

LBWID Planning Meeting FY-25-08
(5/7/25)
Approved

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

LBWID Operations Director's Update

Needed to repair the John Deere backhoe – the diesel emissions fluid module, cost \$3,500. Rented a skid-steer for 2 days to operate as a backhoe while the WID's backhoe was being repaired (rental was \$600).

Finalized the goose egg oiling season – 135 eggs from 27 nests. Very consistent results with the last 3 years.

Launched the Geese Peace boat for the LBA; reviewed operation of the boat with Greg Cox, who has taken over Geese Peace operations.

Wrapped up the LBWID Spring In-house Dredging Season – Tripps Run Production Dredging. Had 110 barge loads. Dredging started on March 31st and was completed April 23rd.

Cove dredging and dredge requests are still ongoing – 7 loads completed and approximately 5 more to do.

Preparing for the upcoming summer season.

1. Debris removal from the Lake and beaches. Will do this every Friday - sweep Lake and remove debris from the beaches.
2. Assisted with Community beach cleanup – had 7 small dump truck loads of debris and trash from the cleanup. Five were from Beach 1 alone - they had done a lot of trimming.
3. Will be fluffing the beaches and spreading sand the week of May 12th. Beaches 2, 3, and 4 will be getting new sand, hope to have the sand fluffed before new sand arrives.

Tree removal from the Lake – removed one about a month ago and need to do another large oak along Cavalier Corridor.

Community Garden – seasonal maintenance has started. A few dead trees and large limbs need to be removed – these will be complete within the new week so, estimating a cost of \$900 for this work. A community member spoke to Davis about adding a memorial bench to the community garden for the Ashraf and Nazir Bhagat. This individual was referred to LBA, who is looking at doing something from the community in memorium.

Lifeguard boats – have cleaned, rigged, and launched the LBA lifeguard boats. Will work with Kevin Hardy next time he is in Lake Barcroft.

LBWID Financial Update

FY-2025 July-March Income/Expense Statement - no unexpected variances. Will add explanation of any overages (e.g. tree removal, computer security update) to the sheet for clarity. Overall we are at 75% of the budget with 3 months left in the fiscal year.

FY-2024 Audit Report – has been shared with the NVS&WCD Board of Directors and posted to the LBWID's website.

FY-2026 Budget approval – Approved by NVS&WCD Board of Directors and the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board and posted to the LBWID's website. And the article on the 2026 budget will appear in the current LBA newsletter.

Lake Barcroft Dam Biennial Inspection Report

LBWID submitted the required biennial inspection report to DCR Dam Safety on April 28th.

Andrea Henry (DCR Dam Safety Regional Engineer) has already approved the inspection report.

LBWID will need to engage with a contractor to remove and replace all joint sealant on the east abutment, west abutment, walkways, and knee-walls.

LBWID trustees approved LBWID staff to engage with WRA to develop a scope of work and specifications so we can solicit proposals from contractors for this work. LBWID will start planning this project as soon as reasonably possible.

LBWID will be applying for a renewal of its 2-Year Conditional O&M Permit in August. The current permit expires in November.

East and West Dam Embankment Armoring Project

Update on engineering – WRA is still determining the plan for soil & bedrock boring and sampling on the east and west embankments.

Developing an access plan for drill rigs is challenging. WRA is considering incorporating the soil and bedrock boring and sampling into the very first phase of the actual project, rather than drill ahead of the project.

Bill Wagner feels that WRA has sufficient information on the soil and bedrock to continue progress on the detailed design plan and specification.

Bill Wagner and the WRA engineering team are aiming to make final determination within the next week or two.

GKY has completed approximately 50% of the work to update the inundation zone modeling & mapping. GKY is anticipating completing 100% of this work by late August of this year.

DCR Dam Safety Grant update (\$315,000) – LBWID submitted its 2nd Quarterly Update Report to DCR Dam Safety on May 1st. LBWID submitted for reimbursement \$96,974.73 for qualifying project expenditures for the 1st and 2nd quarters.

FEMA Dam Safety Grant update (\$205,000) – On May 5th, Jake Shaw (DCR Dam Safety Grants Manager) stated that FEMA is working through their final Request for Additional Information phase and are anticipating engaging with grant agreements soon. In mid-April LBWID provided FEMA with the additional information that they requested. Jake also stated that he had been informed that FEMA no longer has any concerns regarding the availability of funds for the HHDP grant program as a result of the DOGE review.

Virginia 2024-2026 Biennium Budget Amendment update (\$500,000) – On May 2nd Governor Youngkin signed HB-1600 (biennium budget amendment) which includes a \$500,000 special appropriation for bringing the embankment armoring project to construction ready.

LBWID Staff Health Insurance Renewal & Premium Update – Need to review and discuss FY-2026 health insurance premiums. Discuss and determine if contributions to qualifying early retiree’s health insurance premium should be adjusted.

LB Newsletter Articles

- Newsletter article deadline
 - LBWID internal deadline is the 10th of each month.
 - LB Newsletter submission deadline is the 15th 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
- June edition – Storm Season