

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Annual Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2020

1. Welcome

The Annual Meeting of the Lake Redstone Protection District was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Mike Mittelstadt. He welcomed the audience and thanked them for attending. He confirmed that notices had been sent out as required by state statute and our by-laws and that the meeting was in compliance with open meeting laws. He explained that the time, place, and format of the meeting was changed in 2020 because of COVID. The meeting has a reduced agenda to quickly accomplish those issues required by state law. Tom Wagner made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Paul Burke and passed unanimously via voice vote. 38 people signed the attendance sheet, but a few folks attended who did not sign in.

2. Election of two commissioners

The terms of two commissioners expired in 2020. Only two candidates have submitted biographies and declared themselves candidates in advance of the meeting. They are Paul Burke and Brad Horner. Mittelstadt asked three times whether there were any nominations from the floor. None were made. Jay Kolb made a motion to close the nominations. It was seconded by Barb Mittelstadt and passed unanimously. Jan Berry made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the two declared candidates. The motion was seconded by Sue Keegstra and passed unanimously. Mittelstadt asked Paul Burke and Brad Horner to stand so that they could be recognized by all in attendance.

3. Minutes of 2019 annual meeting -Discuss & approve

Secretary Ken Keegstra explained that copies of the draft minutes from the 2019 annual meeting were available as part of the handout. He explained that the LRPD board had reviewed the minutes, but that the residents of the district needed to approve them. A motion was made by Linda Schuler and seconded by Pat Broesch to approve the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting. There was no discussion or questions regarding the minutes and the motion was approved unanimously. (A copy of the approved minutes is available on the LRPD web site at www.lakeredstonepd.org).

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report entitled "Year in Review" that summarized major LRPD activities over the past year was included as part of the handout (A copy of the report is available on the LRPD web site.) Keegstra provided oral highlights on some issues described in the handout.

A summary of the financial aspects of the dredging project is present in the handout following the Secretary's report. This summary was prepared by Mike Mittelstadt and Glenn Choroszy and provides information on the expenses and income for the project as of August 1st, 2020. Some bills still have not been received and will need to be paid and additional income is expected. (A copy of this summary is present on the LRPD web site.

Keegstra also described the cooperation between the district and farmers in the Lake Redstone watershed. The farmers have produced a cooperative that has a Facebook page (*Producers of the Lake Redstone Watershed*) and they have secured grant funds to support their activities to implement conservation practices on their lands.

Keegstra drew attention to the ongoing methods used by the LRPD board to communicate with district electors. He mentioned the newly updated LRPD app that is available for both android and Apple

devices. He encouraged those interested in the app to download the updated version from the app store at Google Play (for android devices) and from the Apple store (for Apple devices).

Finally, he thanked the many LRPD volunteers who helped during the past year. He highlighted the efforts of Richard Fish, who provided many, many hours of assistance with the dredging project. He encouraged new volunteers to participate in activities that interest them.

5. Treasurer's Report with results of financial review

Treasurer Glenn Choroszy presented a summary of the financial transactions during 2019 and 2020 to date. He reported that financial transactions are subjected to external review every three years and that 2019 was the year to have such a review. The review was performed by MBE accounting in Reedsburg. Their conclusion was: "Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting." No questions were raised regarding the Treasurer's report.

6. 2021 Operating Budget – Discuss and Approve

Choroszy presented the proposed LRPD operating budget for 2021 (sent out with annual meeting notice and available in the handout at the meeting). A motion to approve the proposed budget was made by Brad Horner and seconded by Nick Hewitt. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Authorization of the Board to exceed \$10,000 per project without Annual Meeting elector approval while staying within budget

A motion to authorize the board to exceed \$10,000 per project without elector approval while staying within budget was made by Dick Fish and seconded by Tom Walters. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Introduce New Board Members

Because paper ballots were not needed, the introduction was done earlier as part of item 2, election of two commissioners.

9. Question and Answer Session

A question was posed about the possibility of selling the spoils removed from the lake. Mittelstadt explained that the disposal of the spoils was arranged by the contractor with no cost to the district and that the spoils no longer belong to the district. The spoils are being sold, but the district does not receive any income from their sale.

A question was posed about whether the Meronek Meadows would be completed in 2020, given that there was no funding for the project in 2021. Mittelstadt explained that the 2021 budget did contain funding to pay off the loan that is not retired by FEMA reimbursement.

Dick Fish commented that the board should be commended for securing external funding to support the dredging project, including \$200,000 from Sauk County and over \$75,000 from the Wisconsin waterways commission. A decision on reimbursement from FEMA is still pending.

Mittelstadt briefly summarized the three projects that were funded by awards from a new grant program offered by Sauk County. The total awarded by Sauk County to these projects was just over \$40,000. These projects will be carried out over the coming year. Finally, he thanked Dick Fish for his efforts with the dredging project.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.