

**Beaver Dam Lake Management District
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Letter from the President

This past March, I received an email from Mike Engleson -Wisconsin Lakes Executive Director, that the Beaver Dam Lake Management District was selected to receive the Wisconsin Lake Stewardship Award in the Group (single lake) category. This group includes more than 212 lake districts and 500 lake associations in the State. Being that there are many lake organizations that are doing many good things to protect and address issues affecting their lakes, I was totally surprised with the news. At the April 2019 Wisconsin Annual Lake Partnership Conference, I was honored to accept the award. While preparing my comments for a short acceptance speech, I researched the history of the BDLMD that was formed in 1991. I soon realized that the award acknowledged the many years of accomplishments of past and present officers, commissioners, committee members and volunteers. Major endeavors include the pioneering methods to address Eurasian Water Milfoil and the storm water projects to address "cleaning up" Library Lake. With the continued dedication of future BDLMD members we will continue to exemplify responsible management of Beaver Dan Lake.

The planning for addressing storm water issues along Jeffery Blvd. and 3rd Ave continued over the past year. With a 2018 grant from the WDNR through funding by the US EPA the changes to several major storm water discharges into the lake should be completed by Oct. 2019. The changes will include installing sediment tanks and associated piping that will catch the majority of the sediment that is currently going directly into the lake. Watch for activity on this project after the Labor Day Holiday.

Eurasian Water Milfoil continues to be a major concern for the district. Starting in late January a planning meeting was held involving the WDNR, contractors and many of the commissioners. A big change in the plan was to use herbicides other than 2-4D and Diquat for

controlling the EWM. Because Aquastrike (a combination of Diquat and Endothall) is more effective in deeper waters it was used in areas near Tiger Bay, the west end of the bulrush area between Eagle Point and Jerome's point and several other deeper water infestations. A new herbicide called ProcellaCOR recently approved by the US EPA and the State of Wisconsin was targeted for a bay along the north shore where Hwy. H comes close to the lake. EWM was observed in the bay over the past 2 years and was left as a potential test bed. ProcellaCOR is effective on EWM in parts per billion vs parts per million for other herbicides. Prior to the ProcellaCOR treatment, a pretreatment plant survey was done and did not produce sufficient EWM to warrant going ahead with the treatment. The area will be monitored during the summer and should EWM growth be observed the ProcellaCOR treatment may be performed.

The Hwy. 63 "bridge" study by the Wisconsin DOT was completed and presented to the public and Cumberland City Council at the June 2019 council meeting. Of the 4 proposed replacement alternatives, three allow for the passage of pontoon boats underneath Hwy. 63, plus surface use over the "box culvert" bridge for pedestrian use, bicycle, ATV/UTV, snowmobile and other inter modal use. Due to the DOT planning process any replacement of the current structure is a minimum of 5 to 7 years out from the date a replacement commitment is made. The 50% match to the DOT funding estimate for the study was approved at the 2015 BDLMD Annual Meeting. Fortunately the final cost came in at almost half the initial estimate of \$80,000. Should the "bridge" catastrophically fail the plan will be used for the replacement structure. The BDLMD as well as the City of Cumberland, clubs, etc. will be looking to take advantage of outside funding sources to offset cost not covered by the WDOT.

With the lake level being at around 1 ft. above normal since ice out, signs were posted at the boat landings informing boaters of the high lake level. A picture of the sign and a short article was placed in the Advocate with the expectation that boaters would observe a self imposed "No Wake" during this period of high water. This was done to help prevent shoreline erosion, damage to docks and moored water craft plus nesting ducks and especially loons. The lake was lowered by about 6 inches by early December and the stop

logs and gates have been open since then. Hopefully with minimal precipitation the lake will return to normal levels by July 4th.

Speaking of Loons. The Rabbit Bay family of loons returned again to the platform that John and Nancy Ostrem have been placing along the shoreline for many years. Over the past 12 years they have been instrumental in the successful hatching of 18 chicks. A 2019 pair of chicks have been seen with the parents and are growing at a very rapid pace. Although getting up close and taking pictures of the loons is always tempting, please stay at least 200 feet away from any loon if possible. For more information about loons please look go to www.northland.edu/loonwatch.

In early April, shortly after "ice out" the WDNR performed a creel census on the lake. Aaron Cole from the WDNR-Barron County reported that the results were encouraging from a statistical perspective but that preliminary numbers pointed to less than desired levels for walleyes. The final numbers will help to determine if the walleye stocking program will again take place. Once the data has been assimilated it will be posted on the Beaver Dam Lake website at beaverdamlake.org.

During Dec. 2019, I received several calls from individuals that wanted to donate stock to the Lake District. At the time the District had no means for accepting stock transfers. So an account has been set up so anyone wishing to donate stock can do so. A letter stating the receipt and conditions of the tax free donation will be sent to the donor. Several cash donations were received during the past year.

I want to again thank all the BDLMD commissioners, Mayor Bert Skinner and the City of Cumberland staff, the WDNR employees and the many contractors and volunteers for helping make 2018/2019 another successful year. The continued support by the Lake District residents to the BDLMD goals will help to assure that our lake remains the valuable asset that everyone expects and can enjoy.

The Annual Meeting on Saturday, July 13, 2019. The event will be at the Cumberland City Hall, with doors opened at 9:00 AM and the meeting starting promptly at 9:30AM. I hope to see you there.

Tom Schroeder – President
BDLMD

Beaver Dam Lake Management District 28th Annual Meeting

Saturday July 13, 2019

Cumberland City Hall

Cumberland, Wisconsin 54829

Doors open at 9:00 AM, Meeting begins at 9:30 AM

1. Welcome and Introductions – Tom Schroeder
2. Approval of 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes – Tom Schroeder
3. Annual Treasurer’s Report – Dr. Alan Carlson
4. Audit Report – submitted by Mary Biros Rogers, presented by Dr. Carlson
5. Present Budget for 2019-20, discussion, approval - Dr. Alan Carlson
6. Update of Storm Water Improvements Project – Jay Michels, EOR
7. Election of Commissioners – Tom Schroeder
8. Review of District Activities – Tom Schroeder
9. Other items as needed
10. Adjourn

Proposed Budget

2019-2020

<u>Revenues</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
Tax Rev. (Est mil rate 0/94)	\$210,723	Mailings, Notices, Mtgs.	\$ 3,000
Grants Remaining		Grant Matches	
<i>LPT-577718 Jeffery Blvd</i>		<i>LPT-577718 Jeffery Blvd. Storm water</i>	
<i>Storm water Improvement</i>	200,000	<i>Improvement</i>	246,000
Transfer from Cash Reserves	222,527	Milfoil/CLP Control with Plant Surveys	145,000
Total Revenues	\$633,250	Aquatic Plant Mgmt. Plan-ongoing	5,000
		Insurance	6,000
		Boat Landing Monitors	6,100
		Fireworks	1,000
		Water Safety	650
		Walleye Stocking	0
		Website Updates	500
		Education/Conference	2,500
		Shoreline Restoration Site	2,500
		Highway 63 Bridge Improvement	30,000
		Land Acquisition	170,000
		Storm water Pond Maintenance	10,000
		Fish Sticks Cribs	5,000
		Total Expenses	\$633,250

Tom Schroeder - President; Alan Carlson MD - Treasurer; John Bavier – Secretary; Don Phernetton Mike Werner - Commissioners; Al Bock - City of Cumberland Rep, Don Horstman – Barron County Rep.

Approximately 15 minutes following the adjournment of the Annual Meeting the BDLMD will hold a brief Board meeting with the following agenda.

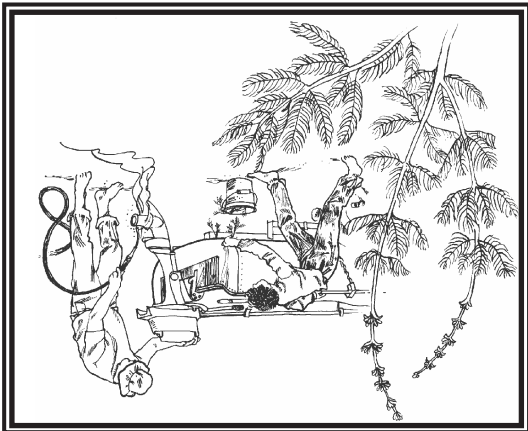
1. Approve minutes from June 6th meeting by John Bavier
2. Treasurer’s Report – Dr. Alan Carlson
3. Approve funding for SE Pond Planning Grant application
4. Election of officers
5. Set next meeting date

Adjourn

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Or Current Resident

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Clean It Off! It's the Law!!!



See agenda inside.
Beaver Dam Lake Management District
Annual Meeting and Budget Hearing of

July 13th, 2019 9:30 AM

Upcoming Events: