

**LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**Board Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024, 6 pm**

**VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY**

**MINUTES**

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

Meeting was called to order by chair, Mike Mittelstadt, at 6 pm. The meeting was switched to a virtual meeting (via zoom and phone) because of poor weather. The agenda providing information on how the public could join the meeting was posted at the normal 3 locations and on the LRPD website.

**2. Roll Call:**

Mike Mittelstadt, Ken Keegstra, Dave Crockett, Pat Sullivan, Brad Horner  
Cary Dudczak, Scott Whitsett, Jennifer Schneiderman, Mitch McCarthy, Al Baade, Anna Demaskie

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda by Sullivan, second by Crockett. Motion carried.

**4. Approval of minutes for December 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting**

Motion to approve December 12<sup>th</sup> minutes by Sullivan, second by Crockett. Motion carried.

**5. Public Input**

**6. Treasurer’s Financial Report**

**a. Approve vouchers**

IRS	Q4 FICA employer match	\$ 248.63
Mike Mittelstadt	reimbursement for recording fee	\$ 30.00
Cason	Fall 2023 EWM shoreline survey	\$ 3,105.00
Payroll Solutions	Q4 payroll processing	<u>\$ 134.00</u>
Total		\$ 3,517.63

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

**b. Review monthly financial reports**

**c. Review the 2024 budget**

Mittelstadt requested that budget reports include the yearly budget update in addition to the monthly budget update. Crockett indicated that he could do that. Crockett reported that they review of the 2023 finances will be completed in the coming weeks.

**7. Chairman’s Report**

**a. Discuss lake management plan activities with Mitch McCarthy and Jenn Schneiderman from Sauk County**

Schneiderman will be in the position for 4-5 years. She received a master’s degree in Wildlife Ecology from UW-Madison in 2020. Since then, she has been involved in land restoration field work in the southern half of Wisconsin. In working with LRPD her initial focus will be on four items: annual progress reports (Mittelstadt), working with property owners to improve shorelines (Horner), water sampling (Keegstra) and sediment control activities, including transect surveys (Sullivan).

**b. Martin-Meadowlark bid discussion and decision**

There were seven bidders with cost estimates between \$55,000 and \$220,000. However, the low bidder found an error in their calculations regarding stone gabions and requested that their bid be withdrawn. Mittelstadt made a motion to allow the low bidder to withdraw their bid with no penalty, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

Mittelstadt made a motion to reject all remaining bids and request Scott Whitsett to rebid the project with bid opening on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

**c. Attendees at Wisconsin Lakes Conference (April 10-12)**

Pat Sullivan, Dave Crockett, and Mike Mittelstadt plan to attend. Brad Horner is likely to attend but has not made a final decision.

**d. Ideas for 2024 Sauk County grants program**

Grant applications are due April 15<sup>th</sup>. One possible grant application would focus on water flow control at Fox Court. Another possible project is to create a program to purchase native plants for landowners to plant along shorelines. These ideas need to be fleshed out and applications prepared in the coming weeks.

**8. Secretary's Report**

**a. Discussion of possible EWM control in 2024**

Keegstra spoke with Sara Hatleli via phone about aquatic plant management options for 2024. They discussed both the results from Sara's point intercept surveys in the summer of 2023 and the Cason report from the 2023 fall shoreline survey. Cason found that the area of dense milfoil patches decreased dramatically from 2022 to 2023 (from 12.8 acres in 2022 to 0.56 acres in 2023). Based on this observation and based on the discussions with Hatleli and the recommendations in her report, Keegstra recommends not doing herbicide treatments in any bays in the spring of 2024, encouraging biological control with milfoil weevils where they are present, exploring manual harvesting, either by residents or vendors if we can find them, and keeping summer treatments as a reserve option if EWM levels warrant it in the summer of 2024. Keegstra made a motion to adopt this recommendation, second by Horner. Motion carried.

Keegstra made a motion to put both the Hatleli and Cason reports on LRPD website, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

**b. Review proposed Cason contract-take action as needed**

Keegstra made a motion to accept the proposed Cason contract with stipulation of not doing whole bay treatments in spring and only spot treatments in summer if needed, second by Sullivan. Motion carried. Keegstra will sign the contract on behalf of the LRPD.

**9. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie**

No report.

**10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman**

No report.

**11. Committee Reports**

**a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee**

The committee has not met recently.

**b. Water Quality Projects Committee**

Based on the Hatleli recommendation to focus on biological control where milfoil weevils are present, Keegstra will explore this possibility with the water quality committee.

**c. Sediment Control Committee**

The committee will focus on grants for Sauk County.

**d. Education & Outreach Committee**

**i. 2024 newsletter planning**

The committee will have a meeting on Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. The focus will be on identifying topics for the 2024 newsletter and identifying authors for each article.

**12. Agenda items for February 13<sup>th</sup> regular meeting**

Review and decision Meadowlark bid, Sauk grant ideas

**13. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned when all business was complete at 7:10pm.

**AD/January 24, 2024**

**KK/January 28, 2024**