

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT – **DRAFT**

Board Meeting

August 11, 2015

The Mission of the Lake Redstone Protection District is to protect and rehabilitate the water quality of Lake Redstone for its residents and the public.

1. Call meeting to order and verify compliance with open meetings law

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chairperson, Jim Mercier.

2. Roll Call LRPD Board Members: Nate Johnson, Tom Happ, Jim Mercier, Tom Walters, Ken Keegstra, Ray Demaskie, Tom Happ; **Excused:** Glenn Choroszy; **Others:** Nick Ladas, Al Baade, Geeg Drum, Bev Vaillancourt, Chuck Ecklund

3. Approval of August 11, 2015 agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Happ, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

4. Approval of July 14, 2015 minutes

Motion to approve July 14 minutes by Johnson, second by Happ. Motion carried.

5. Public input

None at this time.

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

A. Approval of vouchers

Hartje Farm/Home (supplies for Annl Mtg)	\$ 67.50
Ken Keegstra (postage for water samples)	\$ 26.00
News Publishing (Annl Mtg notice)	\$ 63.05
Krueger Printing (supplies)	\$ 37.20
CT Labs (water samples)	\$ 240.00
Sara Hatleli (contract item #1)	\$ 1,480.00
LEAPS (Lakefair, survey, mileage)	\$ 1,062.16
TOTAL	\$ 2,975.91

Motion to pay current payable invoices by Walters, second by Happ. Motion carried.

B. Review monthly financial reports

Keegstra asks if we can add up how much has been spent YTD for aquatic plant management. Mercier will ask Choroszy for total.

7. Chairman's Report

A. Annual Meeting review

Mercier adds biggest comment has been the speaking from Keegstra was a plus, rather than having a special speaker. Keegstra doesn't want credit – it should go to the entire board. It was good to see ownership of this board presented to the public. 47 people in attendance, including LRPD board members.

B. Election of new officers

Mercier entertains motion for appointment of Chairperson. Keegstra nominates Jim Mercier, second by Happ. Motion carried.

Motion by Mercier for Choroszy to continue as Treasurer, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

Motion for Ken Keegstra to serve as Secretary by Happ, second by Johnson. Motion carried.

Nomination for Vice Chairperson Tom Happ by Keegstra, second by Walters. Motion carried.

Discussion 8D moved here. Mercier has two people who have expressed interest in Recording Secretary position. La Valle Town Clerk and Ray Demaskie's daughter. Keegstra will choose after considering these and other possibilities.

C. Status of Landowner Survey in Swallow and Martin/Meadowlark

Mercier indicates nothing has been done, as we've been working on the RFP. Keegstra feels this is a project which still has value. The survey has more to do with aquatic plant management rather than dredging. He has heard comments the EWM is gone, but the water lilies are more abundant than before. If we could, it would be helpful to get opinions of the people who live in these bays. Choroszy has a fairly complete list of residents from these two bays. We need to revise our set of questions to send out to these property owners. It'd be ideal to send out before end of fall (preferably in September while it's still fresh on the minds of the residents). Keegstra will work with Dave Blumer to create a set of questions. What did the people expect and did the survey meet their expectations?

D. LRPD Planning Calendar items for review:

1. Review and identify needs and purposes of committees

Suggested new committees: These were initially set up for volunteer hours to meet grant guidelines (see handout from Drum). Keegstra would like to see these committees continue.

Vaillancourt indicated a difficult time getting anyone to work on CB/CW. We should try to get recruit in January before school ends. Stevens Point intern required to put in six weeks on CB/CW. Since it's part of a study course, they aren't necessarily paid, but it would be a nice gesture. Only one open position this year – in 2016 we'll have two open positions.

What committees should we have? Assign a board member to provide connection to each of the decided-upon committees. Bylaws don't require a board member to serve on any of our committees. Drum and Keegstra feel it's important to have a LRPD board member who provides connection to each of the committees.

There was a brief discussion of three possible new committees

a. Records Committee

b. Whole Lake Management Plan Committee

This is more closely aligned with water quality projects rather than APM. Keegstra asks if Tom Walters is willing to share in this endeavor.

c. Terrestrial Invasives Committee

Johnson moves to maintain 11 committees (per handout) listed plus APM committee, second by _____. Motion carried.

Previous committee members will be asked if they're willing to continue on the committee.

E. Reassign committee members as needed

Discussed previously.

8. Secretary's Report

A. Summer nuisance treatments – completed by Cason July 7 and July 23

Keegstra reviewed treatment dates (Drum went with Cason on 7/7, Keegstra went on 7/23). He doesn't feel there were any repeat treatments. Drum explained the need for a second treatment date in places where treatment was not allowed on the first date because of pending PI surveys. All surveys have been completed and when analyzed the results will allow decisions regarding early spring treatments next year. The treatments focused on limited areas: boat docks, swimming areas – places where navigation could be

inhibited – 30 to 40 feet from the shoreline. Treatment was more for accessibility and swimming – using the lake rather than ‘getting rid of all the weeds’.

B. Key Partner meeting – Tuesday, October 27, 1 p.m., Baraboo

The LRPD board members are invited to attend.

C. Al Voss project (farm) tour update – Wednesday, September 16 or September 23, 6 p.m.?

These two options on the table. Geeg will contact Jon Field (Juneau County) letting him know the board selected September 16 for the tour. This area is the uppermost end of the northern watershed. Keegstra will post an agenda, as there will be a quorum attending the tour.

D. Discuss Recording Secretary options

Discussed previously under item 7B.

9. Committee Reports

A. Water Quality Projects Committee:

1. Update re: early bay treatments

Keegstra: early bay treatments were done. He has not seen herbicide concentration levels. He will follow up with WSLH and DNR. In general, the treatments were quite effective – almost no EWM. He feels it was successful.

2. Status of PI Surveys post 2015 treatment/ July 17 & 18 (Swallow Martin/Meadowlark, Mourning Dove)

These were completed. Sara Hatleli was able to finish these surveys earlier than originally planned. In response to our request, the DNR, performed surveys of Mourning Dove Bay earlier than planned. We have no results from any of the surveys.

3. Status of PI Survey results anticipating 2016 spring whole bay treatments (Oriole, Cardinal, Chickadee, Tanager)

Sara Hatleli did these bays as well. Keegstra feels Tanager not a good choice – he feels Winnebago Court should have been done. We are awaiting the results and will begin discussions with DNR. What bays will they be willing to treat next year? Keegstra suggests Cardinal, Mourning Dove and Oriole. He feels Chickadee and Tanager don’t need to be done in 2016. If PI surveys were to be done, it’d be helpful if people didn’t do manual harvesting so the results or the surveys reflect the quantities of weeds present. Susan Graham has been asked if we could retreat Mourning Dove, but she wasn’t able to provide an answer at this time.

4. Status of Manual Harvesting

Keegstra indicates the permit was approved and manual harvesting has begun. He is still in need of email addresses for the people who have applied for manual harvesting.

Keegstra would like to add water projects quality committee – he would like Dave Blumer to be invited to our September meeting so we can talk through his ideas and our ideas about how to proceed with the Whole Lake Management Plan. Via skype or in person – he would do either. We have hours left, Keegstra feels it’s valuable to have him come. He’s willing to come and drive back all in one day. Keegstra will contact Blumer asking him to attend our September 8, 2015 meeting.

Demaskie asks how the manual harvest weeds are disposed of. Keegstra: Mostly pulled on to shore to drain and dry. Some is composted, some is hauled to the dump. Demaskie concerned about once it’s dry, would rain water carry nutrients back into the lake?

B. Dredging Committee: Mercier

1. RFP for sediment samples: discuss and possible approval

Mercier has an RFP drawn up for a sediment study where sampling will be done on areas less than 10 feet deep, which covers most bays and shoreline. After this first RFP is turned in, another

RFP will need to be written for specific dredging of the lake itself. Cost figured and how to pay will be done before 2016 Annual Meeting. Best time to dredge after Labor Day (boat traffic will not be affected). Happ: will copper sulfate be a concern when dredging is done? Last copper sulfate treatment approximately 20 years ago. Copper analysis done previously (1998) had shown some copper, but not extremely high levels.

Keegstra: Minor changes on RFP: intro paragraph says lake dredged early 1980's. Should we know what 'industry standard' of dredging is before RFP is sent? Is it every 50 feet? What is it? Baade feels it would be related to the permit. Will this RFP get us the information we need? We should know what we need to file a permit application. Drum suggests asking the DNR: Jeff Scheurer is the person Drum feels we should contact with the above questions. Keegstra's final question: do we have any idea what this will cost? Vaillancourt suggests calling other communities to ask what they've paid for dredging. She also suggests asking the dredging companies about their process and what they expect to find. Is the DNR free to give us this information? The DNR has the authority to tell us which bays can or cannot be dredged. Even if we don't get the permit to dredge, the information we collect during this process will be beneficial. Critical question: what could be found in the lake, i.e. chemical compound could STOP us from dredging? Mercier feels if we contact the DNR, our RFP could be pushed back at least one month.

After much discussion Mercier will return to the RFP committee and the RFP will be rewritten and presented again at the September 8 LRPD meeting.

C. Retention Pond update: Happ

1. Erosion repair: above Meadowlark, St. Paul Road

Happ looked at first pond only. More rock is needed to prevent washout, Happ will try to find out the price.

D. Clean Boats/Clean Waters Committee: Ecklund/Vaillancourt

Discussed previously.

10. La Valle Township Coordinator: Demaskie

A. Loon Court project

Demaskie has looked at Loon Court. Everything done, culvert in, sticks out on other side of road about 13 feet. Still needs to be seeded by the Township. Is there enough runoff here to install a retention pond? Is it worth the money to install? Probably not.

11. County Coordinator: Nathan Johnson

DNR will present master plan for Sauk Prairie Recreation Area tomorrow, Wednesday, August 12 at 5 p.m. We are invited to attend.

He has not found out when gateway on the dam was done.

12. Agenda items for September 8, 2015 LRPD Board meeting:

Committees, Dave Blumer, recording secretary, questionnaire, dredging, erosion control,

13. Time and date of next meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2015 @ 6 p.m.

14. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Happ, second by Johnson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Meixner, Recording Secretary