

## **Minutes For Lake Redstone Protection District Meeting of August 11, 2009**

**1. Having been posted in accordance with Wisconsin statues pertaining to open meeting laws the meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm by Jim Mercier, Chairperson.**

### **Present:**

Jim Mercier, Chairperson  
Warren Frank, Secretary  
Cal Maurer, Treasurer  
Marietta "Geeg" Drum, Commissioner  
Priscilla Bondhus, Commissioner  
Cal Brey, Commissioner Representing Town of La Valle

### **Visitors:**

Al Baade, Volunteer Coordinator, Lake Redstone Protection District  
Erik Henningsgard, General Engineering  
Stan Heffernan, Friend

### **2. Approval of Agenda per State of Wisconsin Laws Pertaining to Open Meetings:**

With a minor change to move Item 12 to after Item 7, Brey's motion to approve the Agenda was seconded by Bondhus and approved by the Board.

### **3. Election Of 2009/2010 Officers For Lake Redstone Protection District Board:**

Bondhus made a motion to keep the same officers as in the past year:

Jim Mercier as Chairman  
Warren Frank as Secretary  
Cal Maurer as Treasurer

This was seconded by Drum and approved by the Board.

**4. Approval of Minutes For Meeting On July 14, 2009:** With corrections, a motion to approve the minutes by Brey, seconded by Bondhus and approved by the Board.

**5. Public Input:** Nothing

**6. Secretary's Report:** Frank asked if new business cards were needed. None were requested.

**7. Treasurer's Report:** Maurer distributed copies of the following: Budget Report (1/1/09-8/11/09), Register Report (7/15/09-8/11/09) and Balance Sheet (As of 8/11/09). After a brief discussion, Frank's motion to approve the report was seconded by Brey and approval by the Board.

**8. Current Invoices Payable:** Maurer presented the following invoices for payment approval:

Krueger Printing Inc.		
Annual Meeting Notice	\$1,204.58	
Annual Meeting Copies	39.00	
Printer Ink Cartridges	77.18	
Total		\$1,320.76
Newspaper Publishing of Annual Meeting Notice (REEDSBURG INDEPENDENT)		52.80
<u>Grand Total</u>		<u>\$1,373.56</u>

A motion to approve paying these invoices was made by Bondhus, seconded by Frank and approved by the Board.

**9. Chairman Report:** Mercier noted that it was discussed at the Lake Redstone Protection District (LRPD) Annual Meeting that we give the garage on Mourning Dove Bay to the Town of La Valle. In exchange, Jim asked Cal Brey, Chairperson for the Town of La Valle Board, if the town would be willing to give office space to the LRPD for file cabinets and a desk to hold a computer. Brey thought the Town Board would be willing to do that, but wanted to discuss it after putting it on an upcoming Agenda. It was also noted that during planning of the new town hall facility, it was mentioned that there would likely be room to store LRPD documents in the upper level.

As part of this discussion, a comment was made that we should first dispose of the Cutrene pesticide stored by the LRPD in the garage.

**10. Commissioner Reports:**

A. Maurer noted that the Audit Committee suggested splitting the single-line budget item shown as “Per Diem-WAL Convention” be split into two separate categories: “WAL” and “Per Diem”.

B. Bondhus made comments regarding:

1) A newspaper article in the WISCONSIN STATE JOURNAL about shoreline restoration being done using “root wads” as matting. This could be done in conjunction with boulders and grass cover.

2) Asking local media to show the WI DNR “public service spot” regarding their “clean boat/clean water” program to control aquatic invasive species

**11. Committee Reports:**

A. Elections: Frank

1. Term Expirations:

- a. 2010: Jim Mercier and Cal Maurer
- b. 2011: Warren Frank and Priscilla Bondhus
- c. 2012: Marietta “Geeg” Drum

2. Possible Candidates For Future Election:

B. Auditing: Mercier

C. Water Quality Projects: Baade/Drum Will discuss in a later topic.

**D. Committee and Project Volunteer Coordinator: Baade/Frank** Baade noted that extra sampling will require additional volunteers and result in increased test costs. Drum volunteered to help..

**E. Grant Monies: To Included Shoreline Stabilization:**

**Bondhus/Drum/Baade:** Bondhus commented that LRPD decision took too much time to help Tanager 19 project.

Brey noted a concern that we would be setting a precedent to do this for others in the future. He asked; How much time and effort would be involved? And, For how many people would we do this?

Bondhus believes that we are simply a “flow-through” to obtain DNR support, but agreed to check on future LRPD responsibilities and commitments, especially for repairs, long term applications and long term funding.

Drum noted that they have obtained a DNR permit for rip-rap. The application for approval was written up by Jason Sammons and Jeff Schure.

**F. Newsletter/Website: Bondhus**

**1) Content:** Web-site is lean. At the Annual Meeting, it was requested that we add “approved” minutes. In addition, a “Mission Statement” from our previous planning effort with UW-Extension will be included. Also added will be; The Barr Report, links to the General Engineering web-site and information related to the Mourning Dove Bay project. The Secretary's Report from the 2009 Annual meeting will also be added. A motion to approved doing this was made by Drum, seconded by Bondhus and approved by the Board.

**2) Editor:** Bondhus reports that Rob Nelson, the Editor for the LRPD's PROTECTION CONNECTION NEWSLETTER has planned an extended work/vacation and has alerted us to the fact that we will likely need a new Editor to do this for us.

**G. Township Coordinator: Brey** Reported the following activities:

1) “Short-Term” rentals were discussed at the last Town of La Valle Board meeting. Steve Sorenson, Sauk County Planning and Zoning was there to discuss the current status. Nothing is planned to be done until a lodging application is submitted to Sauk County.

2) Town of La Valle road construction is about done for the year.

3) The Town of La Valle will now sell the two lots near the old town hall.

**H. County Coordinator: Borleske** Not present at tonight's meeting.

**12. Water Quality Test Study: Al Baade**

**A. Response To Vierbicher Letter and Future Actions By Lake Redstone Protection District:** Vierbicher has not responded to either Al Baade or Jim Mercier. Baade noted that the additional costs to the LRPD was \$9,460; \$6800 to Barr Engineering and \$3000 in additional lab test costs.

After discussion, Brey made a motion, seconded by Frank and approved by the Board that another letter be written by Baade, signed by Mercier and send by certified mail that

reiterates our concerns, lists our additional costs and asks them to meet with us at our September meeting.

**B. Review Barr Engineering Presentation At Annual Meeting And Their Conclusions Regarding Lake Redstone Water Quality:** The primary recommendation was to take lake bottom sediment “core samples”, test for phosphorous content and then treat Lake Redstone with alum. Meg Rattai suggested one “core” sample for every 50 to 150 acres, depending on where the samples are taken. This is similar to the study recommended by Liesch during a presentation to us in which they wanted to test for copper contamination in preparation for possible dredging.

**C. Discuss Recommendations By Barr Engineering For Future Actions:** Mercier asked Baade to obtain opinions regarding alum treatments from two others; including the DNR. Baade suggested discussing the current study conclusions and recommendations with Leverance and Panuska, who did the original water quality study that this current effort was, to some extent, duplicating and wrote the report in 1996. Baade will also discuss with Sue Graham and ask her thoughts about alum treatments and the results of similar efforts at other lakes in Wisconsin.

**D. Status of Report to DNR Regarding Water Quality Study:** There are two reports in the process of being completed: The first is an Addendum to Vierbicher's report for Sue Graham. This is for the first grant, which should now be closed out..

The second grant will be covered by sending the Barr Engineering report to Sue Graham. This grant should also be closed out very soon.

### **13. Review Effort And Take Actions Related To Repair Of Flood Washouts On Lake Redstone Protection District and Town of La Valle Property On Mourning Dove/Oriole Bay: Brey/Mercier**

**A. Review Actions By Town of La Valle Board Regarding This Project:** Brey reports that the Town of La Valle Board voted to accept the 25/75 (Town/LRPD) project cost split, while also agreeing to pay an extra \$5,000 for the additional black top that will be laid to the Town boat launch.

**B. Review and Take Action On General Engineering's Recent Efforts, To include, but not limited to;**

**1) Select Contractor From Bids Received Per RFP Prepared By General:** After a review by Erik Henningsgard of General Engineering of both the companies and the bids received, Maurer made a motion, seconded by Frank to accept the bid made by Rule Construction. It should be noted that Henningsgard described receiving “glowing recommendations” from groups for whom Rule had done work.

Rule's bid was for \$28,981.00 and is for the Contract 1 portion of the bid which includes full restoration of the project site to pre-flood conditions. There were 16 specific cost items listed on the bid. The first two will be split at 20/80 by the Town of La Valle and LRPD and the rest will be at the 25/75 ratio.

General Engineering will oversee the entire project. They will write-up the contract to include both the Town of La Valle and the LRPD. General plans to withhold 5-10% until the project is complete, including seeding. There is a one year warranty/guarantee.

**2) Possible Grants and/or Cost Sharing With Other Agencies:** A grant from FEMA is most likely, but NOT from the DNR. The DNR Protection Grant would be a small amount of money based on a point system and would wait until 2010.

Since we've already filed an application with FEMA, the project can be started without the FEMA money. Henningsgard has been in contact with Sauk County Emergency Planning Director, Jeff Jelinek, and FEMA Coordinator, David Wall.

**3) Review DNR Requirements:** Jeff Schure can issue the permit to allow work to start 30 days after we publish his notice in a local newspaper on August 13, 2009.

In addition, the Sauk County Board of Adjustments will meet on August 20, 2009. This project will be discussed for possible approval.

**C. Other Concerns and Possible Actions, such as: Fire Department Dry Hydrant Piping:** As was discussed in past meetings, these dry hydrants were installed a number of years ago by Lake Redstone residents working with the Village of La Valle Fire Department. Lake bottom sediment was sucked into and damaged Fire Department pumps. As a result, the dry hydrants were not used and will now be abandoned.

**14. Update On Northern Environmental Efforts To Spray Lake Redstone For Control of Exotic and Nuisance Aquatic Plants During 2009: Frank**

Frank read a note from James Scharl of Northern Environmental that described that they did the post treatment survey of Lake Redstone on July 30, 2009. The milfoil wasn't thick enough to retreat, but mapped locations for next years permit. Natives were also not dense enough to require treatment, but there were a few relatively small clumps that were near shore and occurred in less than one-quarter of the entire property's waterfront. Based on the survey, he expect next year's permit to be for fewer acreage and should have a lower cost.

**15. Review August Annual Meeting of Lake Redstone Protection District: All**

After limited discussion, the key point was made by Mercier that the LRPD efforts have not been recognized and understood by our residents and tax-payers. He suggests that we publicize our activities and successful accomplishments in the newsletter. We also need to keep people up to date on the dam repairs and critical habitat.

**16. Consider and Plan Projects:**

- A. Timmons Road:** Mercier and Frank will look at the area in question.
- B. Sediment Study:** Tabled for future discussion.
- C. Possible Uses For "Floating Curtain":** This was included as a reminder that we own this and may even have use for it on the Mourning Dove Bay project.

**17. Review Current and New State Local SLOW/NO WAKE Ordinances And How They Related To Lake Redstone Protection District Water Quality Concerns:**

**Mercier** The key comment was that the recently signed State Law regarding No Wake boating no less than 100' from shore goes into effect on February 24, 2010.

**18. Consider Modifications In Lake Redstone Protection District “Mission Statement”:** Bondhus Done

**19. Discuss Possible Action To Sell LRPD Garage To Town of La Valle: Mercier**

A suggestion was made that we simply tear it down, but it was noted that the Town of La Valle and the DNR still needs a place to store their boats. Baade also noted that there is an old “weir” next to the building. It is large, 20'x5', and heavy. Baade suggested we look into selling it for scrap.

**20. Discuss and Possible Action Regarding:**

**A. Sediment Washing In On Original 49/50 and 67/68: Baade**

Baade described this as south of Sac Court. Bay was dredged, but nothing done above to stop future problems. Brey commented that “drop tubes” do a good job to slow water. It was noted that there may be similar needs on Robin Court and Black Bird Court.

**B. Sediment Washing In On Raven Bay:** Brief discussion and then tabled.

**C. Run-off From Cattle On County Highway F:** Brief discussion and then tabled.

**D. Manure Spreading (Meg Rattai's E-Mail):** Brief discussion and then tabled.

**21. Potential New Business For Next Month:**

- A. Above Item 16 and 20 concerns.
- B. Emergency S/NW Threshold limits (917.23')
- C. Review results and plan activities suggested by Barr Engineering
- D. Actions to repair Mourning Dove Bay
- E. Newsletter

**22. Time and Date Of Next Meeting:**

6:00 am on September 8, 2009

**18. Adjourn:** At 9:12 pm, Brey made a motion to adjourn with a second by Bondhus and approved by the Board.

**WDF, 09/7/09**