

**LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, April 21, 2021 6:00 pm**

**Location: Town of La Valle Hall, 324 Hwy 33, LaValle, WI 53941**

**MINUTES**

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

Meeting called to order at six pm by chair, Mike Mittelstadt.

**2. Roll Call:**

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

Others: Al Baade, Anna Demaskie

**3. Approval of Agenda**

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

**4. Approval of minutes for March 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and March 26<sup>th</sup> special meeting**

Motion to approve March 9<sup>th</sup> minutes by Demaskie, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

Motion to approve March 26<sup>th</sup> minutes by Sullivan, second by Demaskie. Motion carried.

**5. Public Input**

**6. Treasurer's Financial Report**

**a. Approve vouchers**

Michael Mittelstadt	WI Lakes attendance	\$ 80.00
Paul Burke	WI Lakes attendance	\$ 20.00
Patrick Sullivan	WI Lakes attendance	\$ 80.00
Brad Horner	WI Lakes attendance	\$ 60.00
Michael Mittelstadt	Hosting & Domain Fees	\$ 205.08
Wheeler, Van Sickle, Anderson	Bylaw consulting	\$ 375.00
Jewell Assoc. Engineers	consulting on repair	\$ 144.20
Ken Keegstra	property owners' address list	\$ 10.00
Lichte Insurance Agency	Commercial Liability & Bus. Auto	<u>\$1,187.00</u>
Total		\$2,161.28

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

**b. Review monthly financial reports**

**c. Review and approve 1<sup>st</sup> quarter pay requests**

Burke distributed the submitted pay requests from all commissioners for review ahead of the meeting.

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

**7. Chairman's Report**

**a. Update on FEMA applications**

All forms have been submitted, but no payment has been received. Paul has tried to contact folks at Wisconsin Emergency Management without success. Mittelstadt will see if Representative Kurtz can help.

**b. FEMA survey response**

The survey was completed.

**c. Update on completion of dredging associated activities by Kaiyuh Services**

There has been no communication from Kaiyuh. Mittelstadt will begin to explore what needs to be done to close the dredging contract.

**d. Approve payment request from Kaiyuh Services**

None to approve

**e. Update on bylaws revision**

Attorney William O'Connor sent a letter with comments on the draft set of bylaws. Baade distributed the letter to all board members. Baade will revise the draft to address the concerns outlined in the letter. He will distribute a revised draft to the board once it is available.

**f. Plans for Sauk County grants program**

Grant applications are due June 24<sup>th</sup>. One possible project for a grant application is to continue the USGS stream monitoring for a second year. Keegan Johnson from USGS provided a cost estimate of \$42,700, but they will contribute \$10,700, leaving \$32,000 for us to contribute. Keegstra proposed that the district should request \$20,000 from the Sauk County grant program, with \$6,000 coming from the LRPD. He will explore whether Juneau county will contribute the final \$6,000 needed.

Another possible project is repair of the weir above Martin Meadowlark bay. Scot Whitsett has reviewed the damage to the weir and is scheduled to provide a cost estimate for the repair by May 1. If the costs are within the range that it could be included in a request to Sauk County, this should be considered. If not, the board will need to pursue other grants to secure funding for the repairs.

**g. Discussion of rock chute easement on Canary lot 67**

Sullivan has inspected the lot and he recommends three alterations. First, rocks should be added near the end of the culvert coming under the road. Second, the gully directing water to the rock chute at the lake shore needs to be better defined. Finally, the rock chute near the water needs repair. Before doing the work, it was suggested that the district needs a survey to define the lot line.

Sullivan also reported that a search of Sauk County deeds found 5 additional properties where the LRPD had an easement and some responsibility for maintaining sediment control structures. There may be more. Kinsman will inquire whether the registrar of deeds can do a search to find all of them.

**h. Moving forward with Swallow spillway repair**

Mittlestadt spoke with the one bidder to inquire why the cost of the stone was so high. The high cost was not the purchase of the stones, but the cost of getting them to the location where they need to be placed. One idea is to postpone the project until winter when the soil is frozen. There were two issues with this option. One is that we will need a no-cost extension from Sauk County because the project is supposed to be completed by the end of 2021. Kinsman will check with Sauk County on that issue.

Another issue is that the easement to use the adjacent lot expires in June and would need to be renewed.

**8. Secretary's Report**

**a. Update on 2021 newsletter**

The newsletter is at the printer and will be sent out by end of the week.

**b. Review of Wisconsin Water Week sessions**

Some board members thought that the topics were not as interesting nor as relevant as in the past. They hoped the meeting can be held in person next year. Others found some interesting topics.

**c. Discussion of possible surface water grant applications**

For any new surface water grant applications, a pre-proposal is due September 1<sup>st</sup> with the final application due on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Keegstra suggested that we should submit a grant application to update the Aquatic Plant Management Plan; the current one expired in 2020. He will work with Sara Hatleli and Susan Graham on the details. He also noticed that the DNR offers management plan implementation grants up to a total of \$200,000. Once the management plan is in place, we could consider applying for some of these grants.

**d. Report on Lake Leaders program**

UW Lakes Extension runs a Lake Leaders program every other year. Some board members have participated in the past. The most recent version, Crew 13, was scheduled to operate last year, but was

postponed because of COVID. It will now occur this year and Keegstra will be participating. It involves three different 2-day workshops.

**e. Planning for annual meeting**

The meeting will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup>. While it is not yet known what COVID restrictions will be in place in August, it might not be wise to schedule the meeting for the La Valle Town hall. It may be wise to explore holding it outdoors on the patio of the LRPOA clubhouse, as was done last year. Decisions will need to be made in the coming weeks.

**9. Committee Reports**

**a. Lake Management plan progress**

**i. Report on March zoom meetings**

No meetings of the whole group were held in March. Keegstra and Horner had a zoom session with Blumer to discuss the background section of the plan.

**ii. Status report of the management plan**

A rough draft of the first parts of the plan was sent to Keegstra; he provided some input back to Blumer. Blumer hopes to have a complete first draft by the end of April.

**b. Water Quality Committee-Keegstra**

**i. CBCW-Sullivan**

Sullivan reported that Dawn and Gary, the CBCW inspectors from last year, will be back this year. Sullivan has investigated a solar-powered, water-free cleaning station. The cost of the station is \$33,750. An annual maintenance fee is usually around \$250-\$300. A \$24,000 AIS supplemental grant is available if certain criteria are met, such as being a top 300 lake and having a CBCW project. Lake Redstone meets the criteria. Sullivan will contact lakes who have the system to get information on their satisfaction with it.

**ii. Lake water sampling plan for 2021**

For the last two decades, the DNR has done water sampling at the Deep Hole while LRPD volunteers have sampled three other sites in the lake. During discussions on the lake management plan, it was suggested that the south site is redundant with the Deep Hole and does not need to be sampled. Keegstra made a motion to authorize the water quality committee to spend up to \$1,000 to test chlorophyll and phosphorus at the middle site and the northern site using the WI State Lab of Hygiene for the analyses, second by Horner. Motion carried. Testing will occur April through October, but chlorophyll measurements will be made June through August.

**iii. Proposal for EWM control activities in 2021**

There will be no herbicide treatments for 2021. Keegstra has explored other options including hand harvesting of EWM. He identified a company, Aquatic Plant Management LLC (APM LLC) that performs this service. He distributed information about their service and costs. Keegstra made a motion to move forward with APM LLC doing manual harvesting of EWM up to a cost of \$8,000 with additional costs to cover travel expenses, second by Burke. Motion carried. The water quality committee will work out the details.

**c. Sediment Control Committee**

**i. Committee activities update-Sullivan**

The committee will meet on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Topics to be covered include Canary lot 67, Chickadee lot and the committee's role in repairs of Swallow and Martin Meadowlark weirs.

**ii. Update on Shoreline Activities-Horner**

The workshops were mentioned in both the LRPD and LRPOA newsletters. Each workshop will cover several topics, including: Purpose of the assessment, analysis of the assessment, review parameters and recommendations, look at an overview of funding available through Sauk

County (cost sharing) and DNR (Healthy Lakes and Rivers), review landscapers profiles and comments, and gather attendee feedback.

**iii. Martin-Meadowlark update-Mittelstadt**

Sullivan and Fish are working on it.

**d. Social Media: Mittelstadt**

No updates.

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

None

**11. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman**

There will be a carp shoot at the North End on June 12<sup>th</sup>. County gave permission to use the landing after hours.

**12. Agenda items for May 11<sup>th</sup> meeting**

Meeting will be held Monday, May 17th

**13. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned when all business was completed at 9:07pm.

**AD/May 7, 2021 KK/ May 10, 2021**