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Joint Committee on Finance

MEMORANDUM

To: Members
Joint Committee on Finance

From: Senator Howard Marklein
Representative Mark Born

Date: October 17, 2023

Re: 14-Day Passive Review Approval – DNR

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m), Stats., attached is a 14-day passive review request from the Department of Natural Resources, received on October 17, 2023.

Please review the material and notify **Senator Marklein** or **Representative Born** no later than **Friday, November 3, 2023**, if you have any concerns about the request or if you would like the Committee to meet formally to consider it.

Also, please contact us if you need further information.

Attachments

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The Honorable Howard L. Marklein, Co-Chair
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The Honorable Mark Born, Co-Chair
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Dear Senator Marklein and Representative Born:

Pursuant to s.23.0917 (6m), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you as co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Finance of the use of Stewardship program funds in excess of \$250,000. These funds will be provided through the Recreational Boating Facility (RBF) grant program. Effective October 27, 2007, RBF grants are funded with Stewardship program moneys. The proposed grant represents approximately 32% of the estimated total project costs. The project area is a boat launch on Lac La Belle in the City of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

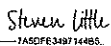
Lac La Belle Boat Launch is open to the public and includes the following facilities: boat ramp, boarding dock, restrooms, single vehicle parking and kayak/canoe launch.

The Lac La Belle boat launch is the only boat launch on Lac La Belle, public or private, and has been in use for the past 75 years with no major renovations. This renovation project will address all of the current safety and flooding issues. There are currently no vehicle/trailer spaces directly at the launch, however there is street parking. This project will construct 18 vehicle/trailer spaces at the facility, as well as provide full ADA access.

As provided in s. 23.0917(6m)(a), Wis. Stats., if the Department does not receive notification of the scheduling of a hearing from either of the Joint Committee on Finance co-chairpersons within 14 working days from today, the Department will award this grant.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

DocuSigned by:

Adam N. Payne
Secretary

- C: Ann Kipper, Administrator, External Services Division
- Mike Thompson, Secretary Director, SER
- Roberta Winebar, Recreational Boating Grant Program Manager
- Sara deBruijn, RBF Grant Project Manager, SER

CORRESPONDENCE/MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 12, 2023

TO: Members of the Joint Committee on Finance

FROM: Adam N. Payne, Secretary

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF RECREATIONAL BOATING FACILITY GRANT USING STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FUNDS GREATER THAN \$250,000: CITY OF OCONOMOWOC, WAUKESHA COUNTY

Pursuant to s. 23.0917(6m)(a) and (c), Wis. Stats., the Department is notifying you of a proposed Recreational Boating Facility (RBF) grant in the amount of \$1,020,000.00 to the City of Oconomowoc, Waukesha County, for the renovation of the Lac La Belle public boat launch facility. Effective October 27, 2007, RBF grants are funded with Stewardship program moneys. The Knowles-Nelson Stewardship program is funded under s. 20.866(2)(ta), Wis. Stats.

I. PROJECT DETAILS:

Project Sponsor: City of Oconomowoc

Project Name: Lac La Belle Boat Launch Renovation

Grant sub-program: Recreational Boating Facilities (RBF)

Location: 304 W. Wisconsin Ave., Southeast corner on Lake Lac La Belle, City of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin.

Project Description: The Lac La Belle boat launch, located in the City of Oconomowoc, is the only public boat launch on Lake Lac La Belle. The current Lac La Belle boat launch has been in existence for over 75 years. Currently there are no vehicle/trailer parking spaces available at this facility. This project will provide 18 vehicle/trailer spaces on site. The boat ramp itself is lower than the normal water level and tends to be underwater. The renovation project will address all of the current safety issues and raise the ramps, so they will no longer be lower than the normal water level. This investment will improve the overall viability of the launch, resulting in increased use of the launch facilities, thus contributing to the local economy by providing quality public access on Lake Lac La Belle, a highly used recreational lake.

Project Goals: The City of Oconomowoc, Lac La Belle Boat Launch project meets the following goals:

- Implements the recommendations of the City of Oconomowoc's Comprehensive Plan for boat launch renovations.

Public Uses: The boat launch is available to the public seven days per week, 365 days per year, for boating, kayaking, and canoeing. The facilities will need to be closed during the renovation project; taking safety into consideration for the public. Staff will work to minimize construction impact during the busiest seasons. Due to this being the only public launch on the lake, the City is looking into a temporary alternate location for the public to launch and exit the lake safely during the renovation project. All components of this project will meet ADA standards.

Ownership and Management: The launch will be operated and maintained by the City of Oconomowoc, consistent with their management policy.

Timetable: Anticipated project start date is August 5th, 2024, with an anticipated end date of May 1st, 2025. This timetable will provide the least impact to the boating community as reasonably possible by planning construction in the fall and winter months. The summer tourist season is vital to the local economy so allowing for the majority of the summer to be used by the boating community is vital.

Partnerships:

- City of Oconomowoc: Provides funding and project management.
- Department of Natural Resources: Provides financial grant assistance.
- Village of Lac La Belle, Town of Oconomowoc, Lac La Belle Management District: Provides funding for initial design costs and signed MOU as partners in the project.

II. PROJECT FINANCES:

City of Oconomowoc (with assistance from the Village of Lac La Belle, Town of Oconomowoc, and Lac La Belle Management District) contribution	\$ 1,674,698.00
<u>DNR Recreational Boating Facilities grant requested</u>	<u>\$ 1,020,000.00</u>
Total Project Costs	\$ 2,694,698.00

III. RECOMMENDED:

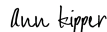
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 Jim Ritchie, Director
 Bureau of Community Financial Assistance

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 Ann Kipper, Administrator
 External Services Division

Date

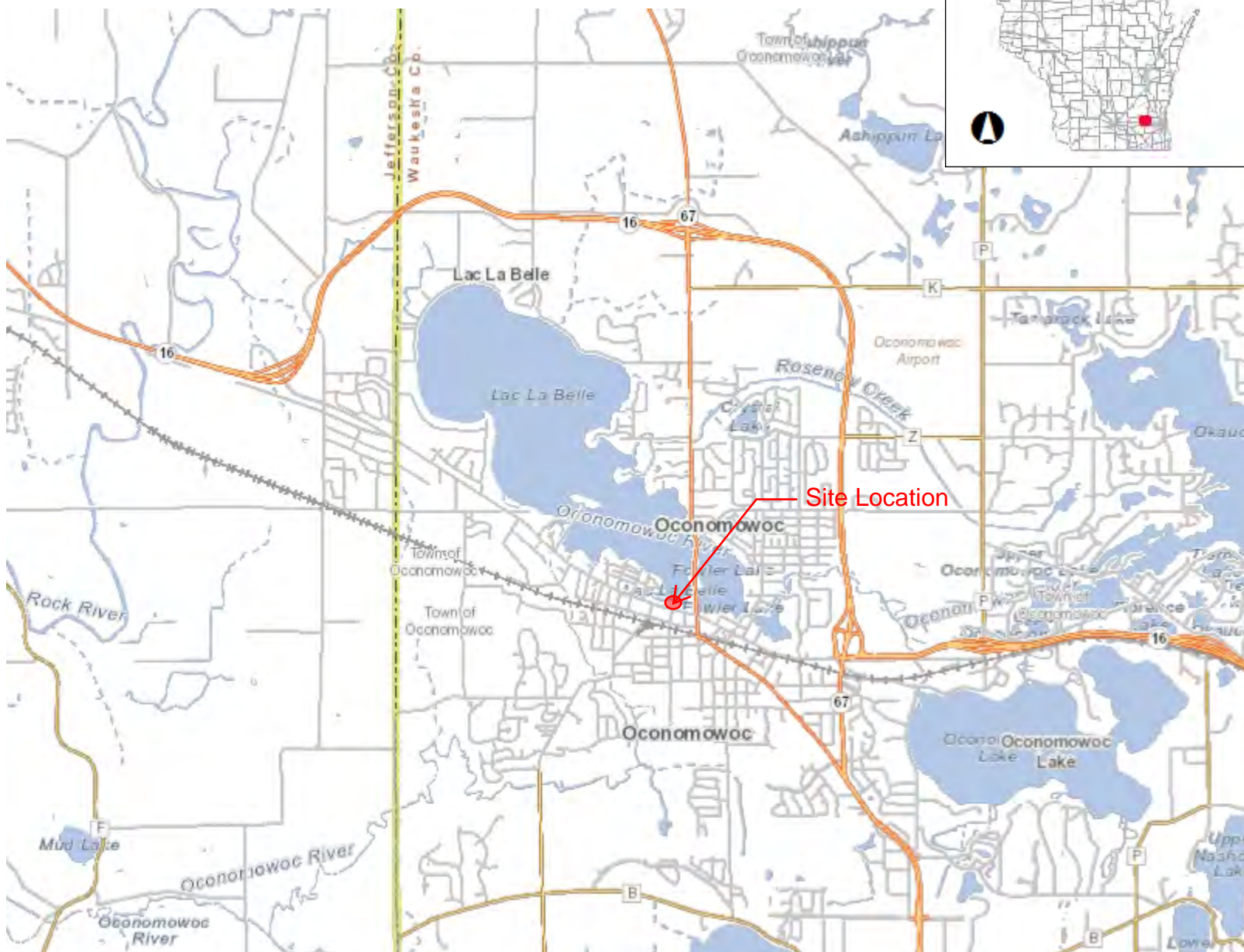
Attachments:

- Appendix A – Project location map
- Appendix B – Site plan
- Appendix C – Current photos



APPENDIX A

Site Location Map



- Legend**
- Municipality
 - State Boundaries
 - County Boundaries
 - Major Roads**
 - Interstate Highway
 - State Highway
 - US Highway
 - County and Local Roads**
 - County HWY
 - Local Road
 - Railroads
 - Tribal Lands
 - Rivers and Streams
 - Intermittent Streams
 - Lakes and Open water



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APPENDIX B

LAC LA BELLE BOAT LAUNCH

Oconomowoc, Wisconsin

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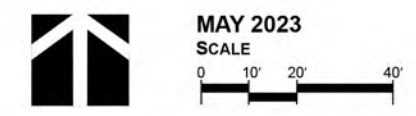
- 1 Boat Launch
- 2 Transient Docks
- 3 Rain Gardens
- 4 Boat Prep Lane
- 5 Rental Slips
- 6 Site Dumpster
- 7 Emergency Services
- 8 Sign Board/Kiosk
- 9 Boat Tie Down Area
- 10 Trailer Parking
- 11 Car Parking
- 12 Concessions/Lifeguard
- 13 Band Shell/Restrooms
- 14 10 Min. Offload Parking
- 15 Kayak Storage*
- 16 Kayak Launch*
- 17 Beach

* Note: Includes Stand Up Paddle Boards and Canoes

- Garbage Cans
- Lights



Master Plan



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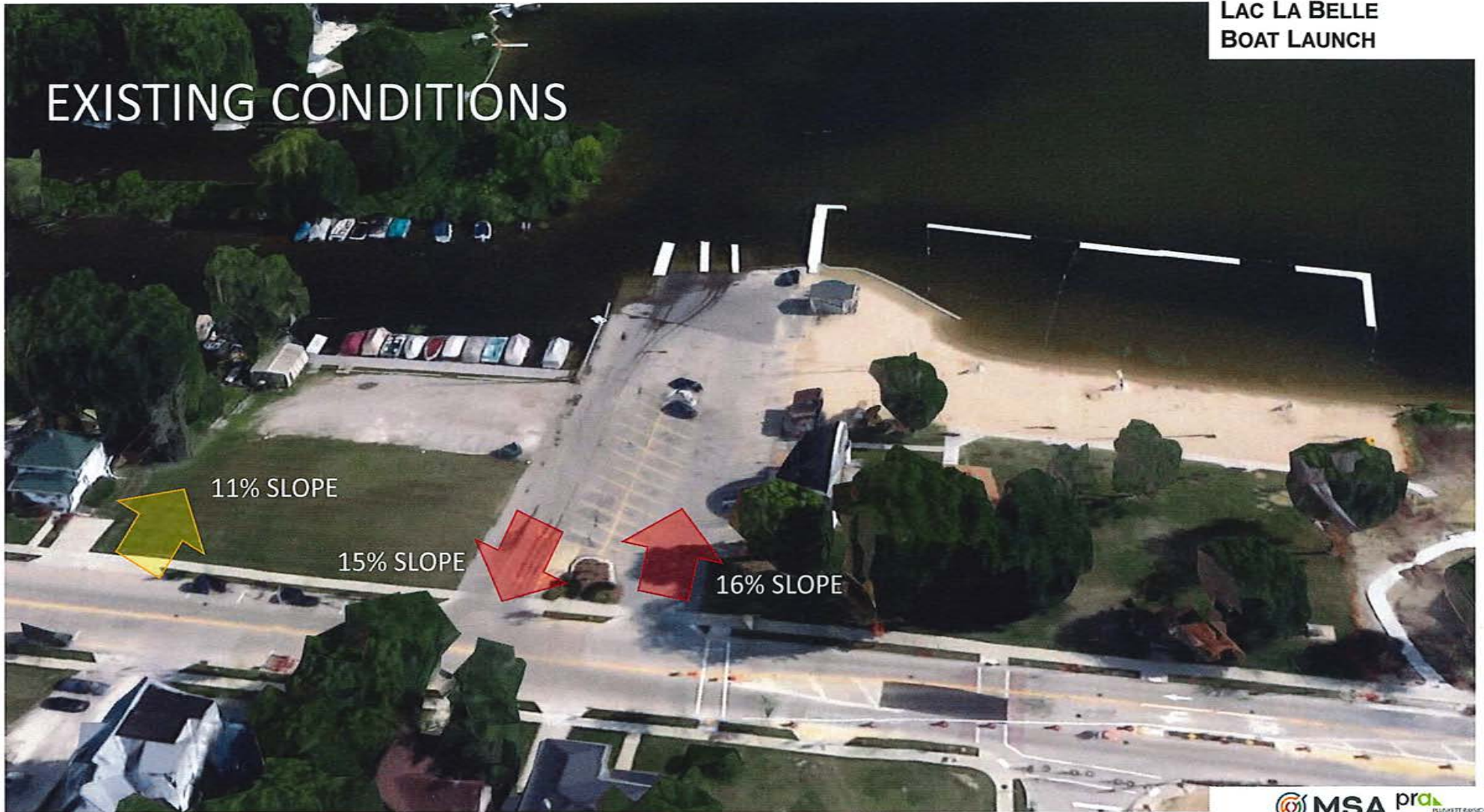
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APPENDIX C

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PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT

