

LELAND DAM AUTHORITY
Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 6, 2021
Approved 7/6/2021

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Call to Order:

Meeting called to Order by Chairman Steve Christensen at 10:00 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>	Road Commissioner James Calhoun	PRESENT
	Drain Commissioner Steve Christensen	PRESENT
	Road Commissioner Garth Greenan	PRESENT
	Road Commissioner Bob Joyce	PRESENT
	Road Commissioner Greg Mikowski	PRESENT
	Road Commissioner John Popa	PRESENT

Approval of Agenda and Late Additions/Deletions:

MOTION BY JOYCE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED. SECONDED BY GREENAN.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Joyce, Mikowski, Popa, Calhoun, Christensen, Greenan)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes – February 2, 2021, Organizational and Regular Sessions:

MOTION BY GREENAN TO APPROVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2021. SECONDED BY JOYCE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Greenan, Joyce, Mikowski, Popa, Calhoun, Christensen)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION BY GREENAN TO APPROVE THE REGULAR SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2021. SECONDED BY JOYCE.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Greenan, Joyce, Mikowski, Popa, Calhoun, Christensen)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Communication Items:

Chairman Christensen mentioned there was an email correspondence from Dawn Lund received March 30, 2021, which she questioned when lake levels on both the North and South end of Lake Leelanau may be expected to come up.

Public Comment:

The phone number to call for public comment was given by Chairman Christensen. No calls were received.

Old Business:

None.

New Business –

Update on Safety Device:

Christensen stated that he spoke with Rusty Friedle of Fisher Contracting Co., and they should be done now constructing that piece and will reach out regarding a schedule (to install) to Maintenance Director Jerry Culman II.

South Lake Sensor Update:

Popa spoke and said that the South Lake sensor batteries failed last fall, though still recording the levels, and he will ask Culman to purchase a new battery and change it out. Christensen noted that they had done an upgrade on all sensory units one year ago and should be in good shape as far as that goes.

Brief discussion continued regarding sensors and gauges.

Christensen offered information and said that the sensors were purchased by the Lake Leelanau Lake Association. They did buy sensors for the South Lake, the Narrows, and at the Leland Dam, and per court order they measure the lake level at the Dam. Coordination of the Dam sensor and at the Narrows is a critical relationship. There has not been a strong request on the North end for sensor and it does usually remain the same as that at the Narrows.

Verbal Update on Lake Levels and Operations from Maintenance Director Jerry Culman:

Culman stated that as of this morning the Dam is on automatic. The level is at 8'2" and the level under the bridge is 8'4", the usual two-inch difference. The plan is to slowly raise it as we get closer to the date of April 15, 2021. The new wall barrier installed worked perfectly at keeping everything dry at the control room. There is a rack built in the control room center wall for a dehumidifier. Culman said he intends to install a 2' x 2' emergency exit door into the existing exit door, in case it is ever needed. Culman continued his update touching on the ladder system to get over the wall onto the platform and minor repairs to deck boards. The cameras are working great and Culman said he is able to see inside the room and check levels, the outside view of the gate clarity is perfect but the lens looking downstream is hazy.

Culman answered questions from Dam Authority members and discussion ensued.

Meeting Date for October, 2021:

Discussion took place regarding scheduling of the quarterly meeting date for October, 2021. The original proposed meeting date and time was for October 19, 2021, at 10:00 a.m.; however, there was a conflict with scheduling of the meeting room.

MOTION BY JOYCE TO SCHEDULE THE QUARTERLY LELAND DAM AUTHORITY MEETING ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021, AT 11:15 A.M., OR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING, WHICHEVER IS LATER. SECONDED BY GREENAN.

Discussion – none.

AYES – 6 (Joyce, Mikowski, Popa, Calhoun, Christensen, Greenan)

NO – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Public Comment:

Chairman Christensen gave the phone number to call for public comment.

A call was received from Dawn Lund who spoke regarding lake levels.

Authority Member Comments:

- Greenan noted Culman's additional safeguards at the Dam.
- Calhoun stated that he appreciates Culman's work.

Adjourn:

Chairman Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Steve Christensen, Chairman
Leland Dam Authority

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