

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 6 pm

Location: Town of La Valle Hall, 324 Hwy 33, La Valle, WI 53941

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:

Present: Brad Horner, Mike Mittelstadt, Paul Burke, Pat Sullivan, Ray Demaskie

Others: Dick Fish, Anna Demaskie

Phone: Ken Keegstra, Dave Crockett, Cary Dudczak, Al Baade

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Demaskie, second by Sullivan. Mittelstadt made a motion to move the sediment control committee review to after Public Input, second by Demaskie. Motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes for March 14th regular meeting

Motion to approve March 14 minutes by Burke, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

Mike Mittelstadt	reimbursement for WIX.com	\$ 47.70
Sara Hatleli	draft of APM Plan	\$2,000.00
Payroll Solutions	calculate payroll taxes and reports	\$ 222.00
Al Baade	1 st quarter quicken entries/reports	\$ 75.00
Mike Mittelstadt	mileage	\$ 81.88
Pat Sullivan	mileage	<u>\$ 46.55</u>
Total		\$2,473.13

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

b. Review monthly financial reports

c. Review and approve first quarter payroll requests

Burke distributed the payroll requests ahead of the meeting. Motion to approve first quarter payroll by Horner, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

7. Chairman's Report

a. Update on status of joint LRPOA/LRPD welcome letter

Pat Sullivan spoke with Pat Reynolds about the joint welcome letter. But there still is some uncertainty about the LRPOA plan for distributing the letter, especially as it relates to getting contact information regarding new residents back to the LRPD. The discussion should continue until the plan is clarified.

b. Status of county support for implementation of lake management plan

Sauk County intends to apply for a grant from USDA/NRCS to hire an individual for five years to work on watershed projects, including the Lake Redstone watershed, starting in early 2024. The grant application is due May 2nd.

c. Discuss/decision on match for Sauk County grant application

Mittelstadt explained that Melissa Schlupp inquired whether the LRPD wanted to become a partner to the application by making a financial contribution to the project once the grant was funded. Mittelstadt made a motion to partner with Sauk County by providing \$1,000 for travel and education each year for 5 years starting in 2024 if the grant is awarded, second by Keegstra. Motion carried. The expectation is that the new individual will help with implementation of the Lake Management Plan.

d. Dates for May regular meeting and special meeting to review lake management plan

Regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2nd instead of our normal date of Tuesday, May 9th. The special meeting to review progress on implementation of the lake management plan will be held on May 24th at 4pm.

e. Discuss phrase on letterhead and newsletter

Horner was concerned that the phrase on the letterhead could be misunderstood in today’s political environment. The phrase says: “A beautiful lake in a progressive community”. Baade reported that he could find letterhead as far back as 1982 that used this phrase. Keegstra said that it was not used on the newsletter until 2017 and was added because it matched the letterhead. Keegstra also reported that the dictionary definition of progressive seemed appropriate for the LRPD mission, i.e., making progress toward better conditions. The board decided not to change the letterhead.

8. Secretary’s Report

a. Early planning for 2023 annual meeting

Keegstra wanted to confirm that the 2023 meeting will be held on August 5th, the first Saturday in August. Mittelstadt reported that the newsletter already announced this date. The location for the meeting will be determined at the May meeting.

9. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

The buoys will go into the lake within the next two weeks. Still working on the short-term rental agreement. After many delays, the dam at Hemlock Slough will be replaced. The contract has been awarded. The town is down one patrolman because of a medical leave. Road projects have been approved.

10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

11. Committee Reports

a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee

The meeting will be held later in April.

b. Water Quality Projects Committee

i. Status report on updating APMP

The DNR requested some changes that Sara Hatleli made. The revised draft is now present on the LRPD website and is available for public comments phase for the next three weeks. Following the public comment period, Hatleli will make some revisions based on comments and put forth final approval for the LRPD board and DNR.

c. Sediment Control Committee

i. Plans for implementation of 2 new grants (Discussion of this topic was held early in the meeting.)

Awards have been made for both projects, i.e., replacing the damaged weir above Martin/Meadowlark Bay and creating new sediment control devices near Chickadee South Bay. Each project needs to be completed by the end of 2024. Sullivan and Fish explained that they had concerns regarding the paperwork describing the Chickadee South project. Thus, they held a conference call with Ben, the project manager, at General Engineering to discuss their concerns. One was that the project description was long, 129 pages, most of which was standard boilerplate. Sullivan and Fish wanted a shorter description that is specific to the issues that need to be addressed in the bids. In addition, there were several other issues with the paperwork, including the lack of an erosion control plan, incorrect specifications for a standpipe, and no plans for an access road from West Redstone Drive. Also, the district needs to get agreement with the landowner regarding several issues including an easement to perform the work and to maintain the new sediment control devices. Sullivan and Fish will continue to negotiate with General Engineering and the landowner with the goal of getting the project ready for bids by sometime in June. If necessary, the project could extend into 2024.

Easements will be needed for both projects. The DNR has provided a document they would like the district to use for securing easements. It is being reviewed by our attorney. In addition, some of the

easements that the district acquired 40 years ago needed to be renewed. Our attorney has renewed them and is working on others that need to be renewed soon.

ii. Other projects under consideration for 2023

A group of volunteers toured the lake to review possible projects. Having Al Johnson from the Town of La Valle and Mitch McCarthy from Sauk County go along on the survey was very helpful. The group identified several gullies and ditches that needed cleaning. The committee will prioritize these areas as candidates for small projects that could be performed in the coming year. Serge Koenig and Mitch McCarthy are working with McWilliams farms to set up rotational grazing that will help with sediment control.

d. Education & Outreach Committee

i. Progress on 2023 Newsletter

Horner reported that the 2023 newsletter is in the final stages of layout and almost ready to go to the printer. Horner made a motion to spend up to \$4,000 to complete the newsletter, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

ii. Plans for 2023 education workshop

Take a Stake in our Lake will occur June 3rd from 9 to 11:30 at the LRPOA clubhouse. There will be eight tables and three exhibits. Mittelstadt made a motion to provide \$1,000 to help with food, prizes, gift certificates and printing, second by Burke. Motion carried.

There will also be a shoreline improvement showcase later in the summer.

12. Agenda items for May regular meeting Presentation by Matt Stieve, Annual Meeting planning, Clean Boats/Clean Waters

13. Adjourn

Business adjourned with all business was complete at 8:08 pm.

AD/April 23, 2023

KK/April 25, 2023