

## **Minutes For Lake Redstone Protection District Meeting of March 9, 2010**

**1. Having been posted in accordance with Wisconsin statues pertaining to open meeting laws the meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Jim Mercier, Chairperson.**

### **Present:**

Jim Mercier, Chairperson

Warren Frank, Secretary

Cal Maurer, Treasurer

Priscilla Bondhus, 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

Joe Dorava, Vierbicher Associates, Inc.

Mary Haysa, Interested Friend of Lake Redstone Resident

Beverly Vaillancourt, Town of La Valle Board Member

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

Included in Borleske's motion to approve the Agenda was a request to move Item 11 up in the Agenda so that Joe Dorava of Vierbicher could discuss resolution of the issues related to the Water Quality Study done for the LRPD by Vierbicher. Her motion was seconded by Brey and approved by the Board.

**3. Approval of Minutes For Meeting On January 12, 2010:** With three minor corrections, a motion to approve was made by Borleske, seconded by Brey and approved by the Board.

**4. Public Input:** Nothing.

### **5. Secretary's Report:** Frank:

A. Reminded Board Members about the upcoming Wisconsin Association of Lakes (WAL) Conference in Green Bay on March 30-April 1, 2010. Four members plan to attend; Mercier, Frank, Drum and Bondhus.

B. Noted receipt of a Certificate of Liability from Johnson Insurance for MSA Professional Services Inc.

**6. Treasurer's Report:** Maurer distributed copies of the following: Budget Report (1/1/10-3/9/10), Register Report (2/10/10-3/9/10) and Balance Sheet (As of 3/9/10). After a brief discussion, Borleske's motion to approve the report was seconded by Frank and approved by the Board.

**7. Current Invoices Payable:** At the start of the meeting Maurer had no invoices to pay, but was presented with one item at the meeting:

<u>Krueger Printing, For copying</u>	4.08
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>\$4.08</u>

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

**8. Chairman Report:** Mercier reported receiving a communication from property owners on Chickadee who live in Fond du Lac asking if two additional lots next to their original, which is already riprapped, could also be riprapped. He sent a note back to them telling them riprap was allowed, but that they should contact Jeff Schure, DNR, for an application for approval to formally allow them to do so.

**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, but noted he would ask the previous auditors from last year (2009) to do it again. They are; Nick Ladas, Tom Dosemagen and Bill Courtney. Maurer very kindly volunteered his wife, Shirley, to make cookies. We all seconded and approved that motion.

**C. Water Quality Projects: Baade/Frank**

**D. Committee and Project Volunteer Coordinator: Baade/Frank** Nothing

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

**Bondhus/Drum/Baade:** Nothing, but Bondhus noted she would seek information at the upcoming WAL Conference.

**F. Newsletter/Website: Bondhus**

**1)Future Newsletters:** Bondhus mentioned that Rob Nelson, Editor, suggests doing this earlier. Items suggested for inclusion are:

- a) Clean Sweep
- b) Dam Repairs
- c) Registering piers: Not all, but some may need to be grandfathered.
- d) Sturm's donation of property to LRPD.
- e) The new Sauk County NIXEL warning system.
- f) Actions Related to Emergency Slow/No Wake

**2) Web-site Content:** It is time to renew the contract with the company that designed the LRPD web-site The cost to Town Web Design is \$310.00; more than the Town of La Valle paid (\$149.00) to the group that has just redone their web-site.

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

- 1) Signs at boat landings will be replaced and upgraded.

- 2) Reevaluations of property values will begin soon.
- 3) Road repairs will soon. Cost of seal coats has increased by 15%.
- 4) Earth Day will be mid-April. There are 28 volunteers from the schools.

**H. County Coordinator: Borleske**

1. Reviewed dam repairs. Contract awarded to Holtz Lime and Gravel.
2. Sauk County's Clean Sweep will be held June 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.
2. There will be a Sauk County Earth Day program at UW Baraboo on April

25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

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

**A. Continue Discussion and Plan Action In Response To Letters Sent to and Received From Kurt Muchow, Vierbicher, Related To Water Quality Study Done With Grant Money From WI DNR: Baade/Mercier**

Joe Dorava was present to represent Vierbicher. He noted they are reluctant to do accept that they made mistakes. The LRPD has already agreed to pay for the additional laboratory costs to test water samples, but would like them to pay for the reminding amount of \$6,351.00. Dorava said they'd pay only 25% of those costs.

Frank, Brey and Borleske made comments about the poor inadequate follow-up of poorly operating sampling and test equipment. This slowed the entire project by over a year to obtain additional samples hire another engineering company to evaluate the data into a coherent summary that gives us the direction the LRPD wanted to guide future effort. The total cost the LRPD paid to Barr Engineering was \$16,051.

It was suggested that Vierbicher should pick up, at least, 50% of the cost:

$$\$6351 \times 0.5 = \$3,175.50$$

Dorava agreed that Vierbicher would pay this amount. Borleske made a motion to accept \$3,175 as payment from Vierbicher to finish this project. Her motion was seconded by Bondhus and approved by the Board.

**B. Status of Report to DNR Regarding Water Quality Study: Baade** As reported previously, Baade has submitted the paperwork for both phases of the project, but the LRPD has not yet received the second of two reimbursement checks.

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

**A. Follow-Up Actions:**

- 1) FEMA Grant Money: Nothing. Henningsgard will meet with DNR.
- 2) Fences/Signs: Nothing will be done until spring.
  - a) Berm has small tracks, but no apparent permanent damage.
  - b) Matting pulled up by plowing needs to be reseeded.
  - c) Ice shanties have been pulled off ice and left on property. Need to

check names and have them removed.

**B. Status of Engineering and Construction Company Contracts:** Nothing until spring.

**13. Actions Related To Meronek Meadows: Beverly Vaillancourt:** Vaillancourt was present to ask permission of the LRPD to burn the prairie in mid-April. Frank then asked if she needed any money for seed. Borleske noted that some may be available from the Natural Beauty Council. However, Borleske made a motion to; 1) Approve burning the prairie and 2) Provide \$200, if needed, to purchase seed. This motion was seconded by Bondhus and approved by the Board.

**14. Continue Discussion Regarding Recommendations By Barr Engineering and DNR Comments For Alum Treatment and Core Samples of Lake Redstone Bottom Sediment: Baade** Baade reviewed and highlighted key points in the DNR Report by Pat Oldenburg. West branch flow is different. The Total Phosphorous was high in 2007. Oldenburg would prefer a visual evaluation rather than more testing.

Baade plans to discuss all this with Susan Graham and then set up a conference call with all three parties; Barr, the WI DNR and himself.

**15. Prioritize Projects and Determine Cost Estimates For Each Based On Description In General Engineering's "Project Evaluation For Lake Redstone Protection District", Nov, 2009: Erik Henningsgard** (The following list is based on the order used by Erik in his report): Mercier/ Henningsgard, General Engineering

- 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

This effort was tabled until discussed with the DNR managers at the meeting planned for March 17, 2010.

**16. Status of Town of La Valle Emergency Slow/No Wake Ordinance: Brey**

- A. Status:
  - a) Brey discussed copying Dutch Hollow's Protocol
  - b) Discuss with DNR

**B. Warning Signs/Pavement At Boat Landings:** This was discussed previously and decided there would not be any signs on the pavement; whether painted or a movable bucket type. The signs that will be placed on the permanent standing signs must be updated and kept current.

Frank will discuss again with Steve Muchow, Sauk County Highway Dept. and Steve Koenig, Sauk County Parks about installing a permanent lake level marker of some sort on the bridge structure at the crossing of County Highway F.

**17. Update and Action Regarding Sale Of LRPD Garage To Town of La Valle: Mercier/Brey:**

- A. Brey: Town of La Valle is ready to go.
- B. Baade reports being in and around the garage and saw nothing for a propane tank.
- C. Frank reported talking with Sauk County Treasurer and was told that since neither the Town of La Valle and the LRPD pays property taxes, the garage does not have a taxable value and, in fact, could not be found as even existing in her records.

**18. Sale/Disposal of Cutrine Pesticide: Frank**

Bonostroo (previously Northern Environmental) has sent a letter declining to accept the Cutrine. Frank has talked again with Bill Ratajczyk of Applied Biochemists. Bill will check with possible people who would take it and use it, but probably will not pay for it. Another disposal option for the LRPD is to take the Cutrine to the Clean Sweep in June.

**19. Update On Dam Repairs: Frank** Described update from Steve Koenig, Sauk County Parks and Recreation. Nothing by Holtz until late spring, but trees should be taken down soon.

**20. Update On Aquatic Plants: Frank** Nothing new.

**21. Discussion ;and Action Related To Lake Leaders Program: Bondhus**

Drum has signed up to attend the Lake Leaders Conference. Baade and Bondhus have attended in the past and both agree it is a good program. The cost is \$300.00 for registration, which includes the program itself, lodging and food for three weekends. Bondhus made a motion that the LRPD pay both the registration and milage to get there and back. Her motion was seconded by Borleske and approved by the Board.

**22. Purchase of Computer For Lake Redstone Protection District: Baade** The computer approved for purchase last month was purchased by Baade from computer Connections for the approved cost of \$714.98. It is an ASUS. Baade has installed Open Office 3.1 on it and has made a restore boot and back-up disc He suggests we may have to update the Quicken software to make it similar to Maurer's current program. The new computer was given to Frank to hold and store until an area in the Town of La Valle office building is available.

**23. Discuss Possible Property Leasing and/Or Land Acquisition; Donation Or Direct Purchase: Mercier** The deed and title to Donald Sturm's land, Original Lot 24 (near Wayne Hensel on Fox Court) that he has given to the Lake Redstone Protection District has been received. Mercier has asked our attorney, Steve Roy, to do a "quit claim deed" and Title Insurance. Mercier will also send a note to Mr and Mrs Sturm thanking them for their donation.

**24. Define and Prioritize Key Topics and Questions For Meeting With DNR Managers Scheduled for 6:00 pm on March 17, 2010: Mercier**

Topics related to the DNR that were suggested for discussion at this meeting are the following:

- A. List of Permits and the Permitting Process
- B. Update On Critical Habitat
- C. Flood Projects

Topics not related to the DNR, but should be discussed later in the meeting are:

- D. Emergency Slow/No Wake Activities
- E. FEMA Grant Money
- F. Web-Site Contract

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

- A. Newsletter
- B. Review DNR meeting
- C. Property Donations
- D. Erik Henningsgard Recommendations For Flood Repair Projects
- E. Aquatic Plant Management

**25. Time and Date Of Next Meetings:**

- 6:00 pm on March 17, 2010
- 6:00 pm on April 14, 2010

**26. 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, 3/17/10**