

Dredging Committee Meeting

November 3, 2017

Attendees: Tom Walters Richard Fish, Glenn Choroszy, Brad Horner, Gary Dudczak (by phone), and guest, Chuck Ecklund.

Tom called the meeting to order. Roll call, approval of Agenda, and previous meeting notes followed. Chuck reserved the right for public input during the meeting.

A. Administrative Sub-committee reported:

1. Tom said we will consider all bays on the lake for dredging. He also agreed with previous discussions to dredge to a depth of 6 feet, where possible.
2. Janelle from Ayres calculated that at a 6 feet depth, the approximate dredging amount would be 105 to 110,000 cubic yards. Dick, Tom and Chuck had measured 5 additional bays for the silt depth. The memo of November 4th regarding "Review of No Dredge Bays", outlined their findings. This resulted in an additional 545 cubic yards to be dredged. Tom will advise Janelle.
3. Glenn suggested that Joe Gates attend the next LRPD Board meeting. He asked if Janelle could provide a conceptional design for Joe's property. If not, he would set-up a separate meeting with Joe to review what is needed for the spoils site. They would then proceed with a contract for the site on Joe's land.
4. At the LRPD Partners meeting, they will ask Jeff Schure, from the DNR, if the correction to the Gates Pond site is approved from Janelle's memo. It protects sediment runoff. Tom also questioned if the board can include the pond build-out as part of the dredging contractor bid requests.
5. Tom had reviewed the DNR Application process. It was discussed that Ayres would complete the application and our lawyer would review. Tom and Glenn to speak to Ayres about the next step to contract the spoil site design.

B. Finance Sub-Committee

1. Dick Fish provided calculations on options for Dredging Cost Allocation. He provided 6 methods of how the cost could be allocated based on various property tax values. Glenn proposed, and Dick seconded the following motion:

" That the Dredging Committed recommend to the LRPD to allocate the cost of dredging to all properties in the Lake Protection District based on the land value only as shown on tax bills". This was approved by the committee.

2. A possible grant for channel dredging must await DNR approval before an application can be submitted.
 3. Paul presented additional details on financing options based on our lawyers annual meeting presentation. When looking at the restriction of \$2.50 per \$1000 in property values associated with a Special Charge or a General Property Tax Increase, these financing options would not provide sufficient funds when using Dick's property value summary. Paul found that borrowing from the State Board of Commissioners or the Royal Bank in La Valle, did provide practical options. (see attached memo on Preliminary Financing.) The committee requested that additional banks and credit unions be investigated. Brad offered to contact a credit union.
 4. Assistance from County/Town/Village/State assistance was discussed and thought not to be practical.
- C. Operations Sub-Committee
1. Sediment disposal site and options were discussed earlier.
 2. Return of the dredged water to the lake was briefly discussed as to whether it would be overland, or through pipes.
 3. Property agreements are needed with Joe Gates and the properties we would cross if pumping silt to the Gates site. If mechanical dredging is used for any bays, additional agreements may be needed.
 4. An estimate increased total cost to \$3 Million to cover 6-foot dredging depth, and additional bays. This needs to be confirmed by Ayres, along with cost to build the spoils site. An updated contract is needed with Ayres. Tom and Glenn to address next week.
- D. Communications Sub-Committee
1. Land owners in the LRPD need to be advised on progress of dredging. We discussed using the spring newsletter, the LRPD website and a special mailing. An update cannot be emailed, as the LRPD is limited to 100 addresses. Dick Fish worked on communications committee for the Reedsburg School funding in the recent election and can offer suggestions.
 2. The timeline was reviewed. If a pre-qualification letter is submitted to potential dredging contractors, we will need to adjust the timeline.
 3. Organizational updates to be further discussed.

We ended the meeting at 5:00 pm with a date set for the next meeting as December 8th at 3pm.