

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2018 6:00 pm

MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order by chair, Tom Walters, at 6:01pm.

2. Roll Call:

Tom Happ, Chuck Ecklund, Tom Walters, Glenn Choroszy, Ray Demaskie Phone: Ken Keegstra

Absent: John Dietz Others: Brad Horner, Mike Mittlestadt, Glenn and Geeg Drum, Paul Burke, Al Baade, Anna Demaskie

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Ecklund, second by Choroszy. Motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes for January 9, 2018 regular meeting

Motion to approve minutes by Ecklund, second by Demaskie. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

Adams County Lake Alliance may contact the board about their own dredging project.

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

LEAPS/aquatic plant survey/GIS mapping/MGT planning/year end summary	\$1,271.81
LAROWE GERLACK TAGGERT LLP/Review Ayres contract	\$ 495.00
AYRES ASSOCIATES/Copy of Invoice	<u>\$4,514.62</u>
Total	\$6,281.43

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

b. Review monthly financial reports

7. Dredging Committee Report: Choroszy/Walters

a. Report on February dredging committee meeting

The meeting was held February 9th at 3pm. Finance options and the spoils site was discussed.

The committee will create a FAQ page on dredging and will put it on the LRPD website.

b. Update on plans for spoils disposal

Some members of the committee met with Joe Gates and Ayres at the Gates farm on February 5th. Gates would like sediment bags removed from his property once empty. Also discussed were trees that would be removed and a site used for additional spoils, if more space is needed.

c. Update on DNR permit application

Once the spoils site plan is finalized Ayres can work on the DNR application and bring it to the board for approval. A decision by the DNR regarding the permit application should be made within 60-90 days of submission.

d. Update on plans to communicate with district residents regarding dredging

The tri-fold brochure is completed and needs some small changes before being mailed. Choroszy made a motion to approve up to \$2500 for printing and mailing the flyer, second by Demaskie. Motion carried.

e. Discussion of funding/repayment options

WCCU suggests financing dredging through the Commission of Land Trust, but application can't be submitted until the DNR permit has been approved. They are unable to provide the board with the necessary funding for the project. Negotiations are still underway with a couple of different banks.

f. Update on time line

Ayres is still confident that we can meet the time line. Key items on the timeline will need to be completed in the next few months, once the DNR permit and land contracts are completed.

g. Other issues and plans for moving forward

Two routes are under consideration for pumping the spoils to the disposal site. Land owners along one route have agreed in principle to the use of their land for the pipes. Land owners along the alternative route still need to be contacted. Legal agreements with land owners along the piping route also need to be created.

8. Chairman's Report

a. Voting requirements at LRPD annual meeting and/or special meetings

State statutes are quite specific about who can vote at the annual meetings. The rules for properties held in trust are complex. The board will get input from a lawyer about proper identification for voting, absentee ballots and how the LRPD by-laws compare to state statute requirements for voting. The board also needs to develop plans for the logistics of voting.

b. Update on creating an email list for district residents

In progress

9. Other Committee Reports

a. Water Quality Committee: Keegstra/Ecklund

i. Report on February water quality committee meeting

The meeting was held February 8th at 2pm. Water sampling data is being entered into the SWIMS database. Aquatic Plant Management for 2018 was discussed. A brochure is being developed to explain the clean boats/clean waters program. Possibilities are still being explored for performing manual harvesting. One possibility is a commercial service; e.g. Eco Waterway Services can provide suction harvesting.

ii. Update on Healthy Lakes grant application

An application was submitted for the February 1 deadline. The application included 2 projects; one from Brad and Kim Horner and another from Mike and Barb Mittlestadt.

iii. Update on whole bay treatments in 2018

Four bays have been proposed for treatment; the application to the DNR for a permit has not yet been submitted.

iv. Update on Lake Management Planning grant application

Still waiting to hear decision.

v. Update on AIS education grant

More information was needed; that information has been submitted, but no news yet.

vi. Proposal from Serge Koenig to partner on McWilliams farm

The McWilliams farm is being converted into a sustainable grass-fed grazing farm. Serge estimates that this project would reduce silt accumulation in the lake by about 95 tons/year and reduce phosphorus accumulation by 550 pounds/year. The total project cost is estimated at \$26,000, with most of it coming from the watershed grant to Sauk County. Serge has requested that the LRPD provide \$2,350 in financial assistance, so that they project can begin in 2018. Choroszy made a motion to provide \$2,350 to the project, second by Demaskie. Motion carried.

b. Newsletter: Happ

i. List of topics and authors

Dredging- dredging committee	Whole Lake Grant- Keegstra (if funded)
Volunteer Opportunities- Walters	Aquatic Plants-Keegstra
Survey Results- Baade	Fishing Club/Walleye project- Vermilyea (?)
Watershed Activities- Ecklund	Culvert Survey- Keegstra

ii. Review of timeline for article writing and newsletter production and mailing

March 1st- rough draft of articles

c. Web site: Happ

i. Updates and changes to improve dredging information distribution

11. La Valle Town Coordinator: Demaskie

a. Update on Section 11 landing

Plans will be up for bid soon. They can't begin the project until May 15 or 16 due to fish spawning. It should be completed by late June/early July.

b. Update on interactions with farmers in the watershed

Demaskie visited 30 to 35 farmers door to door. 75% of farmer's were interested with 15% showing more enthusiasm.

12. Sauk County Coordinator: Dietz

a. Update on Timmons road situation

Ray reported that he received two bids for completing the project, Sauk County and a local contractor. Ray favors the lower private bid. He inquired whether the LRPD might be able to help with the costs.

13. Agenda items for next meeting: Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 6 pm, La Valle Town Hall

Voting Requirements

Q&A re: dredging

Newsletter

15. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

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