

Dredging Committee Meeting

December 8, 2017

Attendees: Tom Walters Richard Fish, Glenn Choroszy, Brad Horner, Gary Dudczak, Paul Burke, 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. Finance Sub-committee reported:

1. Paul reported two banks, Royal and Community First, have presented preliminary proposals and requirements.
2. Ryan C. Witt, Royals La Valle Brand Manager and Loan Officer projected a rate competitive to 3.5% for a 6 to 10-year loan. A decision would be made within 10 days of receiving details from the LRPD. Multiple draws would be possible with interest only charged when funds are dispersed.
3. Todd Polk from Community First Bank in Reedsburg offered various rate options with an improved rate for tax exempt status. They would also allow money to be drawn, charging interest when paid out.
4. A third bank, Associated, seemed reluctant and indicated they were meeting Monday to discuss our needs.
5. Brad had determined that the WCCU would be interested in financing our project. He will send a letter to Art Schrader indicating that Paul will be in contact for additional information.
6. Paul also followed up with Sara DeBruijn, a Community Service Specialist regarding a Channel Dredging Grant. The LRPD would need to submit a grant application with DNR and board approval prior to June 1st for the Waterway Commission August meeting. Attendance at the Commission meeting is required and their board would determine the portion of dredging cost to be considered for 50% reimbursement for the channel from the County Boat Landing toward the main lake. This is limited to area for recreational boating up to 25 feet from the center of the channel. See attached questions with Sara's answers.
7. Tax exempt status would lead to lower rates. Review at Board meeting.

B. Communications Sub-Committee

1. Brad to add a Tri-fold brochure for a March mailing to update property owners on dredging updates.

2. Brad and Gary to develop talking points for committee members.
 3. Also discussed using LRPD Web page and Facebook to communicate. Tom to ask for help in administration of the Facebook site.
 4. Possible late February/early March meeting to update property owners.
 5. Based on Ayres contract timing, a public meeting to vote on dredging approval will be delayed until July or August Annual LRPD meeting. However we may use planned June meeting as a public update.
 6. To notify property owners to remove docks and shore stations within 10 foot setback prior to dredging bays.
 7. Include a dredging update in the Spring LRPD Newsletter.
- C. Administrative & Operation Sub-Committees
1. Timeline discussed based on Ayres contract schedules.
 2. Joe Gates pleased with progress and continues to allow his field as dredging spoil site. Awaiting Ayres drawing of site and replacement road before signing a formal agreement. Jeff Shure from the DNR to schedule visit to Gates property with committee.
 3. Ayres contract approval will start design for Gates property site and dredging plans which are needed for DNR permit and development RFP for dredging contractor request. Local lawyer has reviewed and found contract satisfactory. Approval to be discussed at next week's LRPD Board meeting.
 4. A question came up regarding payment to the contractor contractor for cube measured.
 5. The committee needs to determine how the assessment process works and how to get the assessment on the tax bills and a timeline associated with that. What is the process to physically get the assessment on the tax bill.
 6. Jeff Schure replied to Walters' request to review the additional sites requested for dredging, inspecting the Gates property, and reviewing the Swallow weir. He asked for our thoughts on that via an email.
- D. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.
- F. Next meeting is scheduled for January 5, 2018 at the Town of La Valle Hall