

# LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 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:

Mike Mittelstadt, Ken Keegstra, Brad Horner, Paul Burke, Pat Sullivan, Ray Demaskie

Others: Al Baade, Anna Demaskie Phone: Dave Crockett

### 3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve amended agenda by Keegstra, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

### 4. Approval of minutes for May 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting and May 25<sup>th</sup> special meeting

Motion to approve minutes for May 2<sup>nd</sup> by Burke, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

Motion to approve minutes for May 25<sup>th</sup> by Burke, second by Horner. Motion carried.

### 5. Public Input

### 6. Treasurer's Financial Report

#### a. Approve vouchers

Mike Mittelstadt	Eagle Promotions & Apparel, LLC	\$ 48.90
Krueger Office Supplies	Take a Stake in our Lake printing	\$ 90.00
Sara Hatleli	Balance of APM cost	\$ 500.00
Krueger Printing	Spring Newsletter printing/mailing	\$2,571.31
Krueger Printing	Stake in the Lake supplies	\$ 235.00
Boardman Clark	April legal work with Mike	\$1,368.00
Sue & Tom Walters	Supplies for Stake in the Lake	\$ 52.72
Sue & Tom Walters	Lake Sample postage	\$ 20.35
Lexi Verein	CBCW pay thru June 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 262.50
Sara McCune	CBCW pay thru June 10 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 352.50
Total		\$5,501.28

Motion to approve payment of invoices by Keegstra, second by Horner. Motion carried.

#### b. Review monthly financial reports

#### c. Financial Review

The external review by MBE is still not complete. Burke has contacted them, and they promised to have it by the July meeting so the board can do a final approval and have the review ready for the annual meeting.

#### d. Ordering New Checks

Burke said the district needs more checks; he recommended that we order 300 business checks for \$50. He was given authority to order these checks.

### 7. Chairman's Report

#### a. Report on Sauk County grant submissions

The district was awarded \$16,275 for stream sampling and \$8,137.50 for Martin Meadowlark weir. We did not receive full funding for either project because Sauk County received requests for more funds than they had money available.

#### b. Complete preparation of 2024 budget proposal

The board went through each line item of the proposed 2024 budget. Any final adjustments will be made at the July meeting. It needs to be sent out with the annual meeting notice in mid-July.

### 8. Secretary's Report

#### a. Finalize agenda for 2023 annual meeting

The agenda will have the same format as previous years. Secretary report will be three pages instead of four. Meeting will be held at the Town Hall on August 5<sup>th</sup> at 9am.

#### b. Items for inclusion in annual meeting notice

The mailing will have 4 pages (2 pages back-to-back). These include a cover letter, the agenda, the 2024 budget proposal, and short bios for the candidates running for commissioner. Now we have two declared candidates: Brad Horner and Dave Crockett.

**c. Logo discussion**

Kurt Keegstra prepared three variations of a new logo, each featuring an image of a heron. Burke made a motion to select option three, second by Horner. Motion carried.

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

The bridge on Stout Rd will be repaired; the state will pay most of the cost, with the town contributing the engineering costs of ~\$20,000. The bridge on Smith Rd will be repaired with state paying most of the cost and the town contributing ~\$1,000. Final FEMA money is coming. The boat patrol has been busy, with 34 warnings and 5 citations so far. The town police have also issued many tickets at the landings.

**10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsmans**

No report

**11. Committee Reports**

**a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee**

**i. Report on May meeting**

No report

**b. Water Quality Projects Committee**

**i. Report on May meeting**

The committee is beginning to explore the issue in internal phosphorus loading and how it can be measured. The committee has also formed a small sub-committee to explore ideas for how to lower the phosphorus levels in Lake Redstone. Stream monitoring and lake monitoring will continue this summer.

**ii. Decision on fall survey for EWM**

There was a discussion of switching vendors for the fall EWM survey. Keegstra made a motion for Sara Hatleli to conduct the fall survey, second by Burke. Motion carried.

**iii. Final report on revised APMP**

The plan has been approved by the WDNR and will be posted on the LRPD website.

**iv. CBCW update**

Hours are up 50% from last year. There has been good communication between Sullivan and the landing attendants.

**c. Sediment Control Committee**

**i. Update on status of weir project above Martin-Meadowlark Bay**

The easement agreement is still being updated. The current plan is to perform the project in 2024 because additional funding will be required. The DNR grant is available for 2 years.

**ii. Update on status of Chickadee south project**

Sullivan and others from the sediment control committee met with the landowner. He is not willing to sign the agreement required by the DNR grant. So, it is likely the project will be postponed and that the grant funds will need to be returned to the DNR. In this case, it may be possible to recover some of the engineering costs that were prepaid and now will not be performed. The hope is that they will still be able to reach an agreement with the landowner and pursue a different project that will accomplish the same objectives as the project supported by the DNR grant.

**iii. Other 2023 projects-discuss & approve Meronek Meadows mowing**

Sullivan made a motion for the Town of LaValle to mow Meronek Meadowlark yearly. with a cost not to exceed \$600, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

Other projects include a) maintenance schedule of six locations to be discussed next Friday, b) gully work at Cardinal Bay and c) Hopi court ditch.

**d. Education & Outreach Committee**

**i. Final report on 2023 Newsletter**

The newsletter process took four months. The hope is that next year the newsletter will go back to eight pages in length as done in earlier years (before 2022).

**ii. Report on June 3<sup>rd</sup> education event**

Approximately 75 people attended the event. The consensus was that the attendees were enthusiastic about the collection of displays and activities that were available. The rainwater simulator was popular, as was the display of the no-till drill.

**iii. Plans for Shoreline Showcase event**

The planning is still underway. One possibility is to have the attendees go by boat with Mitch McCarthy as narrator.

**iv. Report on activities of producer-led coop**

A field day will be held on July 21<sup>st</sup>. The total cost of the event will be about \$3,500. The organizers are planning to charge participants a registration fee of \$15. Keegstra made a motion to support the first 30 producers who register for a total cost of no more than a total of \$450, second by Burke. Motion carried.

**12. Agenda items for July 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting**

Annual meeting and financial review.

**13. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned when all business was complete at 8:50pm.

**AD/July 2, 2023**

**KK/July 5, 2023**