



LAC LA BELLE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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Commissioners Meeting
THURSDAY, May 17, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.

Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall
6812 Brown Street
Oconomowoc, WI 53066

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“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

D. Bauer called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

2. Roll Call of Commissioners

Present

Dan Bauer

Karen Carr

Terry Largent

Dave Zimmermann

Absent

Lou Morgan

Karen Trepton

Without objection from the Board, D. Bauer moved to Items 9 and 15 on the agenda at this time. Please see below.

3. Comments from the Floor

Kim Kirkpatrick, 1124 W. Wisconsin Ave., Oconomowoc, had read in *The Enterprise* that the LLBMD had decided to proceed with the Goose Round-Up for this year. Last year she had attended District meetings to provide information in support of finding other ways to deal with the goose population other than capture and slaughter of the birds. She was saddened by the removal of the geese because they seemed to be a big part of living on the lake and she had been raised to respect the lake and surrounding wildlife. K. Kirkpatrick distributed photos of John Rawlins's sculpture "The Spirit of Oconomowoc" noting that this was one of three historic symbols for the City that reminded her of geese. She was also saddened that she had to return each year to the meetings to request exploration and implementation of non-lethal methods of goose management. She also questioned the use of chemical lawn treatments relative to the run-off into the lake. D. Bauer explained chemical lawn application was restricted by ordinance in the municipality of the property owner. He further explained the purpose of the Goose Round-Up was not to eliminate all geese from the lake but to keep the numbers at a manageable level to maintain health and safety for humans and to maintain the lake water quality.

Please see P. 4 +
P. 5 (attached)

12. Update on 2018 Shoreland Restoration Program

Information on the 2018 Shoreland Restoration Program had been placed in the LLBMD newsletter and was available on the website. To date, no applicants had come forward.

13. Update on 2018 Goose Round-Up

There was nothing new to report at this time.

14. Discuss 2018 Citizen Water Quality Monitoring

The 2018 Citizen Water Quality Monitoring would be provided by Ginny Pease at the north end and in the deep hole area of the lake; however a volunteer was needed to conduct Secchi disk reading at the south end of the lake. Kim Kirkpatrick offered to conduct Secchi disk reading at the south end of the lake.

15. Discuss & Act on Tag Lane Dairy Farm CAFO



Mark Frye, City of Oconomowoc Public Works Director, provided information on behalf of the City of Oconomowoc relative to the DNR Public Hearing on the Tag Lane Dairy Farm Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) renewal permit. He was not present to say that the operation was bad in any way. He was present to request that the Board consider joining the City in reminding the DNR about the City's drinking water supply and adaptive management practices in place to work with farmers in reducing phosphorus entering into the waterways. The City had secured a grant that provided funding in the amount of \$300,000-\$400,000 annually for an adaptive management project called the Oconomowoc Watershed Protection Program (OWPP). Upstream nonpoint source pollution was not regulated. The Tag Lane Dairy Farm CAFO was in an unregulated area. M. Frye then provided information to the Commissioners regarding the definition of a CAFO being an animal feeding operation with at least 1,000 animal units. CAFO's were regulated by the US EPA that delegated permitting authority to the state DNR. Permits issued were to ensure farms used property planning, nutrient management and structures/systems construction that would protect Wisconsin waterways. The permits only applied to water quality protection. The DNR did not have the authority to address any air, odor, traffic, lighting, land use or social concerns that people had about the farms. Tag Lane Dairy Farm was an existing CAFO in the Town of Ixonia. The current dairy herd was 2,228 animal units with a plan to expand herd size to 3,578 animal units. The first year of permit term manure generation was anticipated to be 10,415,000 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 16,600 tons of solid manure. After the planned herd expansion, manure generation was anticipated to be 16,645,000 gallons and 26,500 tons of solid manure. Tag Lane Dairy Farm currently owned or contracted 2,633 acres of which 2,595 acres were not restricted from receiving manure in various municipalities throughout the watershed and beyond its borders. Examples of nonpoint source pollution were also provided. Nonpoint source pollution provided 80% of the total phosphorus loadings to the Rock River Basin and was the driving force for implementation of the OWPP. City concerns were shared, noting increased spreading of manure throughout the watershed could negatively impact the water quality if not handled properly and could over time impact the aquifer recharge area that the City relied on

for its drinking water. It was important to note that the purpose of coming forward about this issue was to request the DNR to do all within its power to ensure proper protection of the waterways if the permit were to be renewed with the expansion. The DNR was the enforcement authority on the permit. The last permit for the farm was a five year permit that expired in 2013. Farms were allowed to continue operation even though permits expired. The DNR Public Hearing on this matter was scheduled for Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 10AM at the Oconomowoc City Hall. A copy of the approved City of Oconomowoc Resolution was provided to the Commissioners as well.

Discussion took place regarding the CAFO permit renewal. Farming was important to the state and farm businesses were important to the heritage and economy of this area in particular. It was important to send a message to the DNR that water quality was valuable and worth protecting. A resolution or letter could be provided. There was no basis to deny the permit renewal because the current farming operations had not resulted in any impacts to the City and its water supply; however, it was important to ask the DNR to maintain diligence in enforcing and protecting water quality best management practices.

D. Zimmermann moved to request the LLBMD Chair draft a resolution on behalf of the LLBMD to be sent to the DNR that would support water quality protection measures in consideration of the permit renewal for the Tag Lane Dairy Farm CAFO. T. Largent seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

D. Bauer returned to Item 3 and the remainder of the agenda at this time.

16. Discuss LLBMD Board of Commissioners Vacancy

There was a current vacancy on the LLBMD Board of Commissioners. Anyone interested in becoming a Commissioner should attend the Annual Meeting slated for **Thursday, August 23, 2018** at 7PM at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall.

17. Update on 2018 Newsletter

The 2018 newsletter had been distributed to all LLBMD residents and had been posted on the LLBMD website. Copies were also provided to the City of Oconomowoc, Village of Lac La Belle and Town of Oconomowoc. It was noted that the date shown on the back page of the newsletter for the Annual Meeting was incorrect. The correct date for the 2018 LLBMD Annual Meeting was **Thursday, August 23, 2018** beginning at 7PM at the Town of Oconomowoc Town Hall.

18. Update on LLBMD Website/Facebook Page

Updated lake levels, monthly Waukesha County Aquatic Invasive Species newsletters, information about the 2018 Healthy Lakes Conference, gallery pictures, the 2018 newsletter and updated contact information had been added to the website since the last meeting.

