



**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE  
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
MINUTES of 7-9-16**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mason, at 8:00 A.M.

**A. Attendance:**

Present: Chairman Mason, Debbie Ferrari, Jack Sorenson, Don Sukala, Greg Wisniewski, Peter Van Kampen, and Rick Callaway were present.

**B. Agenda:**

The agenda was approved, on a Sorenson / Callaway motion and passed unanimously.

**C. Minutes:**

The minutes of June 10, 2016 were approved on a Sukala / Van Kampen motion.

**D. Consider Awarding Bid for Dam Project:** Jack Sorenson provided some background: the current dam structure has water flowing under the slab floor of the dam. The WI DNR wants to see water flowing over the dam so it is open to daylight. After the incident at Lake Delton, the DNR is concerned about water flowing through a confined space – if the water flow gets blocked, the stored energy of the water is dangerous. The Lake District is pursuing a grant to help with the expense of fixing the dam.

RA Smith, the firm working with us on the dam restructuring, sent out bids looking for a firm to cut the back wall out of the dam to divert the water to flow over the back slab of the building so that water can flow through unimpeded.

Through our bid process, we have received five bids.

- \$69,444 RLP Diversified, Inc. was the lowest bid, and the firm RA Smith recommended
- \$87,000 was the next closest bid – this firm has more experience with dams specifically, but RA Smith believes that the fix to our dam isn't terribly complicated to warrant the greater expense
- \$88,000
- \$90,000
- 147,000

Motion: Sorenson proposed that the Lake District contract RLP Diversified, Inc. out of Burlington, WI to complete our dam renovations. Sukala seconded.

Discussion: Our engineers are working with the DNR to get approval for our dam renovations. It is a safety hazard, and is viewed by the DNR as high risk. These renovations will help to make it safer. The District is pursuing a grant to offset costs of the renovation; grants usually come in the form of a reimbursement after completion of the project. We are expecting reimbursement to be about 60% of costs. The District has also worked with the DNR on the improvements along Sterlingworth Bay that were part of the “Leak in the Lake” fix. The DNR views the south side of the bay as part of the dam.

The motion to hire RLP Diversified passed unanimously.

**E. Consider LAS Ski Team Activities:**

Recently, there have been a couple of issues that need to be addressed. Bill Simo of LAS attended the meeting. The LAS had a show on July 1<sup>st</sup> without providing prior notice as required in their agreement with the District (they provided 1-day notice). On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, LAS twice put one of their ski team boats on the WSP boat lift. When the WSP boats came to refuel, the LAS boat was blocking their way. Their agreement with the District requires them to refrain from using any WSP or Weed Harvesting Equipment.

Simo stated that LAS put their pick up boat on the shore station earlier, and later in the show put a second boat on the lift because they were in a hurry.

There are no further shows scheduled for this year on Don Jean Bay. If this changes, LLLMD is to be given 10 days notice, and the Town 48 hours.

These issues would best be addressed when the LAS agreement with the District is renewed for next year.

Van Kampen stated that there has been a lack of leadership in the past, but that Jeff Angst has noted a positive change in the group, a good atmosphere among the members, and that the new leadership is more disciplined.

Ferarri noted that the WSP is made aware of shows and patrols in the area, but can't limit their patrols to just that area of the lake for the entire show.

**F. Consider Eliminating Legal Notices for Regular Board Meetings:**

Since the inception of the Lake District, our meetings have been noticed in the Elkhorn Independent. This is expensive, and we have other means of publishing notices that are more likely to be seen by our constituents than the Elkhorn Independent. Notices are posted on the Lake District's new website. We also post notices at LLCC, at the LaGrange Town Hall, and at the Lauderdale / LaGrange Fire Department.

The Annual Meeting and any special elector meeting would still have a legal notice published for two consecutive weeks.

Callaway moved (Sukala seconded) to eliminate legal notices for regular board meetings.

Discussion: The minutes and agendas are already posted on the website. We can explore adding a “subscribe” function similar to the one the Town of LaGrange utilizes when an agenda or notice is posted to their site.

The motion passed unanimously.

**G. Develop Preliminary 2017 Budget:**

After an hour of discussion, the 2017 proposed budget was passed unanimously after a Callaway / Van Kampen motion. The 2017 budget totals \$254,200 and is attached.

**H. Project Reports**

**County:** Calloway had nothing new to report.

**Town of LaGrange:** Don reported that the Town has contracted with Covers Concrete to fix the Town’s boat house for \$19,000 after Labor Day when the lake is more calm. They have also submitted an application to dredge at the boat house and the Landing.

There will be a meeting on the Terry Pier at the Town Hall on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

**Piers / Septic:** Van Kampen reported that both programs are working well.

**Other Recreational Activities (Long Range Planning):** Van Kampen reported that he held a meeting for the residents along Country Club Drive on July 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss the walking path and seek input since they would be the people who would be most affected if a path were to be constructed. There were about 40 people in attendance, and they were not in favor of a path. They also discussed modification of the fence along Country Club Drive, and the overwhelming consensus was that they would like it left alone.

**Weed Harvesting:** Wisniewski reported that the harvesting schedule is on the website to assist homeowners. If people know when the harvester is coming, they can move their floatables and rafts so the harvester can do a better job of getting the plants closer to the pier head.

As of June 23, we have harvested 72 tons of plants, which is a bit above average. We needed to make a couple of repairs and replace some tires, but the season is going well.

DASH – Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting could help reduce muck in the lake long-term. Some people on the lake have tried it, it is expensive, but could become more cost-effective if more homeowners were to do it.

**Clean Boats, Clean Water:** Wisniewski reported that Connor Hamilton continues with the program which is running smoothly.

**Insurance:** Sorenson had nothing new to report – everything is fine.

**Dam:** Sorenson reported that the south shore of Sterlingworth Bay has been stabilized and more riprap was added to correct the embankment.

Motion: Jack proposed that if corrective action should become necessary in the area of the dam embankment, he be authorized to notify the DNR. Peter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Environmental:** Mason reported on the goose live capture in June. They corralled two families, including 22 geese (2 got away). The harvest is becoming more efficient and is having a good impact on the lake, so we will continue.

**Golf Course:** Revenue is up about \$10,000 and expenses are down about \$5,000 this year. The course purchased a new mower which is working out well – they had an opportunity to bid on a nice greens mower from Whistling Straits because they were upgrading their equipment. They also have a Club Car with a box on the back that may be available in the fall. That may be very useful for the weed harvesting operation.

**Water Safety Patrol:** Ferrari reported that we have had one additional OWI and a total of 22 citations. A DNR warden rode along with officers on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Boats are running okay, there is a problem with the new engine in one of the boats and the engine needs to be replaced again. The new engine will be shipped later this month, so WSP will be back up and running.

**I. Treasurer's Report:**

Ferrari reported on current account balances. Cash balances total \$296,931. Operating Reserve is \$168,834. Capital Reserve is \$127,912.

**J. Other Business:**

The next LLLMD Board meeting will be held August 13, 2016 at 7:30 a.m.

Roger DuClos wanted to discuss the ordinance involving one-way traffic in Don Jean Bay. He was stopped by the WSP for traveling into Don Jean Bay on the north side of the island on a weekend. He participated in the discussion involved in writing the ordinance in 2007, and remembers that the purpose was to limit traffic (on weekends between Memorial Day and Labor Day) from exiting Don Jean Bay on the south side of the island, but that traffic on the north side of the island could travel in either direction.

Ferrari suggested that he attend the next Water Safety Committee meeting so they can address the issue there.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m. on a Sorenson / Wisniewski motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea White.

### Proposed 2017 Budget

Below is the proposed 2017 budget.

We will discuss and vote on this at our Annual Meeting.

	2016 Approved Budget	2017 Proposed Budget	Inc/(Dec) from 2016	
			\$	%
Aquatic Plant Management	\$ 46,000	\$ 46,000	\$ -	0.0%
Water Safety Patrol	59,500	25,800	(33,700)	-56.6%
Dam Maintenance	2,500	4,000	1,500	60.0%
Dam Modification	40,000	-	(40,000)	-100.0%
Environmental Projects	21,000	23,500	2,500	11.9%
Communications	3,500	4,500	1,000	28.6%
Insurance	14,000	14,000	-	0.0%
Legal	15,000	13,000	(2,000)	-13.3%
Community Center	4,400	5,400	1,000	22.7%
Certified Audit	3,675	4,000	325	8.8%
Lake District Maintenance Bldg	6,800	7,100	300	4.4%
General Lake District Operation (incl Pier Insp & Septic Admin)	13,730	16,900	3,170	23.1%
Addition to Lake District Reserve	5,000	5,000	-	0.0%
Golf Course Loan	-	-	-	
Capital Reserve	85,000	85,000	-	0.0%
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 320,105</b>	<b>\$ 254,200</b>	<b>\$ (65,905)</b>	<b>-20.6%</b>
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