

# LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 13, 2021 6:00 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. He confirmed the meeting was in compliance with open meeting laws.

### 2. Roll Call:

Mike Mittelstadt, Pat Sullivan, Ken Keegstra, Brad Horner, Paul Burke Absent: Ray Demaskie, Peter Kinsman Others: Al Baade, Chuck Ecklund, Al Johnson

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Sullivan, second by Burke. Motion carried.

### 4. Approval of minutes for June 8<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and June 10<sup>th</sup> special meeting

Motion to approve June 8<sup>th</sup> minutes by Sullivan, second by Horner. Motion carried.

Motion to approve June 10<sup>th</sup> minutes by Sullivan, second by Horner. Motion carried.

### 5. Public Input

### 6. Treasurer's Financial Report

#### a. Approve vouchers

JEWELL Associates Engineers	Meadowlark Weir Consulting	\$408.20
Krueger Office Supplies	Printing for shoreline workshop	\$182.50
WI State Lab of Hygiene	Lake sampling test	\$104.00
Aquatic Plant Mgmt LLC	Milfoil harvesting	\$8,341.70
Dawn McCluskey	Clean boats, clean waters	\$525.00
Gary McCluskey	Clean boats, clean waters	<u>\$525.00</u>
Total		\$10,086.40

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

#### b. Review monthly financial reports

#### c. Review and approve 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter pay requests

Keegstra made a motion to approve the pay request, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

### 7. Chairman's Report

#### a. Update on FEMA applications

The federal share of Meronek Meadows has been received. Keegstra made a motion to apply the FEMA payment toward the Meronek Meadow loan, second by Sullivan. This will shorten the term of the loan.

The state share has not yet been received. There has been no notification of the dredging claim.

#### b. Update on completion of dredging associated activities by Kaiyuh Services

The final payment request was received recently. It still needs to be reviewed by Ayres.

#### c. Approve payment request from Kaiyuh Services

Because the payment request was received late, approval of the payment will be postponed until August.

#### d. Update on restoration of unloading site-approval of watering plan

The trees at the site are still under warranty and will be replaced in the fall/early spring. The native flowers are struggling, but just need water to survive. Mittelstadt made a motion to use \$1000 from the dredging account to keep the plants watered, second by Horner. Motion carried.

#### e. Moving forward with bids to repair Swallow spillway

The request for a no cost extension has been approved by Sauk County through the middle of next year. Keegstra made a motion to have the sediment control committee proceed with rebidding the project, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

**f. Final approval of bylaws revision**

Attorney William O'Connor performed a final review of the bylaws and suggested a number of changes. Keegstra made a motion to adopt the revised bylaws after removing the last two paragraphs from section 5 on nomination and elections, second by Sullivan. Motion carried. The revised bylaws will be presented to the voters at the Annual Meeting.

**8. Secretary's Report**

**a. Planning for annual meeting**

**i. Final approval of 2021 annual meeting agenda**

It was suggested that the decision on the nonlapsible fund should be made before the proposed 2022 budget is discussed. Keegstra made a motion to adopt the agenda with the proposed changes, second by Sullivan. The motion carried.

**ii. Final review of proposed 2022 budget**

The proposed budget was reviewed line by line, with adjustments to several items. The proposed 2022 budget requires a levy for the operating budget of \$84,400, an increase of \$25,000 over last year. Keegstra made a motion to submit this budget to the voters, second by Sullivan. The motion carried. It was noted that the increase will be offset by the reduction in the dredging levy caused by refinancing the dredging loan.

**iii. Review newspaper notice and items to include in mailing**

The newspaper notice for the annual meeting was distributed for review. It will be published in the Reedsburg Independent on July 29 and August 5.

**iv. Approve wording of draft resolution for nonlapsible fund**

Keegstra made a motion to use the resolution provided by William O'Connor to create a nonlapsible fund, second by Sullivan. The motion carried. The money in the LGIP account will be used as the nonlapsible fund. Mittelstadt will explain this motion at the Annual Meeting.

**v. Discussion of draft secretary's report for annual meeting**

Keegstra distributed a draft of the secretary's report and asked for suggestions and edits. It will be distributed at the Annual Meeting as part of the handout packet.

**vi. Meeting logistics**

It was decided that a sound system was not needed. Keegstra made a motion to use the voter certificate that was used during the 2019 special meeting, second by Burke. The motion carried. It was agreed that the board members should arrive at the LRPPOA clubhouse about 8 am. Horner will get a key to let us in.

**b. Support for Lake Redstone Watershed producer-led cooperative field day**

The field day will be held on Tuesday, September 14, and the board will be asked to provide lunch or dinner, depending upon the time of day. Dustin Ladd will get an estimate of the costs so that the board can make a decision at the August meeting. This date conflicts with our September board meeting.

**9. Committee Reports**

**a. Update on Lake Management plan**

Progress seems to have slowed in recent weeks. It was suggested that it might be good to resume monthly meetings (zoom calls) with Blumer to discuss progress. Keegstra will contact Blumer to suggest these meetings and to find out whether there are ways that board members can help.

**b. Water Quality Committee**

**i. CBCW-Sullivan**

Sullivan reported that the CBCW program is proceeding well this summer. Inspectors are putting in hours at the Sauk County boat landing and the Section 11 boat landing. They should reach the target of hours by the end of the summer. He visited Lake Geneva and viewed the boat cleaning station that they installed. Sullivan does not think it is a good fit for Lake Redstone.

**ii. Report on hand harvesting program-Keegstra**

Aquatic Plant Management, LLC provided a detailed report on their activities on Lake Redstone. The dive team logged 31.8 hours on the water (the basis for billing) and 23.8 hours of underwater dive time (3 divers). They harvested 132.5 cubic feet of Eurasian Water Milfoil that was delivered to shore. All of their work was performed along the northern portion of east shore of the main body of Lake Redstone. They also provided some recommendations for future control activities. The water quality committee will evaluate their advice and consult with Sara Hatleli and Dave Blumer before making recommendations to the board.

**iii. Progress on updating the Aquatic Plant Management Plan-Keegstra**

The water quality committee discussed updating the Aquatic Plant Management Plan and developed a plan for working with Sara Hatleli during the preparation of a grant application to support this activity. A subgroup will work with Sara to make sure that the pre-application is submitted by September 2.

**c. Sediment Control Committee**

**i. Committee activities update-Sullivan**

Sullivan reported that the committee is working on several issues simultaneously. One is the sediment that comes in near Chickadee south. Serge Koenig from Sauk County is helping with this project. Other projects are those where the District has obligations from agreements made in earlier years.

**ii. Update on easements and maintenance obligations-Sullivan**

The lot at Canary 67 has sold and the same party now owns the lots on both sides of the LRPD easement. Al Johnson reported that the Town of La Valle is willing to help by performing the work for the District at a cost of \$70/hour. The plan is to remove the accumulated dirt from the old drainage swale thereby creating a new path for the water to flow from the culvert under the road to the rock chute near the lake. Sullivan made a motion that the Sediment Control Committee be authorized to spend up to \$1,000 to pursue this plan, pending agreement with the property owner, second by Keegstra. The motion carried.

The lot at Chickadee 51, where the LRPD also has an easement with some obligation to maintain the sediment control devices, is also being studied and the Town is willing to help resolve this issue. Mittelstadt made a motion that the Sediment Control Committee be authorized to spend up to \$1,000 to resolve the problem, pending agreement by the property owner, second by Sullivan. The motion was approved.

**iii. Report on shoreline improvement workshops-Horner**

Horner reported that the workshop was well attended. He has email addresses for all attendees and intends to follow up with a survey inquiring about their opinions of the workshop and their plans to improve their shorelines. He hopes to have another workshop, probably next year. He is also thinking of sending a letter to all property owners whose shorelines were ranked orange or red to provide them additional information. The problem will be obtaining mailing addresses for all these properties. Horner will explore the cost of preparing and mailing such a letter before proceeding with the project.

**iv. Martin-Meadowlark weir update-Sullivan**

Scott Whitsett from Jewell met with the committee to explain the proposal for replacing the damaged weir. He explained the advantages of using a rock gabion to replace the metal weir. Mittelstadt made a motion that the committee should have Jewell complete the design plans, prepare a bid package, and secure the permits needed for the project, second by Horner. The motion carried.

**d. District records storage-Mittelstadt**

Nothing to report.

**e. Social Media: Should the App be kept in the Apple store? Mittelstadt**

The cost to keep the App in the Apple store is \$99/year. It is time for renewal, so a decision is needed on whether or not to keep the App in the Apple store. Mittelstadt reported that usage of the App has declined significantly since the dredging project was completed. He recommended that we create a

more mobile friendly web site to replace the App. Motion by Mittelstadt that we not renew the Apple store contract for the coming year, second by Keegstra. The motion carried. We will keep the Android App for the present time, especially for the CBCW folks who use the App to record their hours.

**10. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie**

Nothing to report beyond the comments made by Al Johnson during the sediment control committee discussions.

**11. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman**

Nothing to report.

**12. Agenda items for August 10<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Approve final payment for Kaiyuh. Election of officers.

**13. Adjourn**

**AD/July 21, 2021**

**KK/July 31, 2021**