

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 6:00 pm

MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order by chair, Mike Mittelstadt, at six pm. He confirmed that the meeting is in compliance with open meeting laws.

2. Roll Call:

Brad Horner, Ken Keegstra, Mike Mittelstadt, Paul Burke, Pat Sullivan, Peter Kinsman, Ray Demaskie
Others: Anna Demaskie Phone: Al Baade, Cary Dudczak, Dave Blumer (part of the meeting)

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Demaskie, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes for November 10th regular meeting

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

5. Public Input

None

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

Paul Burke	Computer Anti-Virus Program	\$ 35.00
LEAPS	Grant-Phase 3	\$ 761.60
Ed Jepsen	Replace lost check from June- for newsletter	\$ 650.00
Mike Mittelstadt	Choroszy's gift card	\$ 209.63
Wisc. State Lab of Hygiene	Stream Monitor	\$ 738.00
Computer Connections	Computer equipment	<u>\$ 278.54</u>
Total		\$ 2,672.77

Sullivan made a motion to approve payment of the vouchers for a total of \$2,672.77, seconded by Horner. The motion passed.

To pay from dredging savings account:

La Rowe, Gerlach, Taggart, LLP contract review of new dredge loan \$3,112.50

Keegstra made a motion to approve payment of this invoice from the dredging savings account, seconded by Sullivan. The motion passed unanimously.

To pay from Meronek Meadows project loan:

Jewell Associates review contractor work for \$1,001.85
Meronek Meadows project

Transfer to dredging savings attorney bill charged to dredging loan \$620.00

Burke explained that a legal bill related to the Meronek Meadows loan was paid from the dredging loan. In order to make each loan account correct, Mittelstadt suggested that this amount (\$620.00) should be moved from the Meronek Meadows loan to the dredging savings account. This transfer would make both loan accounts correct. Keegstra made a motion to approve payment of the Jewell invoice and the transfer from the Meronek Meadows loan, seconded by Sullivan. The motion passed.

b. Review monthly financial reports

c. Tax exempt certificate

Burke reported that he secured a tax exempt certificate from the State of Wisconsin. It can be used to avoid sales tax on items purchased for the district; it is available when needed.

7. Chairman's Report

a. Update on FEMA applications to repair flood damage

No new updates. The FEMA attorney is working on a letter denying our application for the dredging project. Once we receive the letter and understand their rationale, we can appeal if we think we have a case.

The award for the Meronek Meadows project has moved to the State of Wisconsin. Burke has attempted to reach our contact at the state, without success. He will keep trying and if necessary, will contact the representative's supervisor in the new year.

b. Update on Meronek Meadows repair project

The repairs are completed. We are waiting for the needed paperwork before releasing the final contingency on the repair project.

c. Update on completion of dredging associated activities by Kaiyuh Services

Kaiyuh still has not completed all the items on the punch list, including satisfactory lien waivers and a current, non-expired insurance certificate.

d. Discussion and decision on guidelines for commissioner stipends

Following a discussion about which meetings qualified for a stipend, Mittelstadt made a motion that commissioner be allowed to request a stipend for attending any meetings where an agenda was posted and other non-posted meetings that lasted two hours or more; the latter will require board approval before the stipend is approved. Second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

e. Discussion and decision on process for approving payroll checks

Mittelstadt made a motion for payroll to be approved by the board and transmitted to the accounting firm where only a single signature will be required on payroll checks, second by Demaskie. Motion carried.

f. Update on by-laws revision

Baade has continued to work on the revisions. It was suggested that once they are completed that a special meeting be held to review and approve the new bylaws.

g. Discussion and decision on additional funding for attorney help with bylaws

Because it was unclear how much extra funding will be needed, Baade will discuss with the attorney to get an estimate. A decision will be made at the next meeting.

h. Consideration and decision on rejoining Wisconsin Lakes

The district allowed our membership in Wisconsin Lakes to lapse a few years back. They have contacted us about rejoining. Following a brief discussion about the advantages of being a member of the Wisconsin Lakes Association, Keegstra made a motion to rejoin Wisconsin Lakes for 2021, cost of \$750, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

i. Volunteer recognition

Mittelstadt made a motion to give a \$200 visa gift card to Glenn Choroszy, second by Burke. Motion carried. Sullivan made a motion to give Richard Fish a lake map with a budget of up to \$300 for purchasing the gift, second by Keegstra. Motion carried. Mittelstadt will purchase the gift.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Update on request for no-cost extension of lake management planning grant

A request for a 6-month no-cost extension was submitted to the Wisconsin DNR. Sue Graham approved the request.

b. Newsletter-ideas for articles in 2021 newsletter

Following a brief review of the topics covered in the 2019 and 2020 newsletters, there was a discussion of topics that should be covered in the 2021 newsletter. The following topics, and potential authors, were agreed upon:

Summary of the dredging project, including impact on aquatic plants-Mittelstadt
Meronek Meadows repair project-Burke
Description of Sauk County grants-Keegstra
Plans for shoreline improvement activities-Horner
Plans for bylaws revision-Baade
Watershed activities-Sullivan
Fisheries-Walters
Update on lake management plan-Blumer, Mittelstadt, Sullivan, and Keegstra

c. Wisconsin water week-March 8-12, 2021

The meetings in 2021 will be virtual. All board members are encouraged to participate.

d. Lake Management plan-Mittelstadt, Sullivan, Keegstra (Blumer joined for this portion)

i. Possible templates and overall structure of plan

Blumer asked what format was desired by the district. All agreed that neither of the plans provided by Blumer presented an ideal model for the Lake Redstone management plan. Because the plan will be a large document, its structure needs to be logically and clearly organized, so that users can easily find the parts that they seek. It should have an executive summary and a complete table of contents. Most importantly, it should have both short-term and long-term milestones that are actionable and can be used to guide future lake improvement activities.

ii. Possible cooperation with Paul McGinley

Because most of the 9-key elements are focused on the watershed, Blumer suggested that the management plan should also contain lake response modeling efforts that will estimate the impact of efforts in the watershed on the lake. He proposed that this could be done via a cooperation with Paul McGinley, a professor at UW-Stevens Point. McGinley proposed to have students in his senior hydrology course perform lake modeling studies on Lake Redstone as a capstone experience during the spring semester. Keegstra made a motion to work with McGinley's students to create a lake response model, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

iii. Update on septic systems around Lake Redstone

One parameter needed for STEPL modeling is information on septic systems in the watershed and around the lake. Sullivan volunteered to work with Sauk County to gather information on septic systems around the lake. These will be presented at the next meeting of the planning group on December 17th. All LRPD board members are welcome to join.

9. Committee Reports

a. Water Quality Committee

i. Update on Shoreline Activities-Horner

Because of the late hour, Horner said that he would provide an update at a later time.

ii. Update on USGS stream sampling activities-Keegstra

The autosampler equipment has been installed at Clark Rd and LaValle Rd and was used to take samples during the rain event on November 10th-11th. McCune, Walters, Kidd, Burke and Keegstra were trained on recovering the samples and shipping them to UW Stevens Point. Samples at the outlet need to be collected manually, but fewer samples are needed.

b. Sediment Control Committee: Sullivan

Mittelstadt joined as a member of the committee. Committee looked at history of the lake. They need to implement the design of repairs to the Martin-Meadowlark weir and request bids for the repair of the Swallow bay weir. Both will use funds from the Sauk County grants.

c. Social Media: Mittelstadt

No specific updates

10. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

Plans for repair of the Hemlock Park dam are being discussed.

11. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

Plans for repair of the Hemlock Park dam are being discussed. The issue is whether the county can help organize the repairs.

12. Agenda items for January 12th meeting

Bylaws, Approval for moving forward with design for Martin Meadowlark project and repairs on Swallow project

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned when all business was complete. Adjourned at 9:15pm.

AD/December 28, 2020

KK/January 3, 2021