

**LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Special Board Meeting-Joint with Dredging Committee**  
**Thursday, April 25, 2019 3 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**

Mittelstadt called the meeting to order at 3 pm. He verified compliance with open meeting laws

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Al Baade, Paul Burke, Glenn Choroszy, John Dietz, Ken Keegstra, and Mike Mittelstadt  
Others: Brad Horner, Al Dunn (arrived late and left early), Chuck Ecklund, Don Haasl, Dick Fish, Scott Whitsett (left after discussion of dredging bids was complete), Jim Mercier, Heidi Geils

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Burke made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Baade. Motion carried.

**4. Review of bid analysis and discussion of dredging bids**

Mittelstadt asked Dick Fish to explain the three bids that were received.

Kaiyuh/Waterworks submitted two bids, one for contract B-mechanical dredging and another at the same price for contract C-a combination of hydraulic and mechanical dredging. Kaiyuh is the main contractor while Water Works is a subcontractor who will do most or all of the work. They still have not decided whether they want to pursue contract B or contract C, but Al Dunn said they will notify Ayres of their decision before May 8. Regardless of which strategy they pursue, they plan to perform dredging in 2019 and be finished by the end of October. Dick explained that if they pursue contract B they will offload the spoils at the end of Mourning Dove bay and truck the spoils to a disposal site on Menchoff road (just off county V) that is owned by Steve Blakeslee. Details are still being worked out on how they get the spoils to this site if they pursue hydraulic dredging.

Dredgit submitted a bid for hydraulic dredging. They propose to split the dredging over two years, performing dredging along the west side of the lake in 2019, using the O'Brien site for spoils disposal. They propose to perform dredging along the east side of the lake in 2020, using the Clay and Wegner sites for disposal of the spoils.

Newt Marine/Dubuque Barge submitted a bid for contract C-combined mechanical and hydraulic dredging. They proposed to move 56,000 cubic yard using hydraulic dredging and pumping the spoils to the O'Brien site. They propose to remove 25,000 cubic yards using mechanical dredging. The spoils from this process will be taken to a site on Menchoff road that they propose to purchase.

Efforts are underway to check references on each bidder. Ayres has contacted references for both Kaiyuh/WaterWorks and Dredgit, but so far has no responses. They are also seeking more details on the dredging process from both of these contractors.

**5. Decision on whether to proceed with dredging proposal**

Keegstra made a motion that we should move forward with the dredging project by pursuing the lowest bid from each of the 3 contracts; seconded by Burke. During discussion of this motion it was noted that we do not currently have sufficient information on which type of

dredging to pursue. We need to get this information and have another special board meeting before our next regular meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### **6. Consequences of decision for May 18<sup>th</sup> special meeting preparations**

Because the cost of dredging is still unknown, plans for the May 18<sup>th</sup> district meeting that were produced at the April 18<sup>th</sup> special board meeting will need to be modified. Choroszy received responses to the questions that he sent to Anders Helquist, our attorney. These were used to make modification to several of the draft documents that had been prepared. Anders suggested modifications to the wording of the notice that will be published in the Reedsburg Independent to make the wording more similar to the state statute. Choroszy made a motion that the modified notice should be published for 3 weeks, in the May 2, May 9, and May 16 issues. It was seconded by Baade and passed unanimously. Anders also suggested some wording changes for the notice included in the meeting agenda that the district will be considering borrowing and a tax levy at the meeting. The changes will be incorporated into the wording regarding the resolution

Modifications will need to be made to the dredging update that will be included in the mailing. Keegstra distributed a draft of the update document that included plans to discuss the cost of the dredging project. But because the cost is still unknown, this section will be removed. The update will provide information on when updated information is expected and where it can be found when it is available.

#### **7. Decision on mechanism for verifying voter eligibility**

In response to a question about the affidavit Anders suggested some wording changes for it, but also indicated that it would be acceptable to use this in place of the complicated voter verification system that was proposed for use last year. Baade made a motion that we use the modified affidavit to confirm voter eligibility, seconded by Keegstra. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **8. Final approval of mailing for May 18<sup>th</sup> special meeting including funding for it**

The mailing will contain 3 items. First is the agenda for the meeting; it will also contain some introductory information. The second is the description of who is eligible to vote and the process that will be used to confirm eligibility. Finally, the mailing will include the 2-page update on the dredging project. Baade made a motion to cover the cost of the mailing, including the cost of placing the inserts into an envelope. The motion was seconded by Burke and passed unanimously.

#### **9. Consideration of repairs for weir in Swallow bay**

Because the estimate from Prestige is more than \$2,500, the project needs to be put out for bids. This will add significantly to the cost and duration of the project. Choroszy will see whether the important parts can be done for less than \$2,500 and the remainder can be done at some later time when the other work is done in this area.

#### **10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

**KK/May 5, 2019**