

Leland Dam Authority
Regular Session – Wednesday, July 17, 2024
Tentative minutes

Proceedings of the meeting are being recorded (audio and video). The video of the meeting can be found at the following link: <http://leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2756>

Call to Order:

Meeting called to Order by Vice-Chairman Garth Greenan at 10:02 a.m. Today's meeting is being held at the Government Center, 8527 E. Government Center Drive, Suttons Bay, Michigan.

Pledge of Allegiance:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was recited, followed by a moment of silence.

<u>Roll Call:</u>	Chairman, Steve Christensen (Drain Commissioner)	ABSENT (with prior notice)
	Vice-Chairman, Garth Greenan (Road Commissioner)	PRESENT
	Member, Kama Ross (District #5 Commissioner)	PRESENT
	Member, Richard Thompson (Engineer Category)	PRESENT
	Member, Drew Warner (Riparian Category)	PRESENT

Guests present.

Approval of Agenda / Late Additions or Deletions:

MOTION BY ROSS TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY THOMPSON.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 4 (Ross, Thompson, Warner, Greenan)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Christensen)

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes – Wednesday, May 22, 2024, Regular Session:

MOTION BY ROSS TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024, AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY WARNER.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 4 (Ross, Thompson, Warner, Greenan)

NO – 0 ABSENT – 1 (Christensen)

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment: (3 minutes)

The following individuals spoke in person:

John Popa, Bingham Township

Action Items –

Lake Leelanau Lake Association (Discussion):

Authority Member Thompson stated that he has nothing new, but had talked with Lake Leelanau Lake Association President Nancy Popa about her concern about establishing the lake level information on the County website rather than just on the Lake Association's page.

Thompson said he agrees that is good for the Lake Association but then redirects questions to the County vs. the Lake Association. We certainly can discuss if that is good or bad. Discussion ensued between Dam Authority Members and Interim Administrator Richard Lewis about items that may be added to the County's current website or if waiting for the new website would be best.

Vice-Chairman Greenan stated he feels that at a minimum the lake level information with maybe a list of frequently asked questions should be added. Brief discussion.

Hydraulic System Update:

Interim Administrator Lewis told the Authority Members that all contracts have been signed and we are ready to move forward on the Dam hydraulics work. Lewis will be talking with Machin Engineering to see when they are going to be ready to be here and will get that timeline together for Authority Members.

Walkway:

Interim Administrator Lewis gave an update and stated that the Board of Commissioners had approved for Machin Engineering to do the design work for the walkway. The goal is to get this out for bids and a contract awarded so the work can be done and completed sometime in October.

Brief discussion continued about making sure everything will be done to code as well as looking at not just wood prices but possibilities for alternative construction products if necessary. Lewis stated that built to code doesn't mean an extra high railing as suggested by MMRMA, as the height of what is there currently is fine and to code.

Falling Waters Lodge Land Deal:

Interim Administrator Lewis said that Chairman Christensen had been the one working with the owners of Falling Waters Lodge and that since he is absent today, we will have to put this item on the agenda for the next meeting. Lewis believes there was two different surveys and some confusion over what was actually owned and by who.

Vice-Chairman Greenan mentioned that Christensen had sent an email earlier in the day saying that he had reached out to Falling Waters and had asked for them to adjust their documents, but has not heard back from them yet.

Lewis stated that maybe a brand-new survey might be the way to go if needed.

Sensors and Staff Gauges:

http://leelanau.gov/downloads/sensors_07172024.pdf

Thompson reviewed the sensors handout and stated that on the first page, before June 15 there were strange erratic readings at the sensor at the Dam. A new sensor had been ordered and installed on June 18, calibrated on June 21, and the readings on the second page (green readings) the four circles are actual staff gauge readings and the line is the sensor that is working properly. Back on the first page you will notice a gap around July 6 where the system went offline, but has been working properly from that point on. Also on the first page, looking at June 26 there is a big dip and what took place was a lot of water in the lake so we lowered

the dam all the way, brought the gate up a bit, and subsequently pulled a board on the south side of the dam to increase the flow. That reading was based on the curl of the water going over the dam, the sensor was reading properly we just increased the flow significantly.

Brief discussion.

Procedures/Manual Update:

http://leelanau.gov/downloads/draft_lake_level_control_procedure_07172024.pdf

Vice-Chairman Greenan passed out copies of the Draft Lake Level Control Procedure put together by the Dam Authority Members as well as with help from Maintenance Director Jerry Culman and John Popa.

Interim Administrator Lewis would like to suggest that any questions or phone calls regarding lake level or procedures get directed to the County's Maintenance Department as of right now. All of the Dam Authority members agreed to take the manual home to read and review and make any notes or comments/changes, which will then be turned over to Thompson.

Lewis said he will provide a suggested date for the next meeting near the end of August. The notes or comments from the draft procedures manual should be returned by then and Lewis hopes to also have a draft RFP (Request For Proposals) for the hydraulics for Authority Members to look at.

Public Comment:

John Popa; Jim Wysor, Leland

Commissioner Comments:

- Vice-Chairman Greenan suggested that the Lake Association look at the Lake Level Control Procedure draft before the Dam Authority adopts it.
- Commissioner Ross commented about a log and dead deer carcass that had been cleared from near the Dam by several volunteer Lake Leelanau Lake Association members last month.

Adjournment:

Move to adjourn by Ross. Seconded by Warner.

Vice-Chairman Greenan adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Garth Greenan, Vice-Chairman
Leland Dam Authority

Alison Middleton, Administrative Deputy Clerk for
Michelle L. Crocker, Leelanau County Clerk