

**LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 13, 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, Pat Sullivan, Ray Demaskie           Virtual: Ken Keegstra, Dave Crockett, Brad Horner           Others: Al Baade & Scott Whitsett (virtual), Anna Demaskie (in person)

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

**4. Approval of minutes for January 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting**

Motion to approve January 9<sup>th</sup> minutes by Sullivan, second by Crockett. Motion carried.

**5. Public Input**

None

**6. Treasurer's Financial Report**

**a. Approve vouchers**

Community First Bank	dredging funding from taxes	\$99,108.93
IRS	Q4 FUTA	\$ 19.50
Jewell Associates Engineers	bid advert, updates, fees	\$ 1,322.20
Totals		\$100,450.63

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

**b. Review monthly financial reports**

Crockett reported that an internal committee consisting of Don Haasl and Heidi Geils met on February 5<sup>th</sup> to review the district's 2023 finances. They found no areas of concern.

**7. Chairman's Report**

**a. Martin-Meadowlark bid discussion and decision**

Bids were received from four different companies. Mittelstadt made a motion to allow LRP Diversified to withdraw their bid without penalty, second by Demaskie. Motion carried. Mittelstadt made a motion to accept Top Tier's bid of \$ 74,257.25 conditional on obtaining a DNR permit, second by Horner. Motion carried. Jewell will work with DNR officials to secure the required permits; applications were submitted a long time ago, but no action was taken by the DNR. The plan is to complete the project late in the summer of 2024, so there is time to complete all the paperwork.

**b. Ideas for 2024 Sauk County grants program**

Applications are due April 15, so final decisions need to be made at the March meeting so that applications can be prepared before the deadline. Mittelstadt is looking into a program to distribute native plants for shoreline protection. He will contact folks at Lake Nokomis to get details of the program that they operated. Sullivan is looking at several options for sediment control projects, including possibilities near Fox Court, near Oriole Bay, and near Goldfinch close to Section 11.

**c. Discussion of Moeller letter**

Oakdale Electric recently sent a letter to residents about plans for vegetation maintenance in their right of way. Wally and Terri Moeller were concerned about Oakdale's plans and

responded to them, with copies sent to the La Valle Town board the LRPD board, looking for support for their objections. Mittelstadt contacted several folks about the issue, and learned that the LRPD board, the Town board and the County have no authority in regulating Oakdale's activities. Mitch McCarthy from Sauk County suggested DATCP might be able to help. Mittelstadt contacted Tony Kurtz to see if he could help and has a meeting scheduled with Kurtz on March 4<sup>th</sup> to talk about the issue.

**d. Finalize workshop attendance at lakes conference**

Dave Crockett, Pat Sullivan, Brad Horner, and Mike Mittelstadt will be attending. They agreed on which workshops they will attend to minimize duplication.

**8. Secretary's Report** No report

**9. La Valle Town Representative- Demaskie**

Demaskie reported that 20-25 lots have been combined in recent years. This will help reduce the total number of homes on Lake Redstone. Spraying of vegetation along roadways will be done in 3-to-4-year intervals. The Town will post notices when spraying will be performed. Requests have been made to reduce speed limits on some roads around Dutch Hollow; the Town is investigating possible changes.

**10. Sauk County Representative- Kinsman**

**11. Committee Reports**

**a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee**

No report

**b. Water Quality Projects Committee**

Keegstra explained that during their fall meeting with Dick Lathrop, he recommended making measurements of total phosphorus and iron in the water column during 2024. He strongly recommended using a vertical van Dorn sampler to collect samples in the water column. Keegstra investigated companies that sell such a device. The district had one years ago, but it was in poor condition, and no one currently knows its location. Keegstra made a motion that he be authorized to purchase a new vertical van Dorn sampler if the old one cannot be located and repaired. Second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

**c. Sediment Control Committee**

Sullivan hopes to complete evaluation of the Fox Court situation in February. The yearly maintenance review of gullies will occur in March. The committee is looking at Goldfinch as well as other areas for improvements in 2024.

**d. Education & Outreach Committee**

Seven articles have been submitted for the 2024 newsletter. If anyone has specific requests for volunteers, please let Mike know. Horner received an inquiry of whether anyone monitored Lake Redstone for blue-green algal blooms or coliform bacteria. He inquired with Sauk County and learned that Lake Redstone was not monitored, but that some lakes in the Dells area were. He will continue to inquire whether such monitoring is needed.

**12. Agenda items for March 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting**

**13. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned when all business was complete at 7:20 pm.

**AD 3/1/2024**

**KK 3/3/2024**