Review & Approval of 2010 Budget

P. Carpenter reviewed the proposed 2010 District budget and explained it included funding for the shoreland restoration program to allow additional restoration to take place this year. Due to the economy, efforts had been made by the Board to reduce the proposed 2010 budget to \$29,410 from \$39,900 in 2009. It was noted that the District has been affected by the decline in interest rates and this made a difference in the proposed budget.

Mary Patrick, 52 Riverview Lane, noted the tax bill is based on the mill rate and not a flat rate. J. Larsen clarified that because data has not been received from the municipalities, the mill rate has not been determined and the proposed budget reflected an estimated mill rate. The mill rate is the same for everyone in the Lake District. The assessment value of a property would determine how much property tax a resident paid in taxes.

**Kap Peters, 38598 Blackhawk Drive, motioned to approve the 2010 Budget as presented. Lisa Conley, 516 Lac LaBelle Drive, seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

10. Presentation & Approval of Tax Levy

**Lou Morgan, 5942 Mary Lane, motioned to approve the tax levy in the amount of \$27,060.00. Kap Peters, 38598 Blackhawk Drive, seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

11. Nomination & Election of Commissioners

Due to scheduling conflicts, Ryan Myhre will not be able to continue his duties as a LLBMD Commissioner. Additionally an individual is being sought for the Town of Oconomowoc Representative position on the LLBMD board.

**Kap Peters nominated Lou Morgan to fill a position on the board.**

It was stated that Ted Templeton of the Village of Lac LaBelle was also interested in a position on the board, but he was not present.

Mike Fitzsimmons was present at the meeting and expressed interest in a position on the Board and stated he could fulfill the Treasurer Responsibilities.

**R. Paul nominated Mike Fitzsimmons to fulfill the position presently being held by R. Myhre. M. Fitzsimmons accepted the nomination.**

**Kap Peters, 38598 Blackhawk Drive, motioned to recommend to the Town of Oconomowoc Town Board that Lou Morgan be appointed as the Town Representative to the LLBMD. Mary Patrick, 52 Riverview Lane, seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

**Mary Patrick, 52 Riverview Lane, motioned to approve Mike Fitzsimmons as a member of the LLBMD board. Bob Conley, 516 Lac LaBelle Drive, seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.**

12. Adjournment

**Kap Peters, 38598 Blackhawk Drive, motioned to adjourn from the meeting. Roger Plate, 1254 W. Wisconsin Avenue, seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.**

Minutes prepared by:

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