

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Tuesday, April 11, 2017 6:00 pm

Minutes

1. Call meeting to order, verify compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

Meeting called to order at 6pm by chair, Tom Walters.

2. Roll Call:

John Dietz, Ray Demaskie, Glenn Choroszy, Tom Walters, Ken Keegstra, Chuck Ecklund, Tom Happ
Others: Serge Koenig, Gus Johnson, Rick Cummins, Geeg Drum, Paul Burke, Al Baade, Anna Demaskie

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Ecklund with additions, second by Happ. Motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes for March 14, 2017 regular meeting and the March 29th special meeting

Motion to approve March 14 minutes by Choroszy, second by Demaskie. Motion carried.

Motion to approve March 29 minutes by Choroszy, second by Happ. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

Ayres Associates/Dredging Permit Assistance	\$1,400.00
MBE/prepare quarterly reports	\$ 163.00
Krueger Printing/balance forward	\$ 3.93
News Publishing Company/notice for spraying	\$ 24.73
Cason & Associates/mailling list and mailing	\$ 2,110.52
Tom Happ/website invoice	\$ 155.00
Total	\$ 3,857.18

Motion to approve current invoices by Ecklund, second by Happ. Motion carried.

b. Review monthly financial reports

7. Chairman's Report

a. Planning for summer meeting with farmers

Based on recommendation from Ray and Serge, the next meeting will be held in the middle of July. That should be most convenient time for farmers. There will be a demonstration with the rainfall simulator. Chuck Ecklund reported that the March meeting may have led one farmer to do 200 acres of cover crops.

b. Request from Gus Johnson for LRPD to partner on new grant application

Gus Johnson discussed applying for a new RCPP (Regional Conservation Partnership Program) grant through the Natural Resource Conservation Service. The funds from the current project fund will be spent before the award ends in 2019. Sauk County and other partners work with farmers on conservation practices. The new application will focus on the Juneau and Sauk County areas. There will be a pre application proposal submitted soon and final application in July. Ecklund made a motion to partner with the Sauk County Department of Conservation Planning and Zoning on the new RCPP project, second by Happ. Motion carried.

c. Report on 2016 stream sampling-Serge Koenig

Serge Koenig made a presentation on 2016 Lake Redstone Feeder Streams Monitoring Data. The 2016 sampling program focused on the same locations as 2015 and led to the same conclusions. Daug's Rd and Waffle Rd have the highest amounts of phosphorus and sediment and should be the highest priority for action to limit them. His recommendation was that further sampling was not needed until some remediation was performed; then the streams should be monitored again to see if the remediation helped. At this point, Jon Field from Juneau County will have to work with farmers in these watersheds to find possible solutions. Koenig also discussed doing a grass height experiment to compare water movement through short and high grasses.

d. Another idea for manual/mechanical harvesting- Rick Cummins

Rick and his son, Keegan, have designed a new apparatus for harvesting weeds. Rick has already discussed this new system with Sue Graham and Dave Blumer. The system would use a pump on a pontoon boat attached to a hose to suction up plants and water from the region around the boat. The slurry would be passed through a mesh to allow the water to return to the lake and collect the plant material. (Similar to DASH-Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) The plants contain less water than if pulled by hand. Keegan has also mounted a power washer so that he can clean docks and decks. His plan is to offer a service that would offer both cleaning and weed removal. Ken will check with Sue to see what is needed to approve this plant harvesting system.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Update on plans for a survey of LRPD district residents

The survey will be open for the month of June. Will advertise in the newsletter, through the LRPD Facebook page, and through LRPOA eNews. The survey will be accessed from a tab on the LRPD website which will take residents to the survey. Once the survey is completed, they will be returned to the LRPD website. Ken distributed a link to the electronic survey to all members of the board. He asked them for suggestions for additions/deletions or edits of the survey questions.

b. Creating an email list for district residents

The LRPD board agreed that creating an email list was a good idea and should be pursued. There was discussion of how best to accomplish this goal. It was agreed that we would direct survey respondents back to the web site and ask them to provide this information. This strategy would be explained in an article in the Newsletter.

9. Committee Reports

a. Water Quality Committee: Walters

i. 2017 Water Testing

Walters did an inventory of supplies available for testing. First testing of 2017 will be done at 10am on Friday, April 14th.

i. AIS control-Update on plans for spring 2017 treatments

The DNR has approved our permit application for spring treatments, with some modifications. In addition, they will consider allowing summer spot treatments, if they are needed. A portion of Woodpecker Bay will be treated, the areas near the boat landing, with diquat. Because of the flow through the inlet stream, this herbicide will be used because it requires less contact time with the plants. Hummingbird bay will also be done using 2,4-D. Goldfinch was denied because the DNR did not think there was sufficient milfoil in the point intercept surveys to justify treatment. Another concern was that the area is too open to keep the herbicide contained for sufficient time.

ii. AIS control-Update on planning for manual harvesting in summer 2017

There has been no progress on organizing harvesting by a sports team as a fundraiser; if we will do it in 2017, it will need to be organized before school ends.

iii. Update on possible mechanical harvesting in Lake Redstone

Brandon Rinehardt may attend the lake fair. The Aquatic Plant Management Plan would need to be modified for him to harvest. He would need his own individual permits.

iv. Update on plans for 2017 Lake Fair

Reedsburg Independent will post a free announcement to advertise the Lake Fair. There will be a fishing contest. Julie Alibrando will provide bags for giveaways. Culvers will provide ice cream tokens. Flambeau will provide a \$100 credit toward the purchase of tackle boxes for kids. Volunteers are needed. Next meeting of the organizing committee is April 13th at 1pm.

v. Approve funding for 2017 clean boats/clean water program

Keegstra made a motion to provide \$5000 to the cbcw program for 2017, second by Demaskie. Motion carried. There will be a kick off in May.

b. Dredging Committee: Choroszy

i. Report on the pre-application meeting with DNR representatives

DNR wants to do review of the critical habitat areas in the lake. The ability to dredge in critical habitat areas will depend upon their review. The LRPD need to develop specific plans of areas to dredge and provide answers to concerns regarding critical habitat.

ii. Next steps toward dredging

Tom Walters will contact the DNR to determine their next steps. Al suggested that we volunteer to accompany them and provide boats for their review of the lake.

iii. Next steps with Ayres

Choroszy will contact Ayres to find out what the current contract covers and to identify our next steps with them.

c. Newsletter: Happ

i. Update on topics and authors for 2017 Newsletter articles

5 articles have been sent to Kristin. Other articles are still in the works.

d. Web site: Happ

Tom will find out how to add a button that opens the link to the survey. He will also work with Ken and others as needed to find out how best to collect email addresses.

10. La Valle Town Coordinator: Demaskie

The survey of culverts is complete. There are 115 culverts under the roads that flow into the lake. There are personal property culverts attached to town culverts. It is estimated that repairs to the culverts will cost \$150K in the next five years.

11. Sauk County Coordinator: Dietz

John Dietz has asked Matt Stieve to inform him regarding any news regarding the spillway.

12. Agenda items for next meeting:

Cummins harvesting, manual harvesting, lake fair, dredging, audit, legal presentations

13. Date and time of next meetings: Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 6pm, La Valle Town Hall

14. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Ecklund, second by Happ. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:42pm.

Recorded by Anna Demaskie 4.11.17