

# **LBWID Planning Meeting FY-25-07**

**(3/26/25)**

**Approved**

**Attendees - Alan Pisarski, Jim Simonson, Davis Grant, Tim Cogswell, Brenda Pierce**

## **LBWID Operations Director's Update**

Servicing of LBWID's heavy equipment completed - large excavator, mini excavator, backhoe, and large dump truck - now ready for the spring dredging.

Purchased new clamshell bucket for off-loading dredge spoils from hopper barges. LBWID's existing clamshell bucket is 14 years and showing significant wear. New bucket requires a few modifications, which will be done in-house. Will keep the old bucket as a backup.

Preparations for the spring season and upcoming summer seasons:

- Removed debris from the Lake and beaches. Last week did a sweep of the Lake and Beach 1 cove.
- Removed a fallen tree from the Lake.
- Ordered leaf mulch from Fairfax County for the LBA.
- Cleaned debris off the dam's catwalk/access platform.
- Cleared overgrowth on Swift Island.
- Prepared for the upcoming goose egg oiling season, which starts in April. Currently conducting weekly surveys of geese to determine nests, pairings, etc.
- Determined what other small tasks the LBWID needs to address - clear leaves & debris from drainage swales at Beach 2 and 4; organize equipment and materials at the decanting basins; remove sand from Beach 1 asphalt pathway.

LBWID Spring In-house Dredging Season -- begins the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April and runs through mid-May, weather permitting; will be dredging the Tripps Run side of the Lake; aim to dredge 4 days a week, leaving 1 day to complete other tasks.

## **LBWID Financial Update**

FY-2025 July-February Income/Expense Statement - reviewed the statement - tracking very well, no unanticipated overages. Spending almost on target for where we are in the fiscal year.

Investment position update -- the Treasurer has been investing the reserve funds as agreed to by the Trustees, primarily in CDs, as very safe investments. Discussed investing about 2/3 of the funds in CDs, going forward, keeping approximately 3 or 4 months of monthly expenditure amounts in the operating bank account.

FY-2024 draft audit report - all good, everything passed, clean audit, and lowest adjustment needed in some time, just \$4. Will post the audit report to the LBWID website, per usual practice.

FY-2026 Budget approval

- Approved by NVS&WCD Board of Directors on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and advanced to the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board for their consideration.
- The Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board met on March 19<sup>th</sup> and should be notifying the NVS&WCD (by letter) regarding their approval of LBWID's FY-2026 budget within the next week or so.

## **LBWID Planning Meeting Agenda & Minutes Recording and File Naming Structure**

LBWID has transitioned to the following file naming structure:

The first number in the file name is the fiscal year, the second number is the sequential order in which the Planning Meeting took place in that fiscal year. The calendar date that the Planning Meeting took place is in parentheses.

(Meeting minutes example: LBWID Planning Meeting FY-25-06 (1/28/25) Approved.)

Planning Meeting Minutes from FY-2020 to current have been posted top the LBWID's website. As time permits, additional meeting minutes prior to FY-2020 will be posted to the LBWID's website.

## **Lake Barcroft Dam Biennial Inspection Report**

Required to be submitted to DCR Dam Safety by April 30<sup>th</sup>.

WRA will submit a draft inspection report to LBWID by April 15<sup>th</sup>.

WRA will also conduct a follow up on-site inspection by April 10<sup>th</sup> to ensure nothing has changed since their comprehensive onsite inspection that took place on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

This fall, we will be applying for another 2-year conditional permit, which expires in November. This will need to be submitted 60 days in advance.

## **Fairfax County Discontinuing Support of Hauling away and Disposing of Storm Debris**

Fairfax County has for many years hauled away the storm debris stockpile at Beach 5 and Potterton debris trap, that the LBWID has collected (all storm runoff from upstream, which is Fairfax County).

They have told us that they will no longer support facilities that are not owned and operated by them and any prior agreements will not be honored.

The LBWID Executive Director met with Chris Herrington (Fairfax County Public Works, Director) and Ellie Coddling (Fairfax County Public Works, Deputy Director) on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Not good news - Fairfax County will no longer cooperate with any entity unless there is a contractual agreement between the two entities, outlining an absolute 50-50 contribution. Even then, then contract must be approved by the Board of Supervisors. We are looking at our options for moving forward.

## **East and West Dam Embankment Armoring Project**

Had a meeting with owners of 6200 Lakeview Drive (western embankment of the dam) on Feb 10. Discussed the conceptual armoring elements and presented the embankment design.

Update on engineering

- In January, WRA transitioned to the detailed design engineering phase of the project.
- Next critical task is soil and rock boring and sampling on the east and west embankments.
- Developing an access plan for drill rigs is challenging and will require significant thought and creativity.

- In January, GKY transitioned to updating the inundation zone modeling and mapping. The updated modeling and mapping will account for all updated regulations and will account for the armoring of the dam's east and western embankments. They are modeling the downstream inundation to simulate the results of what WRA is proposing - modeling the reduction in flooding with the embankment project implementation.

DCR Dam Safety Grant update (\$315,000) - LBWID will submit its 2nd Quarterly Update Report to DCR Dam Safety by April 30<sup>th</sup>. LBWID will be submitting for reimbursement its qualifying project expenditures for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarters.

FEMA Dam Safety Grant update (\$205,000). DCR Dam Safety is still waiting on FEMA to release the Federal funds for the 2024 grant year. As a result of the DOGE review, all FEMA grants and funds have been frozen for a period of 90 days for review and evaluation. However, FEMA has recently requested additional information from DCR and LBWID: quarterly milestone reporting workplan; letter of commitment to fulfil the required 35% non-federal match; LBWID will submit the requested information/documents to DCR by March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Virginia 2024-2026 Biennium Budget Amendment update (\$500,000). On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Virginia General Assembly approved a package of revisions to the States's 2024-2026 budget that included \$500,000 for engineering for the Lake Barcroft Dam Embankment Armoring Project. The Governor has 30 days (April 2<sup>nd</sup>) to act on the budget bill and present his amendments back to the General Assembly. The Governor has returned his amended version and this project is still in the budget, although the project has moved from one source to another. The budgets must be reconciled, so we await the outcome.

### **LB Newsletter Articles**

Newsletter article deadline - LBWID internal deadline is the 10th of each month, LB Newsletter submission deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.

January edition – 2024 LBWID Year in Review

February edition- Working Together for the Common Good

April edition – LBWID FY-2026 Budget Summary

May edition - LBWID Tree Replacement Program (still to be written)