

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 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: Brad Horner, Mike Mittelstadt, Dave Crockett, Pat Sullivan, Ray Demaskie, Peter Kinsman Others: Al Baade, Anna Demaskie Via zoom call: Ken Keegstra, Paul Burke, Cary Dudczak

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Sullivan, second by Crockett. Motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes for October 2nd regular meeting and November 7th partners meeting

Motion to approve October 2nd minutes by Horner, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

Motion to approve November 7th meeting with changes by Horner, second by Crockett. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

<u>Operating Fund Disbursements</u>			
WI Lab of Hygiene	Water testing	Lake monitoring	\$384.00
Payroll Solutions	Consult with Crockett	Office & Admin	\$ 40.00
Tom Walters	Mail water samples	Lake monitoring	\$ 21.25
Mike Mittelstadt	Honorarium for Burke	Office & Admin	\$260.16
Jewell Associates	Document update for rebid	Lake maintenance	<u>\$250.00</u>
TOTAL			\$955.41

Motion to approve current invoices by Keegstra, second by Horner. Motion carried.

b. Review monthly financial reports

c. Accounting procedures for tracking grant funds

Crockett proposed a revised system for monitoring grant funds within the district's accounting systems. In addition, he proposed that we should create a spreadsheet for active grants that looks at both advanced and accumulated funds along with expenses. Ahead of the meeting, Crockett distributed a draft of the proposed spreadsheet for discussion. Modifications will be made based on the discussion.

7. Chairman's Report

a. Review of partners meeting-any actions items?

Mittelstadt reported that the partners meeting went well with plenty of good discussion. There was a brief discussion of Nate Nye's report on the recent survey of the Lake Redstone fish populations. He is considering raising the size limit for walleye to eighteen inches. There is already a state-wide change in the bag limit to 3 walleyes. There was also a brief discussion regarding Nye's comment on the gizzard shad in Lake Redstone. Keegstra will ask Sara Hatleli if the shad have an impact on water clarity and plant populations in Lake Redstone. Dustin Ladd reported there will again be an education event in February for producers in the watershed. It was suggested we may want to advertise it to attract lake residents.

b. Report on Sauk County NRCS grant

The grant was approved. Sauk County has advertised the position and eighteen applicants applied. Six candidates will be interviewed. They hope to have the new person on board in January. It was suggested that the LRPD should create a list of areas where the new staff person could help implement the lake management plan.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Review Cason contract-take action as needed

Keegstra reminded the board of the discussion this past summer about switching contractors for the fall EWM survey, but that the board decided not to do so because of the current contract requirements. Keegstra made a motion to cancel the contract with Cason by December 31st, second by Horner. Motion carried. Keegstra will notify Cason and will request information about a contract regarding herbicide treatment only.

9. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

The budget is complete. There will be an increase for boat patrol. The Cobbletick road bid will open next month. The town is looking to apply for grants to fix the bridges on LaValle Rd.

10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

Lisa Wilson is returning to her job as Director of the Land Resources & Environment department. The fiber optic cable at Hemlock Slough will be moved.

11. Committee Reports

a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee

Mittelstadt reminded each committee chair to look at the tasks in the spreadsheet for their committee and make appropriate changes before the special meeting scheduled for November 28.

b. Water Quality Projects Committee

Keegstra reported that Pat Sullivan, Al Baade, and he had a meeting with Arthur Watkinson from the DNR and Richard Lathrop, a retired DNR limnologist on October 3rd. The meeting was very productive and covered several topics regarding water issues in Lake Redstone. While Lathrop is willing to answer questions occasionally, he is not interested in becoming a consultant for the LRPD. More details of the discussion will be covered at the special board meeting to discuss the lake management plan.

c. Sediment Control Committee

Sullivan said that the committee met recently, and that Jim O'Brien joined them. They spent significant time discussing plans for his property. He is working with a company that specializes in ecological restoration. They have developed a plan for his property that divides it into various zones where improvements are needed. They agreed to continue discussions with a goal of how the district and O'Brien can work together in ways that benefit both.

d. Education & Outreach Committee

The committee will meet in January; one topic will be planning for the 2024 Newsletter. In February there will be a producer workshop in Wausau with a panel discussing relationships between cooperatives and lake districts. Mittelstadt will represent LRPD in the panel discussion.

12. Agenda items for December 12th regular meeting

Cason contract, volunteer to help organize district records

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 when all business was complete.

AD/December 3, 2023

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