

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 9, 2025, 6 pm

Town of La Valle Hall, 314 State Hwy 33/58 La Valle WI. 53941

MINUTES

1. Mittelstadt called the meeting to order at 6pm and verified compliance with the Open Meeting Law.

2. Roll Call

Present: In person- Demaskie, Mittelstadt, Horner. Via Zoom- Mahoney, Heneghan. Crockett

Not present: Kinsman

Others in the room: None

Others on Zoom: Ken Keegstra, Pat Sullivan, Al Baade, Cary Dudzak

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Demaskie, Second by Mahoney. Motion carried

4. Approve minutes of the November 11 Board Meeting

Motion by Crockett, Second by Mahoney. Motion carried

5. Public Input : None

6. Chairman's Report

a. Update on proposed ordinance for boats with enhanced wake

No action was taken at the last Town Board meeting. Expected to be on the January agenda.

b. Update on Martin Meadowlark

The final report for Sauk Co grant was submitted. The final payment was received from Sauk Co. Reimbursement request for DNR should be submitted by end of year but payment will be received until early 2026.

7. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

Motion by Mahoney, Second by Heneghan. Motion carried.

b. Review of monthly financial reports

No questions or issues.

c. Cash Balance

Currently at approx. \$30,000. \$40,000 expected for Martin Meadowlark reimbursement. The general tax levy is due in Jan and Feb.

d. Q4 payroll for Board Members

Motion to approve by Mahoney, Second by Horner. Motion carried.

8. Secretary's Report: Nothing new to report

9. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

The Town adopted a Sauk Co hazard mitigation plan which enables FEMA money. Barb Mittelstadt was appointed to the vacant Town Board seat. The Town approved funds to repair the road between the two bridges on La Valle Road. One bridge is done, the other won't be done until spring, along with the road between.

10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman. Did not attend.

11. Committee Reports

a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee: Mike Mittelstadt

Update on electronic records plans.

The ad hoc records team met this morning and tentatively approved a file structure. They will go through and start seeding if all fits. A naming structure was tentatively approved. Ken Keegstra and Al Baade will look at historic docs to see if the file structure accommodates all of them. An inventory of the current hard copies will be created and linked on in the Google site. Next meeting is the morning of next Board meeting.

b. Water Quality Committee: Jane Mahoney

i. Cason contract: The letter to stop the Cason contract has been mailed.

ii. UW Practicum: Horner, Mittelstadt, Mahoney created a draft proposal. Reaction was positive. It needs to be put on the new template that was provided. Some key references are needed for the application. E.g. The Ontero Report and the Nine Key Elements plan. Watershed info is needed. E.g. The Transect Survey and data from county partners about land use practices. Inputs desirable from Partners and possibly from the Water Quality Committee members. The Application will likely need to be Board approved at the February Board meeting.

iii. Water quality measurements and plans: Mahoney has a meeting scheduled with Gina LaLiberte from the DNR regarding algae. Ken Keegstra is in contact with Arthur Watkinson about measuring phosphorus in the core during winter. Collection of sediment may cost \$2,000 and will be performed by Arthur and LRPD volunteers with analysis by the Wisconsin State Lab of Hygiene. A plan for chemical analysis of water samples during the summer of 2026 is being drafted. At this point, the algae sampling plan is similar to last year, plus adding Limnothrix and for algae blooms (if any). Genetic testing for genes that enable toxin production may be involved if/when a bloom is present.

iv. 2026 Goose Roundup: Sue Walters said that they will talk with the USDA representative in the spring. Same timing as last year. More property owner permissions will be needed this year than last.

c. Sediment Control Committee: Brad Horner

i. Transect survey: Completed in November. Data from November needs to be shared with the LRPD Board via Cary Dudczak. It was agreed that correlations to previous USGS data would be good. Maybe part of the UW practicum? Juneau Co could potentially be leveraged more regarding use of the data. Brad to follow up with Dustin and Mitch and Jane in a meeting to discuss path forward with using the information. Dept of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection incentives run out after 3 years. Another lake district had incentive program to fill the gaps, per Mike Sorge. LRPD should consider including farmer incentives in the 2027 LRPD budget for 2027.

ii. Update on Cardinal Bay project: After the last Board meeting, the three necessary signed landowner agreements were obtained. Compensation for use of loss of property is an issue for use of a planned settling pond. Target start date is hopefully in 2026. A bidding process is needed which will delay the start of the work. The status of the grant application submitted in November will be known in mid-February.

iii. Shoreline Assessment follow-up update: A mailing containing the assessment and a cover letter, was sent to 402 parcel owners whose properties were rated red or orange. So far, 35 people have contacted Mitch McCarthy from Sauk County as a result of the mailing, and a few others had previously contacted him throughout 2025. Mitch maintains a detailed Excel spread of the 795 parcels assessed in 2018 and 2025, including who has contacted him for information and/or on-site help. Next summer, another reminder mailing may go to the parcel owners who have not reached out to Mitch.

iv. Proposed changes to wording of the LRPD Shoreline Reimbursement documents. A few changes were suggested for changes to the draft revised wording in the documents. Brad agreed to make the changes.

d. Education & Outreach Committee (Tom Heneghan)

Topics for the Protection Connection Newsletter: Greywater, 50th Anniversary of LRPD, Shoreline Assessment, Algae, Fishing Club, Producers, Pictures of Sediment/Runoff Control projects, and others.

12. Agenda items for January 13th 6pm monthly meeting

13. Adjourn 7:50pm

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