

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT PARTNERS MEETING

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 @ 9:00 am

Room 213 West Square Building, 505 Broadway, Baraboo, WI

MEETING MINUTES

The PowerPoint presentation is available on the LRPD website

1. Call meeting to order by Mittelstadt who verified compliance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law
2. Approval of agenda: Moved by Horner, Second Mahoney. Motion passed.
3. Introductions: 25 people attended in person or via Microsoft Teams:
LRPD Board: Mike Mittelstadt, Dave Crockett, Brad Horner, Jane Mahoney, Tom Heneghan
LRPD Citizens: Ken Keegstra, Al Baade, Cary Dudczak
Sauk Co: Mitch McCarthy, Melissa Schlupp, Jenn Schneiderman, Serge Koenig, Tim Kabat, Peter Kinsman
Juneau Co: Dustin Ladd, Carolyn Zimmerman
DNR: Nathan Nye, Andrew Craig, Pat Oldenberg, Michael Sorge, Gina LaLiberte, Arthur Watkinson
Aquatic Plant and Habitat Services: Sara Hatleli
UW Extension- Stevens Point: Eric Olson
Consultant: Dick Lathrop

Five federal government employees accepted the invitation but could not attend due to the shutdown.

4. Discussion regarding the following issues but not limited to them:

A. Status of 9-key Element Plan Implementation (10 minutes)-Mittelstadt

The Plan was approved by all parties involved in Feb 2022. Mittelstadt reviewed the four main objectives of it, as well as reviewed the 8 key LRPD accomplishments during 2025.

B. Reports

Transect Survey Report - Mitch McCarthy (Sauk County). Transect surveys are done in the spring and fall. Spring- 90+ spots were driven to/review in Juneau and Sauk. The team looked for what crops are growing and what type of tillage used. In the spring 2025. 84% were no-till. In 2024 it was 80% no-till, which is a positive trend. In addition, 8% use cover crops. It was proposed that even more emphasis could be put on conservation and more cover crops.

Status of aquatic plants in Lake Redstone - Sara Hatleli (APHS). Selected bays for the 2025 investigation were based on LRPD inputs and results from previous year. Three bays were examined this year. Eurasian Water Milfoil is very low as is the native species, due to extremely poor water clarity. No control for milfoil needed in 2026.

Shoreline Assessment – Horner. He provided an overview of the 2015 Assessment, the criteria for scoring, and the plan for follow up with the owners of the properties rated Red and Orange.

Redstone Water Quality – Mahoney She provided the water quality readings over time with emphasis on the 2025 readings and 2025 algae testing. There was just 12-inch clarity in August and very poor chlorophyll A readings.

C. Discussion on Major Issues

Blue Green Algae: In the spring there was a brown Limnospira bloom, and blue-green algae blooms in Sept. There was much discussion of the potential causes and future testing possibly including testing for toxic algae. Conversations are being held with Sauk County Public Health about their potential involvement.

Improving Water Quality: Much discussion of analysis about the readings in 2025. LRPD should consider more financial incentive approaches for producers in the watershed, in addition in the budget, and to those received by the producers in the form of government grants.

5. Motion to adjourn by Horner, second by Mahoney. Motion passed.

The next LRPD board meeting is November 11, 2025 at 6 pm at La Valle Town Hall

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