

Minutes For Lake Redstone Protection District Meeting of April 14, 2010

1. Having been posted in accordance with Wisconsin statues pertaining to open meeting laws the meeting was called to order at 6:01 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

Tom Dosemagen, Lake Redstone Resident

Erik Henningsgard, General Engineering

Rebecca Prochaska, Lake Redstone Protection District Newsletter Web Mistress

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

Borleske's motion to approve the Agenda was seconded by Maurer and approved by the Board.

3. Approval of Minutes For Meeting On March 17, 2010: With three minor corrections, a motion to approve was made by Borleske, seconded by Bondhus and approved by the Board.

4. Public Input: Al Baade reported finding in the minutes for April, 1997, mention of a bill to Lakes Gas, which would indicate that the propane tank located behind the LRPD garage may belong to them. Regardless, Cal Brey said that he would get rid of the tank.

5. Secretary's Report: Frank:

A. Asked if any Board members needed business cards. Drum had told him previously that she needed a set of cards, but no other Board members requested any.

B. Reminded Board members of the upcoming meeting of the Adams County Lake Alliance on Saturday, May 8, 2010 and noted the titles of the presentations that are to be presented.

C. Reviewed the various email notes that have circulated for a couple days about the DNR electric shocking of fish at various locations around Lake Redstone as part of a survey of the fish population in the lake. The DNR Fisheries Management group has promised to provide the LRPD with a copy of the Survey Report when it is completed.

6. Treasurer's Report: Maurer distributed copies of the following: Budget Report (1/1/10-4/14/10), Register Report (3/10/10-4/14/10) and Balance Sheet (As of 4/14/10).

He also noted that the LRPD has now received the second check for \$2500.00 from the DNR for their share of the Water Quality Study. After a brief discussion, Borleske's motion to approve the report was seconded by Bondhus and approved by the Board.

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

REEDSBURG INDEPENDENT for AP PUBLIC NOTICE	\$23.97
Krueger Printing, For copying: \$4.16 + \$7.20 =	11.36
<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>\$35.33</u>

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

8. Chairman Report: Mercier: Nothing to report.

9. Commissioner Reports: Borleske reports that she was re-elected to her position on the Sauk County Board, but does not know if she will again be assigned to the LRPD.

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 new to report.

C. Water Quality Projects: Baade/Frank: Nothing to report.

D. Committee and Project Volunteer Coordinator: Baade/Frank Drum will write an article for the LRPD Newsletter discussing volunteer activities.

Baade suggests preparing a list of projects to be considered for requesting future grants prior to deadlines.

E. Grant Monies: To Included Shoreline Stabilization:

Bondhus/Drum/Baade: Nothing.

F. Newsletter/Website: Bondhus

1) Future Newsletters: Bondhus mentioned that she has not yet heard from Rob Nelson, Editor of the Newsletter, regarding his continuation as Editor.

Items suggested for inclusion in upcoming Newsletters are the following items:

a) Sauk County's Clean Sweep Program.

b) Volunteer Activities and Need For Additional Support.

c) Slow/No Wake Regulations:

New Town of LaValle Ordinance For Emergency High Water Conditions.

New State of Wisconsin Law

d) The new Sauk County NIXEL warning system.

f) Request For Volunteers To Run For Election To The LRPD Board at August Annual Meeting.

2) **Web-site Content:** Changing to a new web-site developer was approved at the March meeting of the LRPD. It is the same group that the Town of LaValle is working with. The cost is \$149.00. Brey's motion to approve spending this amount of money was seconded by Bondhus and approved by the Board.

Rebecca Prochaska has agreed to deal with the new web-site designer and send a letter to the previous designer with who we will no longer be working.

G. Township Coordinator: Brey Reported the following:

- 1) Elections: New Town Board member is Jim Brandt.
- 2) Road Construction Approved: Pine Tree to Hopi Court, Heidrich Road, Repairs to Navajo and Warbler Courts and Work on Dutch Hollow roads.
- 3) Approved a resolution against "short term rentals" that will be sent to the Sauk County Board of Commissioners and Board of Adjustments.
- 4) Approved partnering with City of Reedsburg for a Municipal Court. This should result in more tickets being written, primarily due to increased enforcement on Lake Redstone, and more money from the fines being returned to the Town of LaValle.

H. County Coordinator: Borleske: Nothing to report; other than her previously mentioned re-election as a Sauk County Commissioner.

11. Water Quality Test Study: Al Baade

A. Review Final Actions Related To Vierbicheer and Water Quality Study and Receipt of Check: The check for the agreed upon amount of \$3,175.50 has been received from Vierbicher and this issue is now finalized.

B. Review Final Actions Related To DNR Regarding Water Quality Study and Receipt of Check: As noted previously in the Treasurer's Report, this check has also been received and this activity is now complete.

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

A. Follow-Up Actions:

1. Status of FEMA Grant and Receipt of Check: Henningsgard reports that the original claim for \$3,000 has been amended and a letter sent to FEMA, but nothing has been heard from them.

2. Fences /Signs: Nothing

B. Status of Engineering and Construction Company Contracts:

Henningsgard reports that the retainage is still being held back. Some of the seed growth has not been effective, especially where the matting was ripped up by the privately operated snow plows. He recommends releasing some of the retainage. This will be done on the basis of a 75/25 split between the LRPD and Town of La Valle. For the LRPD, this amounts to \$830.75. A letter and payment sheet will be sent.

He also noted that General did not charge for "grant administration" and that there will be a bill sent to the LRPD.

13. Actions Related To Meronek Meadows: Beverly Vaillancourt: Vaillancourt was not present, but had previously reported that the brush and small trees were cut and piled up for burning. It was also noted that the Sauk County Natural Beauty Council did give seed as part of Earth Day efforts to help in the replanting the prairie grass.

14. Ongoing Discussion Regarding Recommendations By Barr Engineering and DNR Comments For Alum Treatment and Core Samples of Lake Redstone Bottom Sediment: Baade: There are ongoing discussions between Baade, the DNR and Barr Engineering. Baade would like to resolve differences in recommendations from the two groups and would like authorization paying Meg Rattei for her on-going involvement through conference calls in which she represented the LRPD in discussions with the DNR. Bondhus made a motion to authorize up to \$500.00 to do this. This motion was seconded by Borleske and approved by the Board.

15. Review Comments and Possible Actions Suggested By DNR Representative Michael Degen, Animal Waste Specialist, WI DNR During A Tour Of Lake Redstone Flood Related Projects and Other Recently Discovered Problem Areas on April 9, 2010: Various flood washout and related problem sites were visited. Jim Mercier led the tour for Mike Degen. Drum was present throughout and Frank was present for part of it. Sites visited included:

A. Section 11, Blackbird and Robin Court: None of these involve animal waste. However, comments by Degen indicated that he felt the installation of 8' long standpipes in conjunction with retaining walls on the roadside were a good idea.

B. County F over Big Creek flowing in from north watershed: No suggestions other than to go up-stream and check for farm runoff.

C. Culvert Under County F To Warbler Court: This site was better than expected with no apparent farm runoff. However, it was noted that heavy rain does result in much dirty brown water coming through the culvert. Town of La Valle owns part of this property.

D. Buelow Farm Barn Yard With Cattle Crossing Under County Highway F: This appears to be the worst example of possible farm runoff directly from the barn yard under County F that then runs-off downhill into Lake Redstone. It was suggested that "grab samples" of water flowing after a heavy rain event be taken as it flows toward Lake Redstone; perhaps in front of Nick Ladas' property. This water should be tested for various properties, including; BOD's, pH, Fecal Chloroform, e-coli and others.

Degen noted that this site could fall under enforcement actions per NR151 [NR151.08(4) and (5)] for Farm Runoff Management. But, corrective actions may require 70% Cost Share from Sauk County or possibly EQUIP funding from USDA/NRCS.

16. Prioritize Projects and Determine Cost Estimates For Each Based On Descriptions In General Engineering "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: Henningsgard is waiting to get information

from Ken Johnson, DNR. The entire road and ditch are Town of La Valle property. He noted that Projects under 10,000 square feet and no navigable water do not need a DNR permit.

He suggests doing this project in two parts; 1) Removing the stones and boulders from Lake Redstone and 2) Stabilization of the rock chute next to the parking lot coming down from West Redstone Drive.

He also noted that contracts that are less than \$25,000.00 fall under different “prevailing wage laws”. The LRPD by-laws require public bids for contracts greater than \$2,500.00. It was suggested that it might be better to first do a few of the easy projects, such as **J(10) Original 67/68 and K(11) Original 49/50.**

It is likely that a couple other projects, perhaps including the above two, plus **B(2) Blackbird Court and C(3) Robin Court** could be done using one drawing and the same materials for each. Henningsgard also suggests talking with; 1) the property owners to get their permission to do these projects on their properties and 2) Jeff Schure, DNR, to get his thoughts regarding these projects and possible permit requirements. It was suggested that the **G(7) Gates Pond** project could be done using similar plans and materials, but has separate requirements and should be done separately

H estimates that the approximate costs would be \$1,100.00 for the standpipes, plus \$200.00 for labor, plus some additional for seeding and matting.

Frank made a motion to authorize General Engineering to begin planning, with generic drawings where possible, of the following four projects, including; 1) Section 11, 2) the four projects requiring the standpipes (Original 67/68, Original 49/50, Blackbird Court and Robin Court, 3) the Gates Pond and 4) County F Culvert. Contact with Jeff Schure should also be made to get his input on DNR requirements. This motion was seconded by Brey and approved by the Board.

It was also noted that we need an estimate of General Engineering's costs:

Phase 1: Costs to date for identification of projects. Maurer indicated that \$1600.00 was authorized at a meeting of the LRPD on February 9, 2010.

Phase 2: Generic Plans, including; 1) Costs to Plan and Design, 2) Costs of Drawings and 3) Costs to meet with Jeff Schure.

Henningsgard indicated that he could provide initial plans and approximate costs to the LRPD at our next meeting.

17. Town of La Valle Emergency Slow/No Wake Ordinance: Brey

A. Status: The ordinance was approved and is now in effect. A copy of the protocol is available.

B. Warning Signs/Pavement At Boat Landings: Signs are being re-designed and being re-built.

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. When done, Jim Mercier and Al Baade will be contacted to establish the correct water level markings.

18. Update and Action Regarding Sale Of LRPD Garage To Town of La Valle:

Mercier/Brey: Town of La Valle is ready to go when the Cutrine-Plus has been removed. Al Johnson will talk with Lakes Gas and have the propane tank removed.

19. Sale/Disposal of Cutrine Pesticide: **Frank:** At this point, attempts to sell or give the material to an Aquatic Plant contractor have been unsuccessful, so it appears that the best way to dispose of it is through the upcoming Sauk County Clean Sweep.

20. Update On Dam Repairs: **Frank** Steve Koenig tells me the trees are down and removed and that work by Holtz will soon be underway.

21. Update On Aquatic Plants: **Frank** The Requests For Bids have been sent to five Aquatic Plant contractors. The bid deadline is April 20, 2010. A special meeting of the LRPD will be held on April 21, 2010 to open the bids, review the proposed costs and vote to decide on a 2010 AP contractor.

22. Update On Lake Leaders Program: **Bondhus:** For personal family reasons, Drum will not be able to attend this year's Lake Leaders Conference and has withdrawn from the 2010 program.

23. Update On 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 asked our attorney, Steve Roy, to do a "quit claim deed" and Title Insurance, but has not responded to Mercier for a couple weeks.

24. Review Topics Discussed At Meeting With DNR Managers on March 17, 2010:

Mercier: Key Topics discussed at this meeting included the following:

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

This has already been reviewed and discussed in the minutes written for this meeting. However, it should be noted that the meeting was quite cordial and several suggestions for assistance by other DNR specialists, including Mike Degen, were offered by the DNR reps and well-received by the LRPD. It was a good informative meeting.

25. Discuss and Possible Actions Related To Request of Jon Field, NRCS and Juneau County Soil Conservation Regarding Possible Farm Projects In Lake Redstone Watershed In Juneau County:

Frank reviewed a telephone call and email received from Jon Field indicating that since the LRPD would not be a financial partner and would not be contributing to these projects, the Juneau County folks and NRCS had moved forward with the grant request on their own.

26. Discuss and Possible Actions Related To Proposals To Be Presented By Mark Saemisch, Muskies Matter: Saemisch was not able to attend this meeting.

27. Review WAL Conference: Mercier's comments were to the effect that he was disappointed in the quality of the presentations. Some, such as NR115, were very good, but others, were old material presented at previous forums. He felt he learned more during discussions with other attendees before and after the meetings themselves. He also noted that representatives of some lakes that are listed as Critical Habitat were not aware of that and had no idea what that new designation meant; especially for some of them with respect to the previous "sensitive lake" designation.

Bondhus reported learning much from the seminar on NR151 related to Farm Runoff Rules. She also reports that 70% of the costs of shoreline restoration at Green Lake are reimbursed.

Frank also attended, but after the first day ended up in the local hospital. Regardless, one of the key seminars he was able on the Clean Boat/Clean Water program. He learned some information from the presentations themselves, but also learned from people from other lakes who have already tried program. Some of their comments included; issues related to getting volunteers to keep it going, a general lack of interest of many lake users and, occasionally, meeting with anger from boat owners who were told to wash their boats before launching them. Due to a lack of volunteers, some had received funding through DNR grants.

28. Potential New Business For Next Month:

- A. Website
- B. General Engineering Designs and Cost Estimates For Flood Repair Projects
- C. Update on Disposal of Cutrine-Plus
- D. Candidates for Election to LRPD Board
- E. Aquatic Plant Management

29. Time and Date Of Next Meetings:

- 6:00 pm on April 21, 2010: Open AP Bids
- 6:00 pm on May 11, 2010

30. Adjourn: No later than 9:00 pm At 8:40 pm Brey made a motion to adjourn with a second by Borleske and approval by the Board.

WDF, 5/10/10