

Dredging Committee Meeting

April 6, 2018

Attendees: Tom Walters, Glenn Choroszy, Richard Fish, Jim Mercier, Brad Horner, Paul Burke, and Cary Dudczak by phone.

Tom called the meeting to order. Roll call, approval of the Agenda, and previous meeting notes followed. Chuck reserved the right to comment later in the meeting.

- We reviewed the Dredging timeline and covered many topics. The Trifold Brochure was sent out and Tom has begun posting FAQ's on Facebook. He has asked Tom Happ to include them on the LRPD website. He has already received several questions from property owners, including "who owns the lake", and used Al's comments in his response; that Wisconsin citizens own all public waterways; that Protection District's monitor them, but it is up to lake land owners' to be responsible for maintaining the lake.
- Chuck and Tom met with Sauk County, which will consider financial support for the Lake Redstone Dredging program.
- Per Glenn, land use agreements have been sent out. Jim Heindrick approved his, but indicated there was a small segment of land whose owner is in Ohio. Glenn will follow up with Mr. Gates and Al Ribbke to insure one alternative route to the Gate's Spoil Site is approved, but the 2nd route may take more time.
- Paul informed the committee that Royal and Community First Banks have loan proposals loan in writing with rates tied to the 10-year Treasury Note. Two banks have declined to consider the loan, and the Commissioners of Public Lands have raised their rate to over 4%. Reedsburg State Bank is now considering our proposed needs. It was suggested if they offer a proposal, no additional banks will be needed.
- Mike Mittelstadt asked if the property value increases, would the levy change to tax payers? Tom is to question the lawyer. It is thought that it would not. The final cost to determine the levy amount would be need determined just prior to property taxes bills being sent in 2019.
- Mike also suggested that Oakdale Electric may be a grant source. The committee asked him to follow-up, and then we should contact Alliant.
- Janelle indicated that bids should be able to go out May 1st. Dick had some questions on the bid content and would list them for Tom's review with Janelle.

- Jeff Shure's letter indicated that a written request for public comment on dredging needed to be put in the local paper and mailed to interested members of the public. Tom to speak with Jeff to clarify. The public has 30 days for written comments to the DNR, and 20 days to request a hearing.
- Other items on the timeline appear to be on schedule.
- Jim will contact the Fire Department regarding building use for our June and August meetings. Other plans for the June meeting will be discussed next month.

We ended the meeting at 4:15 pm with a date set for the next meeting as May 4th at 3pm.