

Leland Dam Authority (LDA) Membership Options:

Commissioner Lautner asked Road Commissioner and Board of Public Works Chairman Garth Greenan to explain what the Board of Public Works' responsibility is.

Greenan responded to Lautner and said as he understands it, the BPW annually reviews the financial status of any sewer system the County has bonded for and has ultimate responsibility for. Greenan stated that currently Northport is the only one, as the Leland Sewer System is paid off.

Administrator Janik commented that the only agenda items for the Board of Public Works meetings have been updates of the Northport sewer and bond payments.

Commissioner Lautner said she was hoping the make-up of the two boards could be the same.

Administrator Janik responded that in theory they could be same membership but still two different boards, as they cannot be combined. Janik added that he thinks the Dam was being reconfigured in the same time span as the Northport sewer system and the Board of Commissioners were told they needed both a Dam Authority and BPW which was when they came up with the current structure which is basically the same membership.

Administrator Janik referenced an email from legal counsel dated March 5, 2019 (not provided to the Clerk) and he said the restructuring of the Dam Authority and BPW started in 2018 when there was discussion of membership of the Road Commission and it was decided that membership would go to five (5) members. Several members of the Road Commission did not realize that they would sit on the BPW or Dam Authority until they had won. Janik said it would make sense now that this is being discussed to not force someone to serve but get members with more of a passion for it. Janik said the legal opinion basically gives the Board of Commissioners authority to structure these boards any way they wish.

Dialogue continued between committee members regarding the possible membership make-up and requirements for the Leland Dam Authority and Board of Public Works.

MOTION BY LAUTNER TO RECOMMEND TO THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS THAT THE LELAND DAM AUTHORITY CONSIST OF A FIVE (5) MEMBER BOARD INCLUDING: A MEMBER OF THE ROAD COMMISSION, MEMBER OF THE LEELANAU COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, DRAIN COMMISSIONER, AND TWO (2) AT LARGE MEMBERS WITH PRIORITY TO BE GIVEN TO A MEMBER WITH AN ENGINEERING BACKGROUND AND A LAKE LEELANAU RIPARIAN. SECONDED BY CHRISTENSEN.

Discussion – Janik repeated the member recommendation and verified this would go on the November agenda for the Board of Commissioners.

AYES – 4 (Lautner, Wessell, Christensen, Janik)

NO – 0

RECOMMENDATION PASSES.

Discussion continued regarding the Board of Public Works.