

Minutes For Lake Redstone Protection District Meeting of March 17, 2010

1. Having been posted in accordance with Wisconsin statues pertaining to open meeting laws the meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Jim Mercier, Chairperson.

Present:

Jim Mercier, Chairperson
Warren Frank, Secretary
Cal Maurer, Treasurer
Priscilla Bondhus, Commissioner
Marietta "Geeg" Drum, 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
Beverly Vaillancourt, Town of La Valle Board Member
Lloyd Eagan, WI DNR
Ken Johnson, WI DNR
Erik Henningsgard, General Engineering
Stan Heffernan, Friend of Lake Redstone, Madison

2. Approval of Agenda per State of Wisconsin Laws Pertaining to Open Meetings:
Brey's motion to approve the Agenda was seconded by Borleske approved by the Board.

3. Discussion With DNR Managers, Lloyd Eagan and Ken Johnson. Among topics proposed for discussion are:

a. Current Views of DNR Regarding Critical Habitat and Sensitive Areas:

Although there have been a number of lakes receiving the designation, in general, due to budget restraints, many activities to this and other issues have been slowed. They no longer have LTE (Limited Term Employees), so there are fewer people.

b. List of permits Approved Prior To and After Critical Habitat Designation of Lake Redstone: A table of permits was given to the Board. There were 3 in 2007, 7 in 2008 and 21 in 2009. Of these in 2009, 6 were to the LRPD and the Town of La Valle. Of the total of 31, most were for riprap.

c. Review Permitting Process In Critical Habitat Zones: Little comment other than to note that Critical Habitat can increase the permitting process. However, none of the permits in 2007, 2008 and 2009 were "elevated". A comment was made by the Board that it was interesting that there were a number of more permits approved in 2009, despite the economic recession and that none of the requests were refused or restricted.

d. Status of Critical Habitat Designation of Other Wisconsin Lakes: Few comments other than the program is continuing through-out the 5 regions, although at a slower pace due to the budget. It was noted that the new NR115 does not include any comments regarding Critical Habitat.

e. Discuss Proposed Flood Projects: DNR Comments On Permits or Suggestions For Funding Grants: We described the eleven projects being considered by the LRPD and project suggestions provided by Erik Henningsgard of General Engineering. Erik asked about a grant funding program referred to as Targeted Runoff Management (TRM). Comments were made that these are for dealing with farm run-off and basin plans in southern Wisconsin. They work with County Conservation Agents and are willing to come in to offer advice, but do not want to upset people in the local areas.

Various grant funds may be available, such as; Lake Planning Grants, Lake Protection Grants, Rivers and Lake Grants (through Sue Graham), TRM Grants (through Andy Morton) and Sauk County Long Term Recovery Committee.

The following proposed projects were discussed:

- 1) Bridge at County Highway F: Permits would be required for work done here. Silk screens to slow water could be done, but only temporarily.
- 2) Farm run-off site with culvert under Highway F: The DNR managers suggested that they would discuss this issue with other DNR folks and identify an expert, Mike Degen, that could offer advice.
- 3) Series of three ponds on or near JJ Gates property: DNR could issue permits to fix if it has jurisdiction.
- 4) Retention ponds west of Martin-Meadowlark: Although told we could not work to repair these partially filled in ponds, Ken Johnson said he should be able to find the original permit and reconsider doing work. Henningsgard noted that although process ponds fill in and become wetlands, they should still be actionable.
- 5) Washout site next to Section 11 boat launch: This was permitted through DNR in 1997. Various grants may be available to help in repair.

f. DNR Suggestions For Purchase Of Property and/or Easement To Protect Lake Redstone Shoreline and Watershed: It was suggested by the DNR managers that a couple possibilities to assist in doing this would be; Stewardship Grants for Stream Bay Protection. This funding goes up to \$200,000. The contact would be Stephanie Brower, who has recently replaced Mary Zickerman.

4. Approval of Minutes For Meeting On March 9, 2010: With two corrections, a motion to approve was made by Borleske, seconded by Drum and approved by the Board.

5. Public Input: Nothing.

6. Secretary's Report: Frank: Nothing

7. Treasurer's Report: Since this was a special meeting in mid-month, a report was not prepared.

Mercier mentioned that he had picked up the check from Vierbicher as they agreed to cover our expenses for the Water Quality Study. It was for \$3,175.50.

8. Current Invoices Payable: Maurer had a single invoices to pay:

Krueger Printing, For copying	3.60
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>\$3.60</u>

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

9. Chairman Report: Nothing

10. Commissioner Reports: Brey mentioned a visit to the LRPD garage and observed four x 25 green bottles. These are the old Cutrine for which we are still searching for someone to take from us. He also mentioned that there is a propane tank on the property, but the chimney is plugged. The question is who owns it; probably Lakes or the Coop.

11. Update On FEMA Grant To Recover Costs Of Joint Lake Redstone Protection District/Town of La Valle Mourning Dove Bay Project: Brey/Mercier Nothing has been received from FEMA. Jeff Jelinek, Sauk County Emergency Planning had no information.

Henningsgard commented again that the TRM DNR Grant Program may be a good source of funds. A contact is Kathleen Thompson, 608-267-7568.

Another suggestion was to contact Representative Ed Brooks office for help in writing grants.

Erik also suggested that in the future we do easy projects first, such as Wegner Road. Also, that we must determine property lines at Section 11. and work with adjacent property owners.

12. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Renewal of Previous Contract Or Selection Of A New Web-Site Constructor /Provider: Bondhus The web-site provider of the Town of La Valle was discussed as a possible change for a cost of \$149.00. Rebecca Prochaska, who has done our current web-site is willing to work with whomever we choose. Borleske made a motion to allow an expenditure to do this of up to \$200.00 and to transfer old information to the new site. It was suggested that a letter be sent to the old provider to tell them we are going to a new service.

13. Review and Actions To Support Town of La Valle's Ordinance Regulating Designation Of Emergency Slow/No Wake For Lake Redstone: The new Town of La Valle ordinance for Slow/No Wake was reviewed. Borleske made a motion that the Lake Redstone Protection District adopt it. This was seconded by Frank and approved by the Board.

14. Potential New Business For Next Month:

- A. Web-SiteNewsletter
- B. Garage and Disposal of Cutrine

C. Aquatic Plant Management

15. Time and Date Of Next Meetings:

6:00 pm on April 14, 2010

16. Adjourn: No later than 9:00 pm At 8:15 pm, Brey made a motion to adjourn with a second by Borleske and approval by the Board.

WDF, 4/14/10