

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 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

Mittelstadt called the meeting to order at 6 pm. He verified compliance with open meeting laws.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Mittelstadt, Ken Keegstra, Dave Crockett, Pat Sullivan, Ray Demaskie

Zoom: Brad Horner

Others: Al Baade, Chuck Ecklund, Cary Dudczak

3. Approval of Agenda

Crockett made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Sullivan. Keegstra asked whether board members had a preference on the order of chair's report and the treasurer's report. No preference was stated. Keegstra also asked that a brief report on tributary monitoring be added under water quality committee report. The revised agenda was approved.

4. Approve minutes for August 6th regular meeting

Crockett moved that the minutes of the August board meeting be approved, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

None

6. Chairman's Report

a. Finalize committees for 2024-25

Keegstra distributed the list of committee compositions before the meeting. The revised list had changes discussed at the August meeting. No further changes were suggested. The list will be posted on the LRPD web site.

b. Update on Martin Meadowlark weir repair project

Mittelstadt reported that the DNR permit was received. But because the contractor did not order the gabion baskets until the permit was in hand, the baskets would not be ready until mid-September. Mittelstadt contacted the landowner to see if there was any flexibility in the September 1 deadline for completion of the project. There was not, so the project will need to be delayed until 2025. Mittelstadt will contact both the WDNR and Sauk County regarding a no-cost extension for our grants.

c. Sept 23rd meeting with Dutch Hollow to discuss wake boat issues

Dutch Hollow is interested in holding a joint session to discuss issues related to boats with enhanced wake capability. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 23. It was decided that the meeting should be posted to make sure that LRPD complies with open meeting laws.

d. Discussion of liability insurance cancellation

Mittelstadt reported that we had been notified by our insurance carrier that our liability policy would be canceled in 2025. The apparent reason is that LRPD will be a dam operator,

because the WDNR has designated the gabion baskets that will replace the weir above Martin-Meadowlark as a dam. Mittelstadt will contact our insurance carrier to confirm that this is the reason for the cancellation. He will then contact the WDNR to explain the consequence of this label and inquire whether they can call the gabion baskets by some other name.

7. Treasurer’s Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

McWilliams Heritage Farm	Hosting conservation event	\$500.00
Krueger Printing	Annual meeting handouts & ballots	195.06
Krueger Printing	Annual meeting notices and mailing	1,600.89
WI State Lab of Hygiene	Water analyses-July	774.00
WI State Lab of Hygiene	Water analyses-Aug	725.00
Sara Hatleli	Aquatic plant surveys-field work	1,750.00
Dave Crockett	Quicken Classic Deluxe subscription	76.91
US Geological Survey	Tributary monitoring program	10,968.00
Lori Verstein	CBCW inspector time	472.50
Caden Muntinga	CBCW inspector time	727.50
Finger Publishing	Newspaper Annual Meeting notice	66.66
Mike Mittelstadt	Mailchimp fee-3 months	39.00
US Post Office	Annual PO Box fee	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL		\$17,995.52

Keegstra made a motion to pay the invoices totaling \$17,995.52, second by Demaskie. The motion carried.

b. Review monthly financial reports

During the discussion of the reports, it was suggested that the funds that will not be disbursed for the Martin-Meadowlark weir repair should be put in the LGIP maintenance account until they are needed. Crockett will investigate this option.

8. Secretary’s Report

a. Review 2nd draft of annual meeting minutes

Keegstra distributed a second draft of the Annual Meeting minutes before the meeting. He asked board members to review them and send edits to him. The draft minutes will then be placed on the LRPD website.

b. Planning for fall partners meeting

Keegstra has polled all partners and heard back from most of them. Possible dates when most can attend are October 29 and November 8. He will check with Sauk County staff to reserve the conference room with video conferencing capability. (Note: October 29th at 9am was chosen and all partners were notified via email.)

9. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

Culvert replacement under town roads is nearly complete. Cobble Dick road has been paved, but shoulder work still needs to be done. Future maintenance issues may be slowed because of medical leave of town staff.

There were questions and a discussion about trees that fall into the lake. It is the responsibility of landowners to remove fallen trees if they wish to do so. WDNR encourages

them to be left in the lake, if they are securely attached to the shore. For trees found floating in the lake, the Town will remove them if they are towed to a town boat landing.

10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

No report. Kinsman was at another meeting.

11. Committee Reports

a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee

No report.

b. Water Quality Projects Committee

i. Update on gap analysis from Onterra

Keegstra heard from Tim Hoyman at Onterra. He will begin working on the gap analysis later in September. But they have several grants due for the WDNR November deadline, so they may not finish until after November 15th.

ii. Review of 2024 CBCW program-plans for 2025

Sullivan reported on the 2024 CBCW program. The 2 inspectors completed 254 hours at the landings (compared to 213 hours in 2023). He considered the 2024 program to be a success. He has begun preparing the final report that needs to be submitted to the WDNR. He is also working on the application for support for the 2025 CBCW program.

iii. Preliminary report on 2024 lake sampling results

Keegstra commented briefly on the results from this summer. Some of the August results were still not available so a more complete report will come next month. Briefly, the August chlorophyll levels were the highest that have been observed in the last decade.

c. Sediment Control Committee

Sullivan intends to hold a meeting before the special meeting in October.

d. Education & Outreach Committee

i. Update on reimbursement requests for shoreline improvement

Horner reported that a couple of projects were completed with Sauk County funding. He did not know whether either of them would request reimbursement from the LRPD.

e. Ad hoc records committee discussion

Crockett has begun working on the needs of records storage. He has investigated the legal requirements for record storage. He asked each board member to provide advice about what they would like to see in the new system.

12. Agenda items for October 8th regular meeting

Report on September 23rd meeting with Dutch Hollow. Consider policy on enhanced wake boats

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 when all business was completed.

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