

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT – **APPROVED MINUTES**

**Board Meeting**

**June 9, 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 6:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Jim Mercier.

**2. Roll Call LRPD Board Members:** Nate Johnson, Tom Happ, Glenn Choroszy, Jim Mercier, Geeg Drum, Ray Demaskie, Ken Keegstra; **Others:** Brad Horner, Nick Ladas, Priscilla Bondhus, Dave Pfefferle

**3. Approval of June 9, 2015 agenda**

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

**4. Approval of May 12, 2015 minutes**

Motion to approve May 12 minutes by Keegstra, second by Happ. Motion carried, with correction #9C as RFP, rather than PDF.

**5. Public input**

Nothing at this time.

**6. Treasurer's Financial Report**

**A. Approval of vouchers**

CT Laboratories (stream samples)	\$ 240.00
Lichte Insurance (workers comp)	\$ 391.00
LEAPS (meetings, EWM Management proposal)	\$ 494.96
Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene (lake water samples)	\$ 215.16
Cason & Associates	\$1,504.80

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**TOTAL** **\$2,845.92**

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

**B. Review monthly financial reports**

No questions at this time.

**7. Chairman's Report**

**A. Status of Landowner Survey in Swallow and Martin/Meadowlark**

Mercier: List of survey questions is done. It was decided to remove the question about early spray in May 2014, as this was not done. Early spot treatment was done in 2012 (June). No more treatment in 2012, as there was a severe heat wave. A treatment was done mid-summer in 2013 (July). None in 2014. More work will be done with Dave Blumer and his input with the survey questions. They will then be sent to LRPD board members to review before they're sent out to property owners. We don't necessarily want a "yes" or "no" survey – we welcome comments.

**B. Status of fence at Mourning Dove Bay**

Mercier has not heard back from Hickory Ridge. It's Mercier's opinion we don't need the fence as there aren't that many problems. The barrels have sufficed. Biggest problem: parking on the ground when it was soft. In the winter there is not a problem.

**C. Annual Meeting Prep:**

**1. Audit Status**

Choroszy will meet with Nick Ladas & Chuck Ecklund within the next few weeks to complete the audit. We may need to find a replacement for Ecklund, as he fell and suffered an injury. Bondhus was considered. They will try to coordinate a time which works for Bondhus if Ecklund is unable to fulfill the obligation.

**2. Nominations Committee update**

No firm commitments at this time. The letter announcing the Annual Meeting includes information about nominations.

**3. Presentations**

Timeline of Annual Meeting presented and discussed. APM Plan – Keegstra will present with other board members. (Blumer will be present at the Lakefair and not the Annual Meeting.) We'll save question and answer session for the end of the meeting, as there will be more time for people to talk and they won't feel like they've been cut short. Happ suggested writing down any immediate questions from the people attending on a white board, so we can refer to these questions later in the gathering.

**4. Budget**

Copy presented. Levy was raised approx. \$15,000 in 2014. Mercier feels there shouldn't be any reason to change the budget numbers for 2016. In other words: no budget number changes from 2015 budget to 2016 budget.

**5. Timeline**

Letter will go out no later than July 15, 2015. Drum will contact newspaper.

**6. Letter/Info packet to printer**

Discussed previously.

**7. Other details: food, coffee, ballots, handouts**

Mercier will take care of donuts and coffee. Drum will make ballots. Other handouts will be available -- Annual Meeting minutes from 2014, treasurer's report, secretary's report) Elections committee will be present for counting ballots.

**8. Secretary's Report**

**A. Status of Grant AEPP # 366 13**

Done and mailed to DNR.

**B. Healthy Lakes Initiative**

Drum: If approved as a board, individuals can apply for grants or specific projects: shoreline restoration, rain gardens, tree drops. This is a new program which is just beginning. It will take this board's organization, as we will have a part in overseeing the grants. Could be a topic for 2016 Annual Meeting (kick-off event). Tabled until our September LRPD Board meeting, so we can discuss in detail.

**C. Summer spot treatments**

Drum has had conversation with Cason & Associates and the DNR. Will try to coordinate with a map showing complaints (from survey). Keegstra feels there are areas on the main body of the lake (not in the bays) which might need attention – or spot treatment. He feels it'd be good to include these in the fall survey. If any of the board members get out, please take note of areas which seem to have a lot of milfoil (complaint areas). The information needs to get to Cason before the July meeting. Drum will be point person gathering information on complaint areas. These observations will be done this weekend (June 13 & 14).

## 9. Committee Reports

### A. Lakefair 2015 Committee Update: Happ

This committee is meeting once a week. They've covered Ecklund's tasks since his mishap. Happ has started working on map of where to place vendors/displays – 44 this year.

### B. Water Quality Projects Committee: Keegstra

#### 1. Update re: early bay treatments

This committee hasn't met recently, but they are planning a meeting. Early bay treatments done May 12. Keegstra's general impression is the milfoil is down significantly from what he remembers. Lily pads took a bit of a hit. Still healthy population in Martin/Meadowlark. He expects a few complaints about the lily pads. If water is shallow, they will take over a whole bay. The real analysis will be after PI is done. Herbicide samples taken and sent to WSLH. Keegstra will call Friday (June 12) for results. Info will also be sent to the DNR.

#### 2. Status of PI surveys post-treatment and pre-treatment

Post-treatment: arrangements being made. Pre-treatment list has been given to Blumer. DNR gives GPS points for surveys. Four bays for pre-treatment: Kingfisher, Cardinal, Chickadee and Tanager.

#### 3. Discussion and possible decision on changes to water sampling regimes

The board has sponsored water sampling for 15 years. Samples taken 2' from the bottom and 2' from the top each time. What is this information used for? Keegstra has been in contact with DNR coordinator of the Citizens Lake Monitoring Network, Rachel Sabre. All data is recorded and the DNR makes conclusions about the trends. (Are things getting better? Getting worse?) Rachel has suggestions on how to save money. The cost now is \$200+ for each sampling. The consensus after all conversation is to stay the course of what we're doing now. Don't try to save money at this time. Dave Blumer, Sue Graham and Al Baade thought we should stay the course and continue on as we have in the past. Keegstra recommends we stay the course for at least a couple of years until we put into place a total lake management plan to monitor the health of the lake. Keegstra feels the water quality of the lake is going down in terms of phosphorus levels, less oxygen at the bottom of the water. Motion to continue this program – regime with sampling at three specific spots with no changes by Keegstra, second by Drum. Motion carried.

### C. Dredging Committee: Mercier

Mercier has begun writing an RFP for feasibility study regarding possible dredging. When talking with Baade, a PI survey was done in 2012. This information is pretty much the same as if we were to hire a company to take core samples. It would give an idea of amount of material that could be removed to return lake to its original bottom. Do we ask for core sampling or ask for bids for dredging? Two different scenarios. Dredging company would most like do boring for samples, rather than count on someone else's information. (An environmental company out of Middleton was contacted in 2006 – this dredging company had another company they contracted to do the core samples.) Keegstra thinks the first step would be a feasibility study, which we'd have to pay for. Would they give us the information we need? We need to ask DNR questions – what would it take to get a permit to do this study? We were reminded the lake was treated with copper to keep the algae down. If this copper is removed from the lake it's considered toxic waste. We need to know what information we need to get out of the feasibility study. Then we'll have the correct information to get for the permit. Keegstra feels building a business case for this study will be the hardest part of the project. There is a Reedsburg company who had previously done dredging on Lake Redstone. Baraboo MSA professional services and Leash were contacted. These companies could be an important source of information for writing the RFP for dredging. Johnson will try to find out through Sauk County who might be able to help with the process. Possibly Serge Koenig? Baade might still have the survey which was done previously by Vierbicher.

**D. Retention pond update: Happ**

**1. Tree removal**

No change – Happ will follow up.

**2. Erosion repair**

No discussion.

**E. Clean Boats/Clean Waters Committee: Ecklund/Vaillancourt**

Keegstra spoke with Ecklund today. Letters have been sent out, advertisements placed. No candidates. Unless this is filled, we might not have the program this summer.

**10. La Valle Township Coordinator: Demaskie**

Mercier: La Valle Township, with the help of Sauk County is replacing culverts – one of which is on Loon Court. Possible retention ponds – or berm on top, as whole area drains down on culvert. The LRPD has been asked to get involved in cost if retention ponds are built. Choroszy feels if it benefits flowage into the lake, we should help. Mercier will ask Public Works what approximate cost would be. Demaskie explained the process and size and material of the replacement culvert.

**11. County Coordinator: Nathan Johnson**

Important issue to be discussed this Thursday, June 11 involving a motion. This motion would remove ordinances protecting shoreline. Township would have power enforcing shoreline ordinance. Motion could override DNR. State Legislature Joint Finance Committee behind the possible motion.

**12. Agenda items for July 14, 2015 LRPD Board meeting:**

Keegstra absent, dredging, set a time to get together with our key partners this fall,

**13. Time and date of next meeting:**

Tuesday, July 14, 2015 @ 6 p.m.

**14. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Happ, second by Choroszy. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Meixner, Recording Secretary