

**LELAND DAM AUTHORITY**  
**Regular Meeting – Tuesday, April 5, 2022**  
Tentative minutes

*Proceedings of the meeting are being recorded (audio and video). The video of the meeting can be found at the following link:*  
<https://www.leelanau.gov/meetingdetails.asp?MAId=2328>

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 / Late Additions or 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 16, 2022, Organizational Session:

**MOTIN BY GREENAN TO APPROVE THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2022, AS WRITTEN. SECONDED BY JOYCE.**

Discussion – none.

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

**NO – 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Public Comment:

None.

Communication Items – MMRMA Dam Assessment Email (Popa):

[https://www.leelanau.gov/downloads/popa\\_handout\\_04052022.pdf](https://www.leelanau.gov/downloads/popa_handout_04052022.pdf)

Road Commissioner Popa stated he would like the email from Robert Hauch with the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority (MMRMA) attached to the meeting minutes for correspondence reference.

Chairman Christensen added that the Dam Authority had recommended previously to the Board of Commissioners to have Spicer Group, Inc. do an appraisal of the Dam for a replacement cost. The MMRMA covers the insurance for the Dam and requires the professional assessment.

Purpose of Meeting – Discussion/Potential Action on:  
2023 Budget (Including Walkway and Control Room Roof):

Chairman Christensen stated that in June they will need to put together the budget for the Leland Dam Authority. Christensen reached out to Rusty Friedle at Fisher Contracting Co., about a replacement cost of the walkway, which came back at an approximate cost of \$38,800.00. Christensen said it will go in under Capital Improvement Program (CIP) and he would like to put \$40,000.00 in for the walkway replacement.

Christensen noted the other item to discuss is roof repair of the control room at the Dam. There are currently two different levels and in the pocket area where they come together the water sits and slowly leaks into the control room. Christensen added that Maintenance Director Jerry Culman has given him an approximate dollar amount of \$15,000.00 to make the roof one level. Christensen continued by saying the Board of Commissioners has heard about both the walkway and roof issue and said he feels it is a good time to get it into the budget instead of getting funds year to year.

Road Commissioner Greenan questioned Christensen about the plan for the roof and Christensen responded.

Road Commissioner Joyce asked if \$40,000.00 was a solid number for the walkway replacement and Christensen responded by saying it had come from Fisher Contracting, and that since they are familiar with the Dam, he believes that it is. Brief discussion continued between Authority members.

Chairman Christensen said he was asking Culman about the computer at the control room probably less than a month ago and, as it turns out, there is a person living on the lake by the name of Rick Howard who happens to be in the business of controlling dam structures with computers and controllers. Christensen said after getting in touch with Howard that Howard sent Chris Hayes here and they now have new hardware and software. Christensen said Howard has been very generous at helping out on the lake. Christensen said there are pressures and concerns in regards to computer hacking at the Dam and that the necessary upgrade won't be free but is necessary. Culman stated that the upgrade could be less than \$1,000.00 and Christensen said he will run it through Administrator Janik. Popa added there is money already set aside for things like this and Christensen agreed.

Popa asked where are they at with getting bids for the safety ladder. Christensen stepped out to check with Administrative Assistant Laurel Evans about the bid date deadline and came back to report the deadline is April 22, 2022. Popa stated that they may need a meeting prior to the May, 2022, Board of Commissioners Executive Board meeting.

**It was agreed on by consensus to hold a Special Session meeting of the Leland Dam Authority to review and discuss safety ladder bids, Tuesday, April 26, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.**

Public Comment:

- Eric Carlson of the Leelanau Enterprise spoke.

Authority Member Comment:

None.

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by Joyce. Seconded by Calhoun and Mikowski.

Chairman Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

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Steve Christensen, Chairman  
Leland Dam Authority

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