

# Dredging Committee Meeting

## December 6, 2018

Attendees: Glenn Choroszy, Dick Fish, Cary Dudczak (by phone), Mike Mittelstadt, Don Haas and Paul Burke.

Glenn called the meeting to order. Roll call and approval of the Agenda followed. The previous meeting minutes of November 8<sup>th</sup> were approved. Topics covered included:

- No further update on FEMA or the Wisconsin Disaster Relief Fund toward dredging.
- Paul reported contacting all 3 banks who remain interested in financing. Although the prime rate has risen, the 10-year Treasury Notes appear to have maintained the same rate. The Commissioner of Public Lands loan rate has risen to 4.5%. The County Boat Landing Grant Application is still pending. Paul was informed that all funds for the Wisconsin Lakes have been committed. They suggested updating our application by June 1<sup>st</sup> for the new funding session beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, with an in-person presentation on August 14<sup>th</sup>. Paul also has 4 letters requesting support from foundations, awaiting the new sediment totals.
- We discussed Cary's new donation flyer along with Mike's suggested Fundraising process. Suggestions were made to both. We also discussed Mike's County Fundraising ideas. Mike is to add examples and discuss at the Board Meeting with John Dietz. The goal is a County commitment by April 2019. Glenn suggested that a letter be prepared by the Board formally requesting County funds.
- Glenn has not been able to reach Janelle on the updated sediment total. He will call Chris at Ayres.
- Glenn is still waiting on site designs from Ayres to begin the legal agreements for land use. No further spoils site has been found for the northwest corner.
- We discussed the timeline and Cary, with Don's help, is to update it for the Board meeting. He does not have the program to allow the format used by Brad, but pointed out there are not as many critical deadlines as last year.
- Several of the concerns with noise and hours of operation still await comments from Ray. Glenn will send Ray an email and follow-up.
- The Jewell contract, for reviewing the Ayres bid, is acceptable and is to be referred to the Board. Paul suggested we ask Scott for the funding ideas he originally mentioned, before providing the signed contract.

- Glenn is still concerned if the O'Brien/Organic Valley site can be used. To retain its organic farm designation, Organic Valley will not be able to plant for 36 months from the last herbicide treatment in the lake. The board did not commit to not spraying in 2020. Paul suggested calculating the spoils estimates for bays to be deposited on the O'Brien sites, and consider requesting dredging those bays in 2019, so treatments in 2020 would not be of concern.
- Dick suggested we determine how to approach the DNR for variances in narrow bays or those containing woody areas. He also reminded us that the bid should allow contractor alternatives without making their proposals known to other contractors, such as dewatering methods. Other specifications for the bid, such as the O'Brien spoils site, should be made part of the bid, and Ayres advised.
- Don asked if a pre-announcement of the bid was going out? Mike had suggested it, but pointed out that ice has already formed on the lake, and contractors would be unable to do any pre-bidding lake evaluation. Glenn to discuss with Janelle.
- Mike and Dick discussed how to get assistance from the "Baraboo River Project". As Matt Stieve is involved at Sauk County, Paul offered to contact Matt on this subject.

We ended the meeting about 4:45. The date set a for the next meeting will depend on when the Ayres sediment study will be ready. If not in time for this year, the meeting will be held on January 3rd at 3:00 pm. Glenn to confirm the date.

cc: Chuck Ecklund, Ken Keegstra