

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 13, 2021, 6 pm

MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order by chair, Mike Mittelstadt, at six pm.

2. Roll Call:

Brad Horner, Ken Keegstra, Mike Mittelstadt, Paul Burke, Pat Sullivan, Ray Demaskie

Absent: Peter Kinsman Others: Dave Blumer, Al Baade, Anna Demaskie Phone: Cary Dudczak

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda with an amendment to move item 9.a, discussion of lake management plan to occur after item 6, treasurer's report, by Demaskie, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes for September 15th regular meeting and September 15th special meeting

Motion to approve minutes of September regular meeting by Burke, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

Motion to approve special meeting minutes by Burke, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

Jewell Assoc. Engineers	Meadowlark Wier Repair	\$ 932.02
WI State Lab of Hygiene	Lake samples testing	\$ 164.00
News Publishing Inc.	Swallow Bay Bids	\$ 45.26
Total		<u>\$1,141.28</u>

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

b. Review monthly financial reports.

c. Review and approve 3rd quarter pay requests

Motion to approve pay requests by Horner, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

7. Chairman's Report

a. Update on WEM payments for Meronek Meadows project

No update available.

b. Decide on schedule for financial review of dredging project

Burke spoke with folks at both MBE and Wegner CPA about a financial review. Each suggested lower tiers of review. They pointed out what a financial review involved and suggested that the board should decide what they wanted to accomplish with the review. They provided written information on the various levels of review. Mittelstadt will review their descriptions and make a recommendation at the December LRPD board meeting.

c. Discuss and decide on procedures for remote participation in board meetings

There was a brief discussion of the issues raised by allowing board members to vote from remote locations. The information from the League of Wisconsin Municipalities website was mentioned, indicating that the board should specifically approve of the practice. Keegstra made a motion to allow members of the public and board members to attend meetings remotely with board members being able to vote, second by Horner. Motion carried.

d. Consider appointment of Assistant Treasurer

It was pointed out that the LRPD bylaws allowed an assistant treasurer to be appointed. Keegstra made a motion to appoint Pat Sullivan as assistant treasurer as needed with the authority to sign checks, second by Burke. Motion carried.

e. Discussion of offer to purchase LRPD land parcel

Mittelstadt reported that he had received an offer from an east coast company to purchase the land that the district owns near the entry of the west branch of Big Creek into Lake Redstone. Mittelstadt recommended that the offer be declined; the board agreed.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Finalize logistic details for Annual Partners meeting

The meeting will be held Wednesday, November 17th in room 213 of the Sauk County building in Baraboo. Melissa Schlupp arranged for the meeting to utilize the county license for MS Teams so that folks can join virtually, if they cannot or choose not to participate in person. Keegstra will check on the ability of MS Teams to allow a phone connection.

b. Discuss and approve agenda for Annual Partners meeting

Keegstra presented a draft agenda and asked for comments. It was decided that final decisions on the partner's meeting agenda can be made at the November board meeting. Suggestions for changes to the agenda should be sent to him before the November meeting. Mittelstadt was not sure that he will be able to make a slide presentation of the activities from the previous year, but he will try to generate a draft set of slides. A decision will be made at the November meeting on who will make the presentation. The major topic for discussion will be the lake management plan and soliciting suggestions from partners on how best to implement the proposed activities.

c. Review and update planning calendar

Keegstra sent a draft calendar to members. One addition is initiating a review of maintenance for sediment control devices in May. Burke raised the question of whether various treasurer activities should be included. He will send a list to Keegstra for possible inclusion on the planning calendar. A revised calendar will be reviewed at the November meeting.

9. Committee Reports

a. Discussion on Lake Management plan

i. Review of plan prior to submission to DNR

Dave Blumer attended the meeting to discuss the most recent draft of the 9-key element plan. He stated that he considered the draft plan to be complete and ready for submission to the WDNR. He indicated that the plan should be submitted to the WDNR by the LRPD. He also said that he would not have any time to work on the plan further in the next 2-3 months. He provided a handout that described the large amount of time that he had spent on the plan and that it far exceeded the amount of time that he estimated would be required. Because of the effort required to complete this plan, he is behind on other projects and needs to work on them for the immediate future. During the discussion it was noted that the current draft lacked a list of appendices. Blumer indicated that all appendices were already prepared and that he would provide them to the board, along with adding a list of appendices for the table of contents. The board agreed that they would make other minor modifications to this draft as needed. They also expressed the hope that if the WDNR requires changes that the board does not have the expertise to make, that Blumer would be available after the WDNR review is complete to make final changes. Following a lengthy discussion, Keegstra made a motion to send the 9-key element plan to the WDNR as soon as the minor modifications could be completed, second by Burke. Motion carried.

ii. Plans for preparing reimbursement requests to DNR

Keegstra mentioned that it was time to prepare the paperwork for the final reimbursement request from the WDNR for the expenses incurred in preparing the 9-key element plan. Keegstra will begin to organize the available material and will seek help gathering invoices, volunteer hours, and other materials for the final request. Both Burke and Sullivan volunteered to help prepare the paperwork.

b. Water Quality Committee

i. CBCW plans for 2022

A grant application to support the 2022 CBCW activities has been submitted to the WDNR. A reimbursement request for \$1900 to cover the 2021 activities has been submitted.

ii. Update on stream sampling program for 2021-22

Payment for the 2021-22 stream sampling program will be handled in the same way as last year, i.e. via a Memorandum of Understanding between Juneau County and the USGS. Thus, all funds will flow via Juneau County. Because Sauk County has already provided funds for the 2021-22 program to LRPD, Dustin Ladd will send an invoice for \$9,000 to the LRPD to cover the first half of the Sauk County portion of the program. He will send a separate invoice to cover the portion of the project that the LRPD is funding. A report on the results of the 2020-21 program needs to be sent to Sauk County before they will pay the second half of the cost for the past year.

Dale Robertson, a lake modeling expert from the USGS will visit Lake Redstone on October 18th to take a tour of the lake. He is interested in using the data from the stream sampling program to update the models for how Lake Redstone will behave as phosphorus levels are reduced.

iii. Approval to submit planning grant for updating the Aquatic Plant Management Plan

A resolution stating that the LRPD board approves of submission of the grant application is needed. Keegstra reviewed the proposed budget of the application and briefly summarized the activities that will be supported by the grant, if awarded. Keegstra made a motion to approve the resolution that will accompany the grant application, second by Burke. Motion carried. During the review of the preapplication with WDNR staff, it was suggested that it might help review of the proposal if the Town of LaValle and Sauk County sent letters of support. Keegstra is in the process of obtaining such letters.

c. Sediment Control Committee

i. Committee activities update

Cary Dudczak reported on the meeting that occurred among himself, Pat Sullivan, Dick Fish, Serge Koenig from Sauk County and a property owner who owns land above Chickadee Bay. During the meeting, Koenig presented various options for preventing water and sediment from coming off the land into Chickadee south. While the discussions were productive no decisions were made, but Koenig will continue discussions with property owner.

Sullivan reported that he is still organizing the next meeting of the committee for the middle of November. One topic for the meeting will be how to prioritize gullies around the lake that need attention.

ii. Martin-Meadowlark weir update

The design for implementing repairs of the damaged weir is complete, permit applications have been filed with the WDNR. No additional permits are needed from the Army Core of Engineers.

d. District records storage

No meeting has occurred because of the schedules of committee members. They hope to meet at least once before winter.

e. Social Media

Nothing to report.

10. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

11. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

12. Agenda items for November meeting

Finalize agenda for partners meeting. Review updated planning calendar.

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned after all business was complete at 8:28pm.

A Demaskie/October 25, 2021

KK/November 3, 2021