

# LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 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:**

Tom Happ, Chuck Ecklund, Ken Keegstra, Tom Walters, Glenn Choroszy Absent: Ray Demaskie, John Dietz Others: Al Baade, Paul Burke, Geeg Drum, Joe Gates, J.J. Gates, Anna Demaskie

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

**4. Approval of minutes for October 11, 2017 regular meeting**

Motion to approve October minutes by Ecklund, second by Choroszy. Motion carried.

**Approval of minutes for November 7, 2017 special meeting**

Motion to approve November special meeting minutes by Ecklund, second by Happ. Motion carried.

**5. Public Input** None at this time.

**6. Dredging Committee Report: Choroszy/Walters**

**a. Report on dredging committee meeting**

November 3 was the most current meeting. The committee recommended to Ayres a 6-ft depth for removal of sediment, which led to an increased estimate for the total amount of sediment to 105,000 to 110,000 cubic yards. In addition, 4 new bays will be added; these will not add much to the estimate of spoils. The committee discussed ways to pay for dredging and recommends using assessed land values as the basis for calculating the dredging charges. Given current estimates for the cost of dredging, the rate would be \$20.60 per \$1,000 and property owners would be able to spread payments over 10 years. Questions were raised on why the committee chose this basis for calculating payments. Following some discussion, it was decided that our attorney should be contacted to see if it is legal to use just land value or if it has to be land value with improvements. The committee is working on developing a public relations program that would inform property owners on the status of the dredging plans.

**b. Status of Ayres contract**

A new contract would begin after December 1<sup>st</sup> with both a preliminary design phase and a final design phase. This contract would address dredging activities, disposal of spoils, the permit process, with a goal of completing the preliminary design by mid-January.

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

Ayres is now talking about using bags for disposal of the spoils on the Gates property. One advantage is that this strategy would use less space and probably would not require the creation of berms. Once the spoils have dried, uncertain about the time required, the spoils could be spread over the land. To get the spoils to the site, the current plan is to place a culvert under the road and then go across private property. Glenn reported that two neighbors have given permission to use their land for access to the Gates property.

**d. How will the funds for dredging be raised**

Funding options include a loan from the state board of commissioners or from a local bank. Brad Horner was going to contact the credit union. Other local banks include Royal Bank in LaValle, Associated Bank in Reedsburg and the credit union in Reedsburg. Each loan would be for a total of ten years.

**e. Update on how to handle funds for dredging** No discussion on this topic

**f. Other issues and plans for moving forward** None at this time

## 7. Treasurer's Financial Report

### a. Approve vouchers

WSLH/water samples	\$150.00
MEB/PC-505 filing	\$103.66
LEAPS/aquatic plant survey	<u>\$168.19</u>
Total	\$421.85

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

### b. Review monthly financial reports

### c. Discussion of audit process

Anders will compare by-laws to state statute and make a recommendation.

## 8. Chairman's Report

### a. Matching list of volunteers with specific tasks

No report this month

### b. Follow up from annual partners meeting

Ecklund will contact Jon Field about a list of farmer's who live in the Daug and Waffle Rd watershed areas. The reimbursement of \$10 per acre for the cover crop needs to be paid. Healthy Lakes initiatives are due February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 by the water quality committee.

## 9. Secretary's Report

### a. Update on response to survey concerns regarding enforcement issues

A short written explanation was prepared addressing this issue and refers residents to the police department for further questions. The board decided to address a different issue as the first communication test case. The law enforcement issues may be addressed in a Newsletter article.

### b. Update on creating an email list for district residents

## 10. Committee Reports

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

#### i. Decision on Lake Management Planning grant application

A comprehensive lake management planning grant resolution was submitted to the board. Keegstra made a motion to approve the resolution, second by Ecklund. During the discussion, it was pointed out that the application will consist of three phases, each requesting \$25,000 of DNR funding. The first two phases will be submitted on December 10, 2017 and the third phase will be submitted in December 2018. If funded, the District will need to provide match, with some of the match coming from volunteer hours. But is likely that some district funds will be needed to complete the match, possibly as much as \$20,000 over 2-3 years. One important grant activity is the development of a 9-key element plan, likely in collaboration with Matt Komiskey from Juneau County. Another activity is to implement a shoreline evaluation program whereby each lake property will be evaluated for possible improvements, with the district and property owners pursuing the improvements over the coming years. Following discussion, the motion carried unanimously.

#### ii. Review plans for scheduling meetings with farmers in watershed

Once Jon Fields comes up with a list of farmers, the district can develop a strategy for contacting them. One attractive possibility is that Ray Demaskie will contact them on a one-on-one basis to discuss possible win-win solutions.

#### iii. Other issues

The WAL conference will be held April 18<sup>th</sup>-20th

### b. Newsletter: Happ

Focus on survey results and dredging.

### c. Web site: Happ

Add dredging agenda and minutes.

## 11. La Valle Town Coordinator: Demaskie

### a. Update on Section 11 landing

Postponed because Ray was not present

**12. Sauk County Coordinator: Dietz** None because John was not present

**13. Agenda items for next meeting:**

Dredging with Ayres Water quality report Jon Field and watershed Section 11

**14. Date and Times of Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 6 pm, La Valle Town Hall**

**15. Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Ecklund, second by Happ. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:31pm.

Recorded by Anna Demaskie 11/14/17