

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 6:00 pm

MINUTES

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

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

2. Roll Call:

Paul Burke, Ken Keegstra, Mike Mittelstadt, Glenn Choroszy, Ray Demaskie, John Dietz

Phone: Pat Sullivan Others: Richard Fish, Chuck Ecklund, Anna Demaskie Phone: Al Baade

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Burke, second by Choroszy. Motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes for the December 10th regular meeting

Motion to approve December 10th minutes by Burke, second by Choroszy. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

Dick Fish reported that Dane County plans to pursue a dredging project in the outlet rivers to improve water flow out of the Madison lakes in order to reduce the water level in the lakes. They plan to dredge a channel a mile and a half long and to remove about 45,000 cubic yards of sediment using hydraulic dredging. They received only a single bid and the cost for their project came in at \$3.2 million.

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

LEAPS/19/20ph3-8	\$ 761.60
LEAPS/19/20p1-2-8	\$ 382.50
LEAPS/18/20p2-22	\$ 62.73
LEAPS/19/20p1-2-9	\$ 382.50
LEAPS/18/20ph2-23	\$ 62.73
LEAPS/19/20ph3-9	\$ 761.60
USPS/PO BOX key deposit	\$ 9.00
Juneau County Finance Department/balance for MOU	\$6,000.00
WSLH/stream samples	\$ 271.00
MBE/prepare 2018 form PC-505	\$ 147.00
Don McCune/ postage	\$ 29.00
Paul Burke/ paper and ink	\$ 49.25
JEWELL/ services through December 31, 2019	\$ 669.00
JEWELL/admin review services through December 31, 2019	\$ 70.00
Dick Fish/ mileage and copies	<u>\$ 158.00</u>
Total	\$9,815.91

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

b. Review monthly financial reports

Choroszy received the first of the three levy checks that we will receive this year from Sauk County. The check included funds for both our normal operating budget and those designated to repay the dredging loan. He deposited it into the Community Bank savings account to be used for repaying the loan, but then moved the portion representing one third of our annual operating budget, i.e. \$19,800, into our normal checking account.

7. Chairman's Report

a. Update on FEMA applications to repair flood damage

Both projects are stalled at the moment. The application to cover dredging activities is on hold until a conference call can be scheduled. On Thursday there will be a conference call with FEMA and Scott Whitsett from JEWELL to discuss the Meronek Meadows project.

b. Update on plans to rebid the project to repair damage of Meronek Meadows berm

We are waiting for a response from FEMA to determine the optimal time to have the restoration put out for bids and the work completed. The hope is that LRPD will be reimbursed from FEMA, so that we can minimize the interest cost of a proper repair, as outlined in the plans from JEWELL.

c. Update on plans to repair damage to and around Martin-Meadowlark weir #1

JEWELL needs to be contacted about planning for the repair. They also need to be given information on the formation of the weirs as well as the plans and the records, if any, for maintenance of the weirs.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Update on the 2020 Newsletter

Article authors have been contacted and agreed to prepare an article for the 2020 Newsletter. The goal is to have them completed by the end of February. Articles include: Dredging report- Mittelstadt and Fish; Update on financing the dredging- Choroszy; Update on Meronek Meadows repairs- Burke; Update on Lake Management Plan- Dave Blumer; Producer-led Coop Activities- Dustin Ladd and Sara Fleck; Stream Sampling Equipment-Sullivan and Keegstra; Efforts to control erosion into the lake- Sullivan; Healthy Lakes- Mittelstadt; Report on fish survey by DNR- Tom Walters.

b. Report from producer-led coop meeting

The producer led coop meeting was held January 14, 2020 at the LaValle Town Hall. Five producers attended the meeting along with Juneau County staff and two facilitators from UW Extension. One major topic of discussion was how to expand the group and get more people involved. They are planning on a winter meeting maybe in March, although the date and location for the meeting have not yet been decided.

c. Update on issues from partners meeting

No recent progress has been made on creating plans for future participation in the Healthy Lakes grants program. Keegstra will try to organize a special meeting between the LRPD board and Dave Blumer to discuss the Whole Lake Management plan and the process for creating it.

9. Dredging Committee Issues

a. Update on dredging project

The contractor has completed dredging work and they have demobilized their equipment. They still need to come back in spring to complete outstanding erosion control work and complete some of the restoration of disturbed sites. There still is a dispute on whether the contractor followed the proper procedures with respect to notification of the district as they approached and then exceeded the contract-specified sediment volume near the end of the project. Mittelstadt negotiated with Kaiyuh that we will pay now for sediment to the contract limits and that extra charges, if any, will be paid after the dispute is resolved. At Mittelstadt's request, our attorney has prepared a letter raising the issues related to the dispute with the contractor. Choroszy made a motion to send the letter to the contractor, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

b. Approval of payment request from Kaiyuh Services

Keegstra made a motion to approve the pay request of \$550,321.01, second by Choroszy. Motion carried.

c. Update on sediment control activities in areas around the lake

Pat Sullivan received an inquiry from Doug Kolb, who owns property on Martin-Meadowlark bay regarding culverts that flow into the bay. We expect that the district may receive other inquiries from residents around the lake who have erosion concerns. Thus, the board agreed that Pat will prepare a response and distribute it to board members before sending it to Doug and others who are concerned about erosion issues. One point in the response is that evaluation of erosion control issues will be an important topic for future study and for inclusion in the lake management plan. But that until the plan is in place, we will not deal with individual requests on

an ad hoc basis unless they are urgent or pose safety issues. We are hopeful that once the plan is in place, we can get access to grant funds to deal with various erosion control issues.

10. Committee Reports

a. Water Quality Committee: Keegstra

The next meeting will be held in the spring. Pat Sullivan reported that the DNR approved our CBCW grant for 2020. He is beginning to plan for how to increase the hours that the landings are monitored to more fully use the grant funds next summer.

b. Social Media: Mittelstadt

Normal updates

11. La Valle Town Coordinator: Demaskie

Ray Demaskie reported that Dutch Hollow is pursuing creation of a Lake Protection district. He also reported that the town's FEMA applications are 99 percent complete. Road funding was approved and will be a 50/50 cost share with the state.

12. Sauk County Coordinator: Dietz

John Dietz was asked about the \$50,000 for sediment control projects that was added to the LRE budget. He replied that it would be on a first come first serve basis once an outside agency project request is submitted and granted. He will inquire about the details of requesting funds.

13. Complete review of proposed changes to LRPD By-laws

The LRPD board completed the task of reviewing the proposed changes to the by-laws. Keegstra made a motion to accept the proposed changes to Article VII, including changing audit to financial review, second by Burke. Motion carried. Keegstra made a motion to delete the last sentence of Article VIII, Section 1, second by Sullivan. Motion carried. Keegstra made a motion to raise the amount in Article VIII, Section 2 from \$5,000 to \$15,000, second by Burke. Motion carried. Keegstra made a motion to raise the amount in Article VIII, Section 4 from \$10,000 to \$25,000, second by Burke. Motion carried. Keegstra made a motion to adopt Baade recommendation to clarify wording in Article IX, second by Sullivan. Motion carried. Keegstra made a motion to move Article X to the annual meeting section (Article IV), thereby changing Article XI to Article X, and changing Article XII to Article XI, second by Demaskie. Motion carried.

There was a brief discussion on who should contact an attorney regarding reviewing our proposed by-laws changes. Al Baade suggested that we might want to use an attorney who is familiar the lake issues and will be knowledgeable about such by-laws. He will contact the lakes association and try to identify one and report back next month.

14. Agenda items for February 11th meeting

Decision on attorney to review By-law changes

15. Adjourn

Mittelstadt closed the meeting when all business was complete. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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KK/February 5, 2020