

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 6 pm
Location: Town of La Valle Hall, 324 Hwy 33, La Valle, WI 53941

MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order by chair, Mike Mittelstadt, at six pm.

2. Roll Call

Mike Mittelstadt, Brad Horner, Dave Crockett, Pat Sullivan, Ray Demaskie, Peter Kinsman; Virtual: Ken Keegstra. Others: Anna Demaskie (in person), Paul Burke, Al Baade (virtual)

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda, with addition of item 7.d-a report from Mittelstadt on his discussions with Representative Kurtz, by Sullivan, second by Demaskie. Motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes for February 13th board meeting

Motion to approve February 13th minutes by Sullivan, second by Horner. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

Mike Mittelstadt	DATPC producer workshop	\$270.03
Jewell Assoc. Engineers	Bid Advertising	\$ 79.90
Town of Winfield	Tax exempt fee	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
Total		\$369.93

Motion to approve current invoices by Horner, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

b. Review monthly financial reports

7. Chairman's Report

a. Decisions on proposals for 2024 Sauk County grants program

Mittelstadt reported that Sauk County is doing a sale of kits with native plants at reduced prices. So LRPD will not request a grant to operate a native plant program. Rather Mittelstadt will advertise the availability of the Sauk County program.

Sullivan reported that a grant proposal to fix the issues near Fox Court is not feasible at this time.

b. Plans for attendance at lakes conference

Pat Sullivan, Dave Crockett, Brad Horner and Mike Mittelstadt will attend the conference. They each will attend various workshops, although there will be some overlap.

c. Discussion of report on wake boat impacts

Mitch McCarthy from Sauk County distributed information to the board about a new report entitled "The Effects of Wake Boats on Lake Ecosystem Health: A Literature Review" that was prepared by Wisconsin Greenfire. The report discusses 5 different issues including: Aquatic Invasive Species, Shoreline Erosion, Aquatic Plants, Sediment Resuspension, and Birds and Fish. It also makes some recommendations for addressing the problems caused by wake boats. Mittelstadt reported that he had shared a copy with Representative Kurtz, who showed interest in the report and the issues raised in it. Mittelstadt also reported that he had discussions with

Mike Engleson, the Executive Director of the Wisconsin Lakes Association. Engleson reported that efforts to address these issues in the Wisconsin legislature failed during the most recent legislative session. After some discussion, it was decided that the board could not take any action at this time but would continue to explore avenues for addressing the issues caused by wake boats.

d. Report on Mittelstadt discussions with Representative Kurtz

Mittelstadt met with Kurtz to discuss concerns about the herbicide spraying activities of Oakdale Electric. He learned that DATCP is responsible for issuing licenses for this activity and they will investigate if they receive complaints that the license regulations are not being followed. Oakdale has responded to Moeller and has agreed to skip their property when applying herbicide.

8. Secretary's Report

9. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

Stop signs on Brandt Road have disappeared and are being replaced. Tree trimming has been completed. The town will notify residents when and if herbicide treatments will happen. Cobbletick Road is being prepared for improvement.

10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

Hemlock Dam repairs are underway.

11. Committee Reports

a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee

No report

b. Water Quality Projects Committee

Keegstra reported that he was not able to locate the older vertical Van Dorn sampler; none of the folks who used it previously knew where it was located. Thus, he ordered a new vertical Van Dorn sampler, the beta version, from WildCo. He ordered the complete kit with carrying case, line for lowering it, and the messenger; the total cost is \$640. The committee will come up with a schedule for sampling in 2024.

c. Sediment Control Committee

Tuesday March 19th is the date for ravine review. Four new spots will be looked at this year. The board receive a proposal from NRE (Native Range Ecological). It does not seem that it will be possible to work with them on this project. Planning for the Meadowlark weir repair is proceeding. A permit from Sauk County has been obtained. There was a meeting with the DNR today and it is expected that permit will arrive soon.

d. Education & Outreach Committee

The newsletter will be finished ahead of schedule and could go out mid-April. Property owners for shoreline improvement projects will be identified. Horner raised the idea of signs to recognize property owners who improve their shorelines. He will bring details to a future meeting.

12. Agenda items for April 9th regular meeting

13. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned when all business was complete at 8:00 pm.

AD/March 26, 2024

KK/March 27, 2024