

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 6:00 pm

MINUTES

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

Meeting was called to order at 6:02pm by chair, Tom Walters.

2. Roll Call:

Tom Happ, Chuck Ecklund, Tom Walters, Glenn Choroszy, Ray Demaskie

Phone: Ken Keegstra Absent: John Dietz Others: Brad Horner, Mike Mittelstadt, Paul Burke, Bev Vaillancourt, Wally Moeller, Heidi Geils, Stuart Thayer, Al Baade, Anna Demaskie

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Ecklund, second by Choroszy. Motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes for March 13, 2018 regular meeting

Motion to approve minutes by Ecklund, second by Happ. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

Horner is interested in raising the pay of board members. That means changing the by-laws because the pay of board members is specified in our by-laws.

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

DNR-permit application for weed control 3306	\$ 520.00
LEAPS invoice #18-19 PH 1-2	\$ 812.45
LEAPS invoice #9-17 GenCon	\$ 435.24
LEAPS invoice #18-20 PH2-2	\$ 62.73
AYRES Associates- Permit/Dredging Asst	\$9,461.88
NEWS PUBLISHING- Notice for spring treatment	\$ 25.35
KRUEGER PRINTING- Brochures-dredging project news	\$1,569.33
CASON & Associates- property owner mailing for spring treatment	\$2,068.52
Chuck Ecklund- mailing list	\$ 10.00
Tom Walters- ink cartridges	\$ 61.17
Total	\$15,026.67

Motion to approve current vouchers by Ecklund, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

b. Review monthly financial reports

Reimbursement funds have not yet been received. Keegstra will check into their status.

c. Software update or system refinement to monitor multiple DNR grants

Walters is interested in creating separate accounts for each grant to keep track of invoices and volunteer hours. Baade will look into possible options to help with this.

7. Chairman's Report

a. Appointment of a new commissioner to fill the remaining term of Tom Happ

Walters appointed Paul Burke as the new commissioner to replace Happ. Keegstra made a motion to approve the appointment, second by Happ. Motion carried. Happ received a card and gift for his time on the board.

b. A LRPD app for smart phones

The board was reluctant to approve the app without more discussion and consideration of the issue. Bev Vaillancourt offered the possibility of doing a beta test for the app. Ecklund made a motion to do a three month beta test on the app and then re evaluate the usefulness to the board and residents, second by Keegstra. Demaskie abstain. Motion carried. The app is a progressive web application and will be able to send push notifications to those who download it. Ecklund will work with Vaillancourt to determine what topics will be included as well as the organization of topics on the app.

c. Update on voting requirements/process at LRPD annual meeting and/or special meetings

A lengthy response was obtained from our attorney, Anders Helquist in response to the questions that were asked about who is eligible to vote at the annual meeting. The secretary and the elections committee will get together to review the information and create a proposal to bring to the board next month.

d. WAL conference

The WAL conference is April 18th, 19th, and 20th in Steven's Point. Three people from the LRPD will attend.

8. Dredging Committee Report: Choroszy/Walters

a. Report on April dredging committee meeting

One question that was addressed was who owns the lake. The people of Wisconsin own the lake, which is in a trust that is managed by the DNR. The LRPD is a steward of the lake so it has to apply to the DNR as a trustee of the water in order to get permission to dredge the lake along with permission from the residents who own property in the district because they pay the bill.

b. Update on spoils disposal plans

Gates and Heidrich have signed the land agreement, Ribbke has not, but Choroszy is attempting to reach him. Once he agrees, this will provide one route to the spoils site. The other route may be more difficult because two properties along the route are in foreclosure. It was suggested that if the second route is needed, we could avoid the two properties by running the pipe on the Wegner farm, if they agreed.

c. Update on dredging permit application

The permit to the DNR was submitted on March 16th. The draft application stated that 21 bays were under consideration for dredging, but the correct number is 26; the application will be corrected.

d. Update on communications with district residents regarding dredging

The tri fold brochure was sent out to all district residents; Walters has already been receiving calls with questions and comments. The list of FAQs are being posted on Facebook and will be posted on the web site.

e. Update on funding options

Three banks are interested in funding the loan. Two banks confirmed, two said no and the land commission has raised its rates. Walters and Ecklund met with the county chair to discuss progress and inquire about the county providing funding. While Sauk County is interested in the project, it is unclear whether they can provide any funding. John Dietz will follow up.

f. Update on time line

The land contracts are being signed and LRPD is close to being able to begin the bidding process.

g. Other issues and plans for moving forward

Oakdale electric is not a grant source for funding. The board will need to go to the county treasurer for answers on whether or not the levy amount changes when property value changes.

9. Other Committee Reports

a. Water Quality Committee: Keegstra/Ecklund

i. Report on April water quality committee meeting

Chuck Ecklund, Paul Burke and Don McCune met with Dave Blumer to learn about proper techniques for stream sampling. Stream sampling will be performed monthly, along with an enhanced lake sampling program, as part of the recently funded lake management plant grant. A shoreline habitat assessment of each property on the lake will be conducted this coming summer as part of the grant. Ecklund reported that the county is interested in the results of the assessment and suggested that the results, which will include information on culvert placement, should go to the county and be added to GIS system. Paul has put results from past lake sampling activities into the SWIMS database.

ii. Update on whole bay treatments in 2018

A permit requesting permission to treat 4 bays has been submitted to the DNR. Cason sent out notices to all district residents describing plans for the treatments and a notice was published in the Reedsburg Independent. If DNR approval is received the treatments will likely be performed in the first half of May.

iii. Status of Lake Management Planning grant activities

In addition to the activities summarized above in the meeting report, two projects have been funded as part of the Healthy Lakes Program. Manual harvesting will need to be addressed at the next meeting.

b. Newsletter: Happ

i. Status of articles for 2018 Newsletter

Articles have been submitted and Kristin has generated a draft of the Newsletter. It still needs considerable editing, but should be ready for mailing in May.

ii. Review of timeline for newsletter production and mailing

The mailing is expected to go out before mid May.

c. Web site: Happ

i. Updates

March minutes need to be added.

ii. ID of new curator for the LRPD web site

Mike Mittelstadt and Keegstra will meet with Happ to learn about keeping the website up to date.

11. La Valle Town Coordinator: Demaskie

a. Update on Section 11 landing

Construction should begin about May 16th, and section 11 landing should be usable by July 4th.

b. Update on Timmons road situation

Once the weather warms up the sand can be put back, trees will be trimmed and cement will be poured.

12. Sauk County Coordinator: Dietz

John Dietz plans to meet with Marty Krueger about funding support for dredging.

13. Agenda items for next meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 6 pm, La Valle Town Hall

Review by-laws Manual Harvesting Voting Proposal New Roles of Board Members
LRPD App

15. Adjourn

Walter's declared the meeting closed once business was concluded. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:44pm.

AD/ April 10, 2018

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