

## **LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**Location: Al Voss farm in Juneau County**

**Sept. 16, 2015**

**LRPD Board members present:** Jim Mercier, Tom Walters, Ken Keegstra, Ray Demaskie

Others: Chuck Ecklund, Geeg Drum, Ted Guss, Jon Field, Al Voss

### **1. Tour Al Voss farm to review work done in the summer of 2015**

After meeting at 6 pm, Summit Ridge parking lot on State Hwy 58, Jon Field provided van transportation to Al Voss farm. The group walked to three of the five completed berm and grass waterway projects completed this spring as a cost-sharing partnership between Al Voss, Lake Redstone Protection District, and NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service). The group engaged in discussions regarding project engineering, maintenance, farming techniques, equipment, erosion, and crop production. Two more similar projects on the Al Voss farm are already funded and scheduled for spring of 2016.

### **2. Discuss implications of recent work for Lake Redstone watershed**

This farm is at the very top ridge of the Lake Redstone watershed and previous studies (Montgomery Report) and key partners (Sue Graham of DNR, Serge Koenig of Sauk County Planning and Zoning) have advised the Lake Redstone Protection District that the most effective place to start reducing sediment into Lake Redstone is to begin at the top of the watershed. Al Voss and Jon Field gave much information regarding the background of the projects, how they came to be and what they hoped to accomplish. Jon expounded on his role with NRCS, formerly known as Soil & Conservation Service, a branch of the federal Dept. of Agriculture and how they work closely with their counterparts at the county level (Soil and Conservation biologists and engineers) to develop projects like these which help farmers maintain their soil for improved production and accessibility and also reduce the erosion which is impacting Lake Redstone.

Al Voss credited Jon Field with being knowledgeable and resourceful in developing and funding such projects; Jon Field acknowledged Al Voss for his farming techniques and for being such a good steward of the land.

### **3. Adjourn**

The group thanked Al Voss and Jon Field for their time and efforts in coordinating this informative meeting. The group left the Al Voss farm at 7:10 pm.

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