

# LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 15, 2018 6:00 pm

## MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order by chair, Chuck Ecklund at 6pm.

### **2. Roll Call:**

Mike Mittelstadt, Paul Burke, Ken Keegstra, Chuck Ecklund, Glenn Choroszy, Ray Demaskie, John Dietz  
Others: Jim Mercier, Brad Horner, Al Baade, Heidi Geils, Pat Rego, and Anna Demaskie. Matt Komiskey, Brian Daus, and Nate White arrived about 7 pm.

### **3. Approval of Agenda**

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

### **4. Approval of minutes for July 10 regular meeting July 18 special meetings**

Motion to approve July 10 minutes by Burke, second by Demaskie. Motion carried.

Motion to approve July 18 minutes by Choroszy, second by Burke. Motion carried.

### **5. Public Input**

Jim Mercier reported on Fred Nickel's appearance at the August 13<sup>th</sup> La Valle Town Board meeting. He reported that the board had a productive discussion, but in the end the board was not supportive of Nickel's request that the area in front of his house be made a Slow-No Wake zone.

Brad Horner reported on his conversations with a teacher from Reedsburg who would like to get her students involved in water sampling on Lake Redstone. Ecklund will follow up with her.

Chuck Ecklund stepped away from his role as chair to offer some public comments. First, he thanked Cary Dudczak for his presentation at the annual meeting and Brad Horner for reserving the Mauston High School for the meeting. He reported that Jenny Erickson informed him that water in LaValle and Ironton will be tested next year July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Finally, he presented a letter prepared by Dick Fish expressing concern about erosion on lot 49 of the original plat that carries sediment into the lake; Sauk County now owns this parcel. Choroszy made a motion to send the letter on behalf of the board. Seconded by Keegstra. Motion carried.

### **6. Treasurer's Financial Report**

#### **a. Approve vouchers**

WSLH/water samples	\$1,967.00
Newspaper publishing of annual meeting notices	\$ 49.74
Weld Riley/dredging attorney assistance	\$1,341.66
MBE/quarterly payroll report	\$ 138.87
Power Up Design LLC/one time cost for app	\$1,350.00
Nicole Miller/cbcw for July	\$ 780.00
LEAPS/18-19PH2-6	\$ 62.73
LEAPS/18-19PH1-6	\$ 812.45
Don McCune/postage for water samples	\$ 102.05
Krueger Printing/copies for annual meeting	\$ 50.00
School district of Mauston/rental for annual meeting	\$ 150.00
Tom Walters	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Total	\$6,904.50

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

#### **b. Review monthly financial reports**

### **7. Chairman's Report**

#### **a. Election of Officers for the coming year**

Keegstra made a motion to nominate Ecklund as Chair, second by Burke. Ecklund agreed to serve if chosen. Ecklund was unanimously selected as Chair. Mittelstadt made a motion to nominate Burke as Vice Chair, second by Choroszy. Burke agreed to serve if chosen. Burke was unanimously selected as Vice Chair. Burke made a motion to nominate Choroszy as Treasurer, second by Keegstra. Choroszy agreed to serve if chosen. Choroszy was unanimously selected as Treasurer. Ecklund made a motion to nominate Keegstra as Secretary, second by Burke. Keegstra agreed to serve if chosen. Keegstra was unanimously selected as Secretary.

**b. Committee assignments for the coming year**

The composition of committees for 2018-2019 was discussed. Because potential committee members need to be contacted to confirm their willingness to serve, the compositions will be finalized at the September meeting. Committees for which changes are needed include the election committee, the audit committee (financial review), the water quality projects committee, the ad hoc dredging committee, the ad hoc website committee, the ad hoc newsletter committee. No changes were needed for the ad hoc clean boats/clean water committee.

In addition to a lake sampling team, which will remain the same, a new stream sampling team is needed because of activities needed for the lake management grant. Chuck asked that a by-law review team be formed to review the current by-laws and propose changes before the next annual meeting. He asked whether Ken Keegstra and Al Baade would perform this task. They both agreed.

**c. Discuss issues arising from the Annual Meeting**

No issues noted.

**d. Update on request for dredging assistance from Sauk County**

Keegstra made a motion to have Ecklund send a letter to Sauk County explaining why the dredging project has been delayed with the intention of resubmitting the request at a later date, second by Burke. Motion carried.

**e. Update on producer-led cooperative**

Matt Komiskey discussed the history that led up to the cooperative being created and introduced Nate White and Brian Daus who are leading the cooperative. The cooperative has several goals including some focusing on the use of cover crops and others focused on improved manure management. These goals will be included in a producer-led watershed grant application that will be submitted to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection before September 17<sup>th</sup>. If funded, the grant would provide up to \$40,000 to pursue their goals. The group also has support from the UW Enterprise Farms who are providing edge of field monitoring equipment that can provide information on the nutrients leaving experimental plots. Matt mentioned that some producers were concerned that the monitoring equipment might reveal nutrient flow and that the producers would be blamed for the released nutrients.

There was also discussion of how the LRPD could assist in the efforts. One topic was to provide matching funds for some of the grant activities. The board agreed that some matches were possible, but no specific commitments were requested or made at this time. Matt also inquired whether the board would be willing to provide a letter of support for the grant application or participate in a memorandum of understanding regarding the grant application. Matt will check to see what is needed and will communicate with Ecklund and Keegstra to secure the needed documentation before the grant deadline.

**8. Secretary's Report**

**a. Review draft of Annual Meeting minutes**

Keegstra distributed a first draft of the minutes from the 2018 Annual Meeting. Modifications to this draft should be sent to him. A revised draft will be distributed next month so that the minutes will be ready for approval at next year's annual meeting.

**b. Discuss and approve contract for PI surveys from Sara Hatleli**

Choroszy made a motion to approve the contract for Sara Hatleli to conduct point intercept surveys on August 24 and 25 with a cost of \$5,355, second by Burke. Motion carried.

**c. Decide whether to have fall EWM survey by Cason**

Keegstra made a motion to have Cason conduct a fall Eurasian Water Milfoil survey, seconded by Demaskie. It was pointed out that the district has done the fall survey in past years because it provides information on milfoil levels in parts of the lake not covered by the PI surveys. Al Baade reported that the fall survey cost \$785 last year. Motion carried.

**d. Letter requesting changes in designation near Mockingbird/Gull/Warbler subdivisions**

Fred Nickel sent a letter requesting a slow-no-wake designation in front of his home in these subdivisions. Such requests can only be handled by the town board-see the report from Jim Mercier in the public comments section.

**e. Planning for fall partners meeting**

The partner's meeting normally takes place in early November. Keegstra will contact partner's with possible dates for this meeting to see which times might work.

**8. Dredging Committee Report: Choroszy/Walters**

**a. Report on recent dredging committee meetings**

The timeline has changed that include moving the new bids until spring with a project initiation in summer/fall of 2019 or spring of 2020 with completion no later than fall of 2020. New possible spoils sites include Wegner property on Timmons Road, Jim O'Brien land and the land adjacent to the boat landing by the North End. Ayres contract renegotiation was also discussed.

**b. Process for moving forward on rebidding the dredging project**

The new bids will have a completion date of 2019, 2020 or both.

**c. Update on state grant application**

On hold.

**9. Other Committee Reports**

**a. Water Quality Committee: Keegstra/Ecklund**

**i. August water quality committee meeting was canceled**

**ii. Reprint of shoreline brochure**

Demaskie made a motion to revise and reprint the shoreline brochure with estimated cost between \$500 and \$1000, second by Burke. Motion carried.

**b. Web site: Mittelstadt**

Mittelstadt will review the three media's supported by the district, i.e., Facebook, Website, and App to compare the benefits and disadvantages of each. Agendas and minutes have been posted on the website and a new page was created for the annual meeting. There has been steady website usage and 30% of it has come from smartphone users.

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

**a. Update on Section 11 landing**

The project is almost complete.

**b. Update on Timmons road project**

The project is almost complete.

**c. Possible cost-share on costs for Timmons road project**

Ray wants to propose that the district cost share on the project, but does not have the final costs yet. He expects to have them by the next LRPD board meeting.

**11. Sauk County Coordinator: Dietz**

Dietz suggested a non-binding referendum to get input from Sauk County residents about helping pay for the cost of dredging on Lake Redstone.

**12. Agenda items for September 11th meeting**

Record Retention. Timmons cost share. Ayres contract. Annual Meeting Minutes. Committees. Producer Coop Goals.

**13. Adjourn**

Ecklund called the meeting adjourned when all business was complete. Adjourned at 8:32pm.

**AD-August 15, 2018/KK-August 29, 2018**