

# LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2018 6:00 pm

### MINUTES

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

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

#### 2. Roll Call:

Tom Happ, Chuck Ecklund, Ken Keegstra, Tom Walters, Glenn Choroszy, Ray Demaskie, John Dietz

Others: Mike Mittelstadt, Brad Horner, Paul Burke, Al Baade, Geeg Drum, Heidi Geils, Anna Demaskie

#### 3. Approval of Agenda

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

#### 4. Approval of minutes for December 12, 2017 regular meeting

Motion to approve December 12, minutes by Demaskie, second by Happ. Motion carried.

#### Approval of minutes for December 21, 2017 special meeting

Motion to approve December 21 minutes by Demaskie, second by Choroszy. Motion carried.

#### 5. Public Input

#### 6. Treasurer's Financial Report

##### a. Approve vouchers

Ken Keegstra/Wireless Conference Speaker	\$ 187.19
Cason & Associates/Aquatic Invasive Species Mapping Survey	\$ 785.00
WELD RILEY/Conference call with Tom Walters (dredging)	\$ 66.00
Nathan White/Cover Crop Cost Sharing	\$1,565.00
LEAPS/General Support Annual Meeting/Printing	\$ 462.76
LEAPS/Grant Preparation, LRPD/Consultation, Budget/Task List, On-Line Fill in	<u>\$2,250.00</u>
Project expenses including mileage, Support Materials	
Total	\$5,315.95

Motion to pay current invoices by Keegstra, second by Ecklund. Motion carried.

##### b. Review monthly financial reports

##### c. Discussion of audit process

Tom Walters spoke with Anders Helquist regarding our audit needs. Our by-laws are not specific in regards to the audit, but they do meet the state requirements. State statutes, chapter thirty-three, have no specific definition of the audit needs in regards to organizations like LRPD. Thus the board does not need the expensive review that is currently done and may be able to save money by getting a third party review by a local CPA. Anders will follow up with an email to confirm his oral advice.

#### 7. Dredging Committee Report: Choroszy/Walters

##### a. Report on January 5<sup>th</sup> dredging committee meeting

The committee met on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The items discussed at the meeting are covered under the other bullet points shown below.

##### b. Update on Ayres contract

The contract extension has been approved and accepted by Ayres. The total contract amount includes spoils site design, submission of DNR permit application, several trips to the lake, overseeing the bid process, and the final walk through and is based on a pay as you go basis.

##### c. Status of plans for disposal of spoils

The property owner, Joe Gates met with Ayres representatives and several board and dredging committee members on Monday, January 8. Based on the discussions during the visit, Ayres is working on the final disposal plan that is needed for the DNR dredging permit application. An access drive will be created from Heidrich road so that large trucks can access the spoils site. Joe explained where he would like the spoils placed and Janelle will create a revised plan that meets his wishes. There will be no rental fee for using the land by the LRPD, but the district will build a

bridge connecting the two parts of his land, where a berm washed out about 10 years ago. A local lawyer will be used to draw up a contract spelling out the details of the agreement.

**d. Status of plans to communicate with district residents regarding dredging**

The group is developing a tri-fold brochure with details on the dredging plans that will be mailed out to all property owners in the lake district, hopefully sometime in March. In addition, plans are being made to hold an information meeting, probably in June. Other ways to communicate with property owners were addressed. Besides the tri-fold brochure other communication channels included the spring newsletter, the district website, Facebook and email lists.

**e. Update on time line**

Goals are on target to have the permit application submitted to the DNR sometime in February. The goal is to present a proposal for funding the dredging project to district property owners, either at a special meeting in July or at the annual meeting in August.

**f. Other issues and plans for moving forward**

A special assessment would require individual uniform evaluations customized to individual properties. The board could not just tax based on land value because it interferes with the state statute. A levy requires taxing based on land and house improvements. 2 banks and a credit union are interested in financing a loan. Burke will talk to the banks and credit unit about the best rates and will ask about prepay penalties. The board needs to find out if you can prepay a levy like you could a loan.

**8. Chairman's Report**

**a. Discussion regarding on-going cost share for cover crops**

A payment was made to Nathan White to pay our share for his planting of cover crops on his lands. In terms of future projects, the board will consult with Jon Fields, Serge Koenig, and other experts to determine how to get the best return on watershed improvement funds in terms of stopping sediment from entering the lake. Final decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis on which projects provide the best use of our limited funds.

**b. Decision on securing a local attorney for assistance with dredging issues**

Glenn spoke with Jim Gerlach, from LaRowe Gerlach Taggart LLC in Reedsburg. Their firm will be able to help with this issue. Glenn or Tom will follow up.

**c. Update on creating an email list for district property owners**

There are ninety six people on the LRPD email list so far. Residents may need to be made aware that the Property Owners Association and Lake Redstone Protection District are two separate entities and have different email lists.

**9. Secretary's Report**

**a. Plans for handling secretary duties over next three months**

Keegstra will join the meetings via telephone over the next three months. He will perform the normal secretary duties, except that someone else will need to post the agenda.

**10. Other Committee Reports**

**a. Water Quality Committee: Keegstra/Ecklund**

**i. Report on January 8<sup>th</sup> water quality committee meeting**

Paul Burke is entering water quality data into the SWIMS database (SWIMS-Surface Water Integrated Monitoring System). Committee members will be cross-trained on equipment for the 2018 monitoring season. Also discussed were ways to stimulate the manual harvesting program and finding volunteers to help with stream monitoring which will be performed under the lake management grant if it is approved. Some issues the committee wants to focus on are controlling sediment into the lake, Timmons Rd and doing shoreline mapping to the culverts that empty directly into the lake. Clean boats/clean waters is ongoing. The committee will create a threefold flyer and have articles for the newsletter.

**ii. Participation in Healthy Lakes Program**

Proposals are due by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Dave Blumer and Sue Graham say the application is simple, so we should be able to do complete it ourselves. Property owners have to submit a

project description and budget that is then included in the proposal. One or two projects would be a good start for this year and more advertising would be done next year to increase participation. Ken will submit a proposal if some property owners provide a project description.

**iii. Proposal for whole bay treatments in 2018**

Dave Blumer reviewed the point intercept survey report submitted by Sara Hatleli. Based on her observations, he recommends that we should treat Swallow, Cardinal, Mourning Dove and Eagle bays in 2018. There will probably be a large herbicide bill because Mourning Dove and Eagle are large bays. Keegstra made a motion to have Dave Blumer submit a permit application to the DNR requesting permission to treat these four bays in 2018, second by Demaskie. Motion carried.

**iv. Update on Lake Management Planning grant application**

The grant was submitted on December 10th and a decision should be made by February 1<sup>st</sup>. The entire project has three phases, with a total budget of ~\$37,000 per phase (\$25,000 per phase requested from the DNR and \$12,500 matching from the district. Much of the match will be provided by donations of volunteer time.) The first two phases will begin in 2018, if funded; the third phase will not begin until 2019. The first phase includes aquatic plant management, shoreline assessment, lake water quality monitoring, educational activities and development of a nine-key element plan. Serge Koenig and Matt Komiskey will help create the plan. Phase two involves monitoring nutrients, sediment and water flow in the inlet and outlet streams. The goal is to develop a nutrient budget for the lake by measuring the nutrients entering and leaving.

**v. Update on AIS education grant**

Reimbursement was submitted. The no-cost extension request has been postponed until after we learn the fate of the Lake Management Planning grant.

**vi. Review plans for scheduling meetings with farmers in watershed**

Matt Komiskey is interested in creating a producer-led group to discuss and implement soil conservation practices in the watershed. There is a grant program that provides financial support for operating the group and implementing the practices. He suggests that only one representative from the board be present at the first meeting; that person will be Ray. The first meeting will be held at noon (with lunch) on February 21<sup>st</sup> at the Summit.

**b. Newsletter: Happ**

Hope to mail the Newsletter in early April.

**c. Web site: Happ**

There have been 45 visitors over the last four weeks.

**11. La Valle Town Coordinator: Demaskie**

**a. Update on Section 11 landing**

The blueprints should be ready by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The construction bids will be done in sections and they are hoping to add more parking at the top of the hill.

**12. Sauk County Coordinator: Dietz**

**a. Update on Timmons road situation**

The project was completed without any engineering specifications for the original work so the county cannot fix the problem. Ray will explore options for repairing the problems.

**b. Update on handling special assessment for dredging**

The special assessment should be discussed with the local jurisdiction.

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

Ayres DNR permit application    Cost Estimates    Legal Agreement    Levy  
Land Contract    Email List

**14. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Keegstra, second by Happ. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Recorded by Anna Demaskie 1.9.18