



**LAUDERDALE LAKES LAKE
MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
MINUTES of 3/18/2017**

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mason, at 9:00 A.M.

A. Attendance:

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

B. Agenda:

The agenda was unanimously approved on a Ferrari / Wisniewski motion.

C. Minutes:

The minutes of January 14, 2017 were unanimously approved on a Sorenson / Ferrari motion.

D. Chairman's Appointment to Fill Vacancy on the Board

Peter Van Kampen has resigned from the Lake District Board after about 17 years on the board. He sent a letter for Chairman Mason to read to the board. That letter is attached to these minutes. Chairman Mason explained that he has appointed John Summers to fill that vacancy and John has agreed to serve on the board, taking over piers and septic. John has a wealth of experience in the building industry and in code compliance, so his professional expertise will lend itself nicely to a number of projects.

The board voted unanimously to accept the appointment of John Summers to fill the vacancy on the board. John then joined the board for the remainder of the meeting.

E. Consider Resolution 2017-02 Supporting Environmental Impact Study for U.S. Hwy 12 project:

Chairman Mason provided some background: the Lake District approved Resolution 2017-01 in January. Since then, Chairman Mason has participated in a number of meetings regarding the U.S. Hwy 12 expansion. He has met with Jeff Knight, a consultant in Whitewater a couple of times. Mr. Knight set up a small group meeting with the head of the DOT at the Regional DOT office in Waukesha. In attendance were, among others:

Nancy Russell, the Walworth County Board Chair
David Bretl, the Walworth County Administrator
The Chairman of "Greater Whitewater"
Sylvia Baker
Marcia Sahag

Funding for an environmental impact study had been budgeted by the State Legislature, and the DOT was mandated to conduct that study to completion. The DOT made an internal decision to stop the study after the process had started. This affects the focus of our Resolution. The resolution adopted in January focused more on the Red Line Route, this resolution focuses more on the DOT and their decision to stop the process that was mandated by the State Legislature. In the resolution we are asking them to go back and resume the project to completion. This resolution would supercede the resolution we adopted in January.

A Callaway / Sorenson motion to approve Resolution 2017-02 passed unanimously after some discussion.

Discussion: The Resolution is more global than just the effect it will have on our Lake District. We are participating with the objective to protect our lake. The impact of the Red Line Route would be minimal compared to expanding Hwy 12 in its current footprint. Private homes, businesses, parts of our golf course, the marina, Lutherdale, Pebble Beach, and Pleasant Lake would be lost or adversely affected. The Town of LaGrange and the County Board have also adopted similar resolutions recently.

The State DOT is considering incremental improvements to the existing Highway 12 in their 2020 budget. Those incremental improvements, over time, could prove to make more financial sense than starting the Red Line.

The DOT decision was based upon traffic counts in Whitewater in the summer (when college is not in session) and in our area in the winter (when we have considerably less traffic). They also used data from 2012 (not the most recent numbers from 2015.)

F. Consider Retaining Knight Public Affairs Regarding Highway 12 Project

Chairman Mason provided some background on Jeff Knight. He and his son have a public affairs firm in Whitewater. Jeff worked under Governor Tommy Thompson for years, both while he was governor and while he wasn't. He also worked for DOT. His son worked under Governor Walker. They are both very connected with people in Madison. The University of WI-Whitewater and "Greater Whitewater", an industry group, has retained Jeff's firm with the goal of bringing a 4-lane highway to Whitewater. With the Lake District coming on board, "Greater Whitewater" will also support the Red Line Route over any other route. That would make the industry group a huge advocate for our cause. Jeff and his son would give us a voice in Madison since he can get us meetings with the people in Madison who are making these decisions. Knight Public Affairs has provided a letter of engagement listing services to be provided, which is attached to these minutes.

Discussion: Jeff has already proven to be effective, setting up the small meetings which have gotten to the core of the issue with the Environmental Impact Study. None of us have the connections in Madison, where we would be able to contact the right people with a phone call. Jeff does have that access. Both Sylvia Baker and Jerry Peterson noted that they have been impressed with his performance so far. Jeff Bluhm from Lutherdale also wrote a letter urging the Lake District to retain Jeff Knight's firm.

We will also be asking our constituents to contact our representatives at key times throughout this process, and we will ask Jeff to draft a sample letter for Lake District members to send on to our elected officials.

A Ferrari / Callaway motion to retain Jeff Knights Public Affairs firm passed unanimously.

G. Grant Jack Sorenson the Authority to Act with the WI DNR on Behalf of the District Regarding the Sterlingworth Condominium Association Easement, Dam Grant, and the Contractor Awarded the Work to Carry Out Dam Remediation

Chairman Mason explained that the Sterlingworth Condominiums finally approved the easement that the DNR required, and that we will be able to move forward with the dam improvements. Jack Sorenson provided some background – the Lake District has been working with the Sterlingworth and the DNR since the leak in the lake years ago, to make sure that there is a process for inspection to try to ensure something like that doesn't happen again. The DNR has declared the South end of the Bay an "embankment" and they have required that the Sterlingworth provide an easement to the Lake District and to the DNR to allow the area to be inspected and repaired, if necessary. Honey Creek is 7-8 feet lower than the water level in Sterlingworth Bay; if that embankment failed like the one at Lake Delton several years ago, it would have a detrimental effect on our lake's water levels. In addition, because of the way the dam is constructed, it is possible for a person to fall in and get trapped, or for debris to get trapped inside the dam, allowing stored energy to build up which could potentially cause a flood.

The signing of the easement allows us to move forward with inspection of the embankment and the dam remediation. We have received a grant from the DNR, plans have been approved by the DNR, engineering has been completed, and we have contractors lined up. We should be able to complete the changes to the dam this summer, making it safer. In the future, as the dam gets inspected the south shore would as well.

A Mason / Ferrari motion to grant Jack Sorenson the authority to act on behalf of the District regarding the Sterlingworth easement, dam grant, and dam remediation passed unanimously.

H. Project Reports

Town of LaGrange: Sukala reported that the Town has revised the Pier Ordinance and that is at the DNR for approval.

The Boat House renovation has been completed. The dredging has yet to be completed – we don't have a timeline at this point.

County: Callaway reported that all the boat launches are ready for spring.

Weed Harvesting: Wisniewski thanked Peter Van Kampen for the organization of the weed harvesting and "Clean Boats, Clean Waters" and for all his work over the years.

They are going to get started soon. The truck needs some repairs, they have to make sure the brakes on the trailer are working well, they need to make some repairs to the

harvesting equipment with parts that were purchased last fall, and there have been some issues with the transporter motor quitting so that will have to be fixed.

Connor will not be returning for Clean Boats, Clean Waters this year. A new gentleman will take over when he is trained. The grant for this year will allow for at least 400 hours at all four boat landings.

Wisniewski has been in contact with the Town about a catch basin on Country Club Dr. to keep silt from getting into the lake. We have been cleaning up Country Club Drive a couple times a year as well.

We will also need to complete some pier work this year.

Water Safety Patrol: Ferrari reported that the boating classes are set up for this year.

The WSP will need to make some repairs to the I/O this year. One option proved to be expensive, and not a good investment, so they are pursuing other options.

Chief Blanke is interviewing officers with the goal of hiring 3 or 4 new officers.

The DNR audit was completed in February.

There shouldn't be any significant changes to boating laws this year, other than some increases in fines for PFD violations.

The Town has submitted the ordinance change regarding air-borne devices to the DNR. The DNR asked for a condition report in support of the ordinance. That has also been submitted to the DNR.

Insurance: Sorenson had nothing new to report.

Dam: Sorenson reported that Jim Kroeplin is an engineer who has been helping with the dam records. He has created a checklist for use as the water levels are checked at the culverts and dam. The vegetation has been trimmed back for years as well, but we haven't previously recorded this work. Now we will have a better way to document this as we go forward.

Environmental: Mason reported that the land trust cleared a lot of buckthorn out of the wetlands last week. We received permits required for that and are reimbursing the KMLT for their costs, which were minimal as they used a lot of volunteer labor to complete that work. They will treat other invasive plants in spring.

Golf Course: Mason reported that tree work has been completed over the winter – some at the Community Center, some on the golf course. They couldn't get as much done as we would have liked because the frost came out of the ground so early and Chris didn't want trucks on the course. The stumps will be removed and they will try to have more tree removal completed during the season or into fall. There are a lot of dead and dying ash trees that need to be removed, and there are a lot of trees in our tree farm near 5 tee and behind the community center that can be used to replace them. With fall being the

best time to transplant trees, they will work on moving those then. They are looking at a couple pieces of used equipment for the golf course.

They are also looking into repairing the rain shelters. The shelter along Hwy 12 at 5 tee in particular needs to be maintained and repaired, as its proximity to the highway would mean that it couldn't be rebuilt or expanded.

I. Treasurer's Report:

Ferrari reported on current account balances:

Current accounts total \$305,616.63

Reserve accounts total \$294,646.19

Capital Project Fund is \$116,760.23

She also provided a preliminary unaudited financial update for 2016 – right now it looks like we were about \$66,000 under budget.

J. Other Business:

Sukala reported that Sam Slattery who used to work for Roscoe is back in business building piers on the lake.

Pete Spaulding announced that the date for the Yacht Club fireworks will be July 1st at 9:30. They have a new provider this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 a.m. on a Sukala / Sorenson motion which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea White.

1/14/17

To: LLLMD Board Members. Scott, Jack, Debbie, Greg, Don and Rick;

I am sorry not to be here in person to say this but happy to be here where it never snows this time of year.

I want to express my appreciation for all of you help and cooperation in making the Lake District a wonderful organization serving a great cause. We are lucky people to have found ourselves homeowners on these lakes. It's a special place and special things happen to us while we are here.

Thank you from one who knows the amount of work each of you do contribute to the continuance of this being a very special place. And a special thanks to Scott and his 22 years and the leadership he has provided for this wonderful organization.

I want each of you to know that you can call on me anytime to help out in any way I can. I'm off the Board but still here and willing and able to help.

And lastly I welcome John to the team. We are very pleased he has agreed to serve. I'm confident he'll make a great addition to a great team.

Thanks to all, it's been fun.

peter

March 2, 2017

Scott Mason, Chairman
Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District
N 7498 Country Club Road
Elkhorn, WI 53121

Dear Mr. Scott Mason,

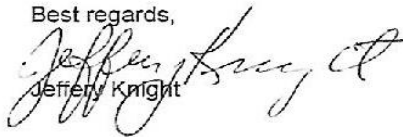
It has been great getting to know you and the issues facing the Lauderdale Lakes Lake Management District (LLLMD). We would be thrilled to represent LLLMD during the current legislative session.

Based on our conversation we are agreeing to a contract that runs through December 31, 2017. This contract would differ from our typical model of a two-year contract and only require engagement on a single issue related to the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) for HWY 12, thus we will offer a lower price of \$1500 per month. At the end of that period or during that period we would be happy to engage on other issues that the LLLMD may need assistance with, however that would require an adjustment in our monthly retainer.

The following services are to be provided:

- 1) Meet with representatives of the LLLMD to create a legislative strategy regarding the (EIS) for HWY 12 between Elkhorn and Whitewater.
- 2) Educate elected officials why the redline is preferred as opposed to the current HWY 12.
- 3) Build a broader coalition that supports the redline EIS that may include citizens and elected officials from the surrounding area.
- 4) Prepare a list of key contacts in the Governor's office, the Legislature and Wisconsin Governmental Agencies for meetings to educate and inform them on the value of completing the HWY 12 EIS now.
- 5) Coordinate communications from LLLMD members to key decision makers.
- 6) Participate in conference calls and/or meetings as needed.
- 7) Assist in drafting legislation; either as an amendment to budget bill or separate legislation.
- 8) Inform the LLLMD of fund raisers that their members may attend.

Best regards,


Jeffery Knight