

Beaver Dam Lake Management District
Monday, April 18th 2022 at Noon
Cumberland City Hall Conference Room
Cumberland, Wisconsin 54829

Attendance: Tom Schroeder – President, John Bavier – Secretary, Alan Carlson MD – Treasurer, Don Phernetton, Mike Werner. Dan Shoemaker - City of Cumberland Mayor. Visitors present: Rob Benake, John Thon, Mike Benjamin

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:58 a.m. by President, Tom Schroeder.
2. Approve minutes from 2/17/22 meeting. Mike Werner made motion to approve. Don Phernetton seconded. Approved.
3. Approve Alan Carlson's Treasurers Report
 - a. For the period ending 4/18/22, the Beginning checking balance on 2/17/22 was \$279,912.37.
 - b. We received:
 - i. Misc. interest and tax settlement amounts totaling \$551.43.
 - ii. Grant Prepayment LPL 1833022-Lake Planning for \$18,592.50
 - iii. Total income is at \$299,056.30.
 - c. Expenses from 5 checks written totaled \$26,313.16 from the period of 2/24/22 to 4/16/22 (with the majority (\$25,131.00) written to Barr Engineering for 2021 EWM payments).
 - d. Ending checking balance of \$272,743.14.
 - e. In addition, we have an outstanding Grant for the Library Lake SE Pond Construction (Phase 1) Grant of \$175,000 (we received advance reimbursement for \$25,000 previously), and will submit the balance for grant money reimbursement soon, since the baffles are now in, and this completes the current phase.
 - f. Additionally, we have 3 smaller outstanding grants for planning grants and a shore protection (SE pond area) for a total of \$57,260.00
 - g. Motion by Mike Werner to approve the Treasurer's Report, with Don Phernetton seconding. Report approved.
4. Welcomed the 3 visitors that were present.
5. Update on 2022 EWM Treatment Plan.
 - a. The permit has been submitted. Tyler saw no obstacles in approving, and expects the approval to come soon.
 - b. There was a brief discussion on the Latitude and Longitude numbers wrong, which is showing up as Bone Lake – something in the system is wrong, but has been noted.
 - c. The spearing of fish by the local tribe shouldn't be an issue for treatment timing.
 - d. ProcellaCor is temperature independent, so when EWM is observed going Lake Restoration will treat.
6. Approve Barr Engineering 2022/2023 Contract for \$38,800.
 - a. Matches up to last year for cost.
 - b. The DNR is changing in the Aquatic Plant Management Plans with new Invasive Species, with changes to go into effect in 2024. They want to make sure that possible invasive plants are in the plan. Goals will need to be updated in 2023.
 - c. Don Phernetton made motion to approve, with Mike Werner seconding. Contract approved.
7. Approve 2022 Contract for maintaining Library Lake Storm water ponds.
 - a. A maintenance agreement from Roots Rockscapes was reviewed with a quote based on variables that could change the actual cost of the work.
 - b. We reviewed other WDNR required water pond maintenance agreements that we have with for Library Lake. Nuerer Pond ends in 2022. The NE pond maintenance ends in 2026, and the SW pond plan is for 25 years.
 - c. A question was asked if we want to do maintenance on the Nuerer pond, which has basically gone wild.
 - d. We currently have a \$10,000 limit for these types of projects.
 - e. Several comments about costs being high for these types of projects, and discussion on volunteers to help with these types of projects. Dan Shoemaker asked if this was a functional or aesthetic area of concern. Aesthetic. Per Dan, the City is keeping the functional part working.
 - f. Several comments about Volunteers, access to equipment to help with cleaning, some of past volunteer efforts in the past, with hard time recently in getting help (Nancy Bentz). Mike asked about community services in Barron Country to complement volunteer labor. Tom will check out this avenue.
 - g. John Thon and Don Phernetton will work together to see if we can get some volunteers.
 - h. Mike Werner made a motion to table this contract indefinitely (until at least after the Annual Meeting), with John Bavier seconding the motion. Motion to table passed.

- i. Ian Carlson stated that we (BDLMD) get the project completed, and then deed it over to the City. The maintenance should really be done by the City. Tom stated that if the areas are not maintained, the DNR could ask for the funds initially given for the project to be given back for not following the contractual expectations.
 - j. Dan Shoemaker asked if there was a paper trail that the City had taken over the projects that were completed by the BDLMD. Tom said “yes” the property was transferred via Quit Claim Deeds, registered at Barron County. The Lake District doesn’t want to hold liability for the land once the project has been completed. Alan Carlson indicated that we are at the end of 10 years on some of the projects, but they appear to be ongoing. We have no staff, and we’re not bosses.
8. Discuss formation of Dredging Library Lake fund-raising committee.
- a. Letter to Grove Street property owners along the north shore of Library Lake going out today. The letter points out the opportunity they have and raises the question, “do you want it, or don’t you”. If no, it is very little unlikely that the Lake would be dredged in the foreseeable future. Expect owners on Library Lake, with a lot 50 feet wide, with removal of 3 feet deep and 40 feet out – to each pay \$5K - \$6K. Owners with larger lots would pay more.
 - b. Suggested fund-raising committee look at 3 major groups for contributions (Businesses, general public and sizable individual donations).
 - c. The South part is permitted for 12,500 cubic yards, with cost estimate of \$20-\$25 per cubic yard.
 - d. Discussion from Mike Werner that snowmobiles and ATV’s get a lot of funds from government, and this may be another avenue of funds available.
 - e. Mike Werner will discuss with the Library Lake committee working on the Library Lake Plan update their interest in participating on the fund raising effort.
 - f. Alan Carlson feels that “dredging” is an old term, with “L.L. Basin Restoration” a better term.
 - g. Mike Werner feels that “maintenance plan” needs to be “Restoration Plan”.
9. Update on Hwy 63 Bridge (by Louie’s on the Lake).
- a. Railing Designs – Public Works hasn’t made the final decision yet, but has top choices selected.
 - b. Cost estimate includes a single opening, span of 50 feet, 17.5 feet horizontal clearance, and 9 feet vertical clearance from normal water level.
 - c. Rob wanted to discuss the East side of the Lake, and what is the longer-term view. Don Phernetton stated that he felt people don’t want change. He feels more sightseers, not for recreational use, and not for wakeboards.
 - d. Rob felt the decision on the Hwy 48 Bridge was a total surprise. Tom stated that the bridge offered a better long-term solution versus a box culvert. Don stated that the old bridge is worn out. Target water depth is 5 feet deep.
10. Pick date for 2022 Annual Meeting and discuss budget items.
- a. Alan Carlson made motion for the meeting date to be July 9th, 2022 at 9:30 at the Cumberland Middle School. Don Phernetton seconded. Motion approved.
 - b. Fiscal end of year is June 30th.
11. Update on concert on the Lake event.
- a. Possibilities for dates from June 15 to August 1st.
 - b. Cost expected around \$1500
 - c. Ian Haugen is working on pontoon to lift out of the water for the entertainment.
 - d. Preferred to be Williams Bay, north of sand dam.
 - e. Sponsorship has not been finalized. Chamber of Commerce has voiced some insurance concerns.
12. Summary report on 2022 Wisconsin Lakes Conference.
- a. Lots of people showed up. Initially all wore masks, then decision made that you didn’t have to.
 - b. Tom had an opportunity to personally greet many of the new DNR staff. Tyler Mesalk took over Alex’s job.
 - c. Good seminars. Aquatic Management changes discussed.
13. Open discussion – no action to be taken by Board.
- a. European Frog-bit (plant species) is invasive. Like EWM, it mats up.
 - i. Free-floating aquatic plant sometimes rooted in shallow water.
 - ii. Leaves are small, 0.5-2.5 inches, round to heart-shaped, with a purple-red underside.
 - iii. Leaves form a rosette.
 - iv. Single flower with three white petals and yellow center may be visible from June to August.
 - b. Boat Monitors
 - i. City has applied for grant.
 - ii. Crossing guard “Jim” will do this year.
 - iii. A couple of high school kids may also be volunteering.
 - iv. WDNR volunteer compensation allows \$12/hour.
 - v. Set to pay volunteers an extra \$1.00/hr if the majority of hours scheduled are worked.
 - vi. Dan Shoemaker indicated that hourly rates are going up.

- c. Basic Office package for John Bavier's replacement computer needed to continue doing Secretary functions.
 - i. Alan Carlson thought it would be ok to get a subscription for Office 365.
 - ii. Bring up to next meeting.
- d. Vermillion Lake Association has shown interest in the DASH
- e. Nezy's has indicated interest in holding a 1/2K run on Sat. June 25th with the proceeds going as a donation to the Library Lake Restoration effort.

14. Next Meeting date and time: May 16, 2022 at NOON.

15. Adjourn at: 1:12 PM

Respectfully submitted,

John Bavier, Secretary, BDLMD