

Dredging Committee Meeting

June 1, 2018

Attendees: Tom Walters, Dick Fish, Jim Mercier, Paul Burke, Cary Dudczak, Brad Horner, Dave Pfefferle, and Paul Burke. In addition, John Dietz, Matt Stieve, Chuck Ecklund, Mike Mittelstadt, and Don Haasl, joined us.

Tom called the meeting to order. Roll call, approval of the Agenda, and previous meeting notes followed. Topics covered included:

- John Dietz reported that the LRPD should complete the proper form to request consideration by the Sauk County Finance Committee, then Board, for financial assistance in our dredging project. Contact Alene Kleczek Bolin by email for the form.
- Matt Sieve reported that Park & Recreation spent about \$94,000 on the dam in 2016 & 17.
- Matt also has a budget to cover putting additional sand on the beach, but no date set.
- Reviewed the Dredging Timeline and which is on target.
- Jim recommended “scrubbing” dredging due to the higher cost estimate just received from Ayres. He has had conversations with many who are apposed to dredging. Tom and Dick said that we should at least wait and see the bids. Dave recommended proceed with our plans and the vote so we will know what the public wants.
- Dick has reviewed the new estimates of costs from Ayres. The estimated costs now exceed \$5.3 million, (with financing) for dredging of 106,000 CY, but no one knows why the new cost estimate has increased so much. Tom tried to reach Janelle but she had left for the day.
- Dave suggested having a cap at \$4 million, but Dick indicated setting a cap was not a good idea and really does not accomplish anything at this time.
- We reviewed Brad’s updated slide presentation for the public meeting. As we went through it the presenters discussed their ideas. Any changes the presenters require should be sent to Brad. Thanks to Brad and Cary for their work on the slides giving us a basis for the presentation.
- Don brought up their realtor interviews. Without dredging the realtors foresee a \$25,000 reduction in home values in 10 years, even those on the main body of the lake due to lower comps overall. This is an important point that Brad will cover when presenting “Why Dredge”.

- Brad will add a timeline for Chuck's presentation.
- Chuck reiterated that there will be 3 minutes for each person's question or comment and answer. If time allows there can be additional questions, but meeting will end at 11:15, as we still need to be out of the Cal Center by 11:30. If needed we can move the meeting to town hall.
- It was suggested that Tommy Lee Bychinski could be used for audio taping of the Property Owners' Information Meeting.
- Brad suggested that each presenter have a back-up.
- June 5th is the pre-bid meeting with contractors at the Gates property. Per Tom, the public is invited. The bids are due June 26th, and they will be opened at town hall.
- All land-use legal agreements have been signed except the one with the owner in Ohio. We can work around this property if needed.
- Paul reported the Channel Dredging Grant was sent in today. The figure requested was reduced as part of Swallow Bay would not be covered. A meeting will be held on August 14th to discuss our application.
- We learned from Royal Bank that savings could be had by using the line of credit on the engineering payment before taking out the loan. Additional savings are possible with 3 payments per year based on tax receipts. If the County funds become available, we are able to pay off early without penalty.
- Dick asked if the Town of La Valle had discussed the Noise Ordinance for dredging at night. Jim indicated that this will be further discussed after a contractor is selected and work hour plans are known.
- Tom reported that he has loaded 22 of the 25 FAQ's on Facebook.
- He offered that with the LRPD in place, out of state voters have a say on taxes for the lake, which they would not, if local government was in charge.

We ended the meeting at 5 pm with a date set a special meeting as June 8th at 3pm to rehearse the slide show for the June 9th meeting.