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Lake Redstone Protection District

# Dredging Committee Meeting

## August 10, 2018

Attendees: Glenn Choroszy, Dick Fish, Jim Mercier, Cary Dudczak, Brad Horner, Dave Pfefferle, and Paul Burke. In addition, Chuck Ecklund, Fred Nickel, Don Haasl, Ryan Witt, from the Royal Bank, joined us.

Glenn called the meeting to order. Roll call approval of the Agenda followed. Approval of the meeting notes was postponed to the next meeting. The previous notes of July 20<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup> and the Special Meeting of June 8<sup>th</sup> still need to be approved.

Topics covered included:

- Public input from Fred Nickel includes a summary of his background and an offer to share his knowledge on dredging.
- Jim started that our goal should be to levy no more than \$3 million, and we only have one more opportunity for bids from dredging contractors. Therefore, we must do it right and dredge in 2020, as many contractors may already be booked for 2019. Bid in the spring of 2019, award it in 3 months.
- The committee discussed Jim's suggestion and agreed to set this goal, but to allow the contractor the option of starting the project in 2019.
- Glenn reported that additional spoils sites have been located, but must be vetted.
  1. One is owned by Wegner at the end of Eagles Bay east of Timmons Road.
  2. Second, O'Brien owns 255 acres. He is open to our using it, but wishes to check with Organic Valley who farms much of it. It is a relatively flat area.
  3. Rastocan near the North End owns one acre which could be available.
  4. The Douglas Farm would be willing to fill in a ravine on that property.
  5. Robert McClure owns property near Kurtzweil, which could be available.
- Per Chuck, Julie Alibrando indicated that the farm land cost was going for about \$3800 per acre, if we were looking to buy property for a spoils site.
- Chuck also had received a call from John Dietz, and there was no support from Lake Redstone property owners at the August 9<sup>th</sup> county budget meeting. The Sauk Budget Committee did not approve our request for funds for dredging in 2019. We will need to request again for 2020.
- Chuck spoke with Ayres regarding extending the contract for revising bid documents for rebidding.

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- Dick suggested we should request that Ayres consult with a Hydraulic Dredging Construction Company, as they did not seem to be experts with this type of operation, especially relating to schedule, the need for more disposal sites, and dewatering options.
- In review of Ayres payments, Dick indicated that it appears payments of \$35,000 to Ayres are in excess of the contracted authorized amount for the design and bidding phases. The current contract includes a \$14,000 fee that was included in the contract for construction phase services, which did not happen, and should not have been billed.
- Chuck indicated that he signed a change order in June, adding \$3000 to the contract for their participation in the June 9<sup>th</sup> LRPD Board Meeting and the addendum to the specifications for open cell disposal.
- Dick suggested that the board be flexible when setting dredging goals. Dredging to 6 feet adds about 20,000 cubic yards to the total, an additional \$1 million.
- Paul reported that bank loans and the Channel Dredging Grant are holding our information awaiting our revised dredging plans. Ryan Witt informed the committee that the prime interest rate is forecasted to be increased, which may result in a higher 10-year Treasury rate.
- Paul had also looked into “Go Fund Me”, a way of allowing individuals to donate to the project. However, we would need to be a 501c3 corporation or prove that private donations would be tax deductible. Glenn had already suggested that Mike Mittelstadt handle this project.
- Don Haasl suggested the board do all it can to raise any amount of funds for the project. He suggested that we list the negative comments from our public meeting and determine a rebuttal that could be listed on the web site, similar to the FAQ’s. He agreed to join the Dredging Committee and start the list of negative comments.

We ended the meeting at 4:22 with a date set for the next meeting on Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm.