

Minutes For Lake Redstone Protection District Meeting of January 12, 2010

1. Having been posted in accordance with Wisconsin statues pertaining to open meeting laws the meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Jim Mercier, Chairperson.

Present:

Jim Mercier, Chairperson
Warren Frank, Secretary
Cal Maurer, Treasurer
Marietta "Geeg" Drum, Commissioner
Priscilla Bondus, Commissioner
Cal Brey, Commissioner Representing Town of La Valle
Linda Borleske, Commissioner Representing Sauk County

Visitors:

Al Baade, Lake Redstone Protection District Volunteer Coordinator
Nick Ladas, Lake Redstone Resident and Volunteer
Dave Starin, Lake Redstone Resident and Volunteer
Tom Dosemagen, Lake Redstone Resident

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

Borleske moved to approve the Agenda, seconded by Brey and approved by the Board.

3. Approval of Minutes For Meeting On December 10, 2009: With four small corrections, a motion to approve was made by Brey, seconded by Drum and approved by the Board.

4. Public Input: Nothing.

5. Secretary's Report: Frank reminded the Board about:

A. League Of Conservation Voters Lobby Day at State Capitol in Madison on 1/26/2010.

B. Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL) Conference in Green Bay on March 30-April 1, 2010.

6. Treasurer's Report: Maurer distributed copies of the following: Budget Report (1/1/09-12/31/09), Register Report (12/11/09-12/31/09) and Balance Sheet (As of 12/31/09). After a brief discussion, Borleske's motion to approve the report was seconded by Bondhus and approved by the Board.

Maurer also noted that the Lake Redstone Protection District has received a check for \$2500 from the DNR, which was reimbursement for one of the two water quality grants.

7. Current Invoices Payable: Maurer presented the following invoice for payment approval:

Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene For Water Testing	\$66.87
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>\$66.87</u>

A motion to approve paying the above invoice was made by Borleseke, seconded by Drum and approved by the Board.

8. Chairman Report: Mercier reported: A letter was received from the Wisconsin Association of Lakes thanking the LRPD for the \$100.00 donation.

9. Commissioner Reports: Nothing.

10. 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: Nothing to report.

B. Auditing: Mercier: Nothing to report.

C. Water Quality Projects: Baade/Drum

- 1) Status of DO Meter: It seems to be operational and working properly, but will be watched to be sure data continues to be collected properly.
- 2) Additional Sample Sites: Baade provided a map showing the two current “Grab Sample” locations; one on the east side and one on the west side of the watershed. On the map, he highlighted two additional locations further up the east and west watersheds at which he suggests samples be taken. These locations were selected and will, hopefully, help us determine at which point in the watershed contaminant levels become significant.

After discussion about the costs to analyze the additional samples and the additional information that will be gained by doing so, Borleske's motion to take these additional samples was seconded by Frank and approved by the Board. The motion included a provision that samples could be taken without limitation; as deemed appropriate based on weather conditions, wet and dry, and not just a couple of set times during the summer.

D. Committee and Project Volunteer Coordinator: Baade/Frank Geeg Drum reminded us that she will help Nick Ladas obtain “Grab Samples”..

E. Grant Monies: To Included Shoreline Stabilization: Bondhus/Drum/Baade: Nothing to report.

F. Newsletter/Website: Bondhus

- 1) **Future Newsletters:** Discussions should be held in coming months to identify new topics.
- 2) **Web-site Content:** Continue Agenda and Minutes in outline form that can be done as a pdf file.

G. Township Coordinator: Brey Reported the following:

- 1) A new Town of La Valle web-site is being developed.
- 2) Higher level ambulance care service, to para-medical, was approved. This will be at a cost increase from \$3/person to \$10-12/person.
- 3) Obtaining a "Tasor" weapon for use by Town of La Valle Police is moving forward.
- 4) The Town of La Valle will partner with Reedsburg to fund a Municipal Court to reduce court costs for boating offenses; but not other issues, like traffic.

H. County Coordinator: Borleske Nothing to report.

11. Water Quality Test Study: Al Baade

A. Review Meeting With Kurt Muchow, Vierbicher, And Possible Legal Action Regarding Issues Related To Water Quality Study done With Grants From WI DNR: Baade/Mercier Kurt Muchow sent a letter questioning the data cited by the Lake Redstone Protection District and rejects the LRPD claims for financial reimbursement. Baade will review Muchow's comments and make a recommendation regarding it next month.

B. Status of Report to DNR Regarding Water Quality Study: Maurer has received DNR reimbursement for one grant and Baade has submitted information to satisfy WI DNR requirements for reimbursement of the second grant.

12. Joint Lake Redstone Protection District/Town of La Valle Mourning Dove/Oriole Bay: Brey/Mercier

A. Needed follow-Up Actions:

- 1) Erik Henningsgard, General Engineering, sent a note that they have not yet heard from FEMA regarding grant funds. He'll continue checking.
- 2) Mercier has observed snow plow damage to the flood repairs. Some of the grass stabilization matting has been ripped up. He has also observed snowmobiles going over the berm. The LRPD portion of the matting has not been hurt, but some of the Town of La Valle portion of the project has been torn up.

Mercier suggests not doing any fences and signs at this point; to simply wait to check damage in spring and then determine a course of action.

B. Status of Engineering and Construction Company Contracts: Wait for spring to determine if additional work is needed.

C. Needed Actions On Memonic Meadows: Bev Vaillancourt Wait for spring.

13. Review DNR Input Regarding Alum Treatment of Lake Redstone Bottom Sediment: Baade

A. DNR Response To Barr Engineering Recommendations: DNR says this effort is probably not needed. Phosphorous numbers are about the same, but they are willing to discuss differences between DNR and Barr recommendations. Phosphorous may be only in top foot or so of sediment.

Dredging may be a consideration, but is expensive. Before dredging, shorelines must be stabilized.

Our attendees at WAL should talk to other lake groups, engineering groups and contractors who have encountered and done work to fix problems of this type.

B. Recommendations On Taking Lake Bottom Core Samples:

- 1) Baade has a note from Pat Oldenburg of the WI DNR that is not favorable and does not encourage doing this.
- 2) It was noted that in a past LRPD meeting with Liesch, they indicated they could take and analyze samples. But, this was a different type of testing, sort of a batch mix operation, not to test the core sample at various depths.

14. Review And Possible Action Based On General Engineering “Project Evaluation for Lake Redstone Protection District”, November 2009 by Erik Henningsgard Regarding The Following Projects (The following list is based on the same names and order used by Erik in his report):

- A. (1) Section 11 Boat Landing
- B. (2) Blackbird Court
- C. (3) Robin Court
- D. (4) Wetland North of Lake At Bridge On Sauk County Highway F
- E. (5) County F Culvert
- F. (6) Swallow Bay
- G. (7) JJ Gates Pond
- H. (8) Timmons Road Pond
- I. (9) Raven Bay
- J. (10) Original 67/68
- K. (11) Original 49/50

The review for each of the above was read and discussed. The recommendation for most of them is to install a retaining pond in conjunction with a flow control pipe that typically ponds the water on one side of the road while slowing and controlling the flow to the other side. Blackbird Court will require considerably more work to reform the drainage gully and flow control devices, as well as retrieving the boulders that have been flushed into the narrow connector from the main lake to the upper west side Highway F “tube” area. Because of the potential water flowing through that area, its priority will be higher. Reforming the three connected ponds (at JJ Gates and Timmons Road locations) will also take additional planning and effort to dredge and reform the land contours. A DNR review and approval of the project may also be needed.

Mercier asked Erik for an approximate cost and was told that most of the projects would likely be around \$1500.00, but some would be more and one or two would be less. Before work begins, they should be prioritized with respect to the order in which they would be repaired.

15. Current Status of Town of La Valle Emergency Slow/No Wake Laws: Mercier
The Town of La Valle's preliminary ordinance is still being reviewed by their attorney.

Signs and paint on the asphalt at each boat landing was again discussed, but no action was taken. This may be a Town of La Valle activity, not the LRPD. There was also a question regarding who paid for the signs; the LRPD, Sauk County Sheriff Department or Town of La Valle.

16. Discuss Placement of Buoys Around Lake Redstone: Mercier Discussion indicated that buoys do not really have to be put out. Doing so is mostly to provide information to boaters to help them determine at which point they should slow their boat in order to maintain a legal speed on the water. However, when buoys are placed in the water, you must provide the DNR with a report describing why and where they are being placed.

It was suggested that placement of buoys be included as a topic in the next Newsletter.

17. Review Status Of Sale Of LRPD Garage To Town of La Valle In Exchange For Office and Storage Space In New Town Hall Building: Mercier/Brey

Cal has now found the original lease. Brey reported that the Town of La Valle Board has now approved office space for an LRPD desk and file cabinet.

18. Sale/Disposal of Cutrine Pesticide: Frank Nothing to report.

19. Update On Dam Repairs: Frank Nothing new to report.

20. Purchase of Computer For Lake Redstone Protection District: Baade Baade has provided a table with features and costs from several suppliers. There are varying types and levels of anti-virus software and service offered by each supplier. Baade was told by the suppliers and, in turn, recommends that the proposed computer not use the VISTA operating systems. A motion was made by Brey, seconded by Frank and approved by the Board to give Baade authority to purchase the K501 J-D20 or equivalent laptop computer.

21. Discuss Possible Property Leasing and/Or Land Acquisition; Donation Or Direct Purchase: Mercier An offer was made by the owner, Donald or David Strum (?), to give Original Lot 24, near Wayne Hensel on Fox Court; to the Lake Redstone Protection District. This is a very steep lot that goes downward from Wegner Road/East Redstone Drive to Fox Court. Julie Alibrando has agreed to help with the transfer using a "quit claim deed". Mercier will check on legal costs for the title search.

It was suggested that this be written up in the Newsletter to, hopefully, encourage others to see the value in donating their lots to the LRPD.

Drum has agreed to check out two other possible similar opportunities.

22. Status of Follow-Up Meeting With DNR Managers: Mercier After several notes were sent between the DNR and the LRPD, it was agreed that the meeting would be held:

6:00 pm
March 3, 2010

23. Potential New Business For Next Month:

- A. Newsletter
- B. Paint At Boat Landings
- C. Computer Purchase
- D. Property Donations
- E. Erik Henningsgard Recommendations For Flood Repair Projects
- F. Aquatic Plant Management

24. Time and Date Of Next Meeting:

6:00 pm on February 9, 2010

25. Adjourn: No later than 9:00 pm At 8:25 pm Brey made a motion to adjourn with a second by Borleske and approval by the Board.

WDF, 2/8/10