

# LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

## Special District Meeting

May 18, 2019

### 1. Welcome

The Special Meeting of the Lake Redstone Protection District was called to order at 9:20 am by Chairperson Michael Mittelstadt. He welcomed the audience and thanked them for making the trip to the Cal Center in Reedsburg. He confirmed that notices had been sent out as required by state statute and our by-laws. He asked for a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was made by Chuck Ecklund and seconded by Heidi Geils. The motion carried. He asked the members of the LRPD Board and the dredging committee to introduce themselves. They were: Cary Dudczak, John Dietz, Sauk County representative, Ken Keegstra, Secretary, Paul Burke Commissioner and a member of the dredging committee, Glenn Choroszy, treasurer and co-chair of the dredging committee, Dick Fish, co-chair of the dredging committee, Al Baade, Commissioner, and Ray Demaskie, La Valle Town Chair and Town representative to the LRPD board. Also present were Janelle Skoyen from Ayres Associates, Anders Helquist, attorney from Weld Riley, Al Dunn from Water Works and Dave Roels from Kaiyuh Services. The total number of folks who signed an affidavit in order to receive ballots were 345.

### 2. Presentation on the dredging project by Cary Dudczak

Cary Dudczak, a volunteer member of the dredging committee, used slides to make a presentation on behalf of the dredging committee. A copy of the slide set is available on the LRPD web site- <https://www.lakeredstonepd.org/>.

First he explained that the need for dredging was more urgent than last year. While some sediment enters the lake each year, estimated to be 3,000 cubic yards per year, the floods in the fall of 2018 caused great damage and brought an extra 67,000 cubic yards into the lake. He also explained the measures that the dredging committee and the LRPD board had pursued in an effort to lower costs, including allowing more flexibility in the dredging methods and timeline. He explained that this appeared to have worked in that we now have bids that are more in line with our expectations. Dudczak also explained the avenues that had been pursued to get financial assistance with the dredging project, including the possibility that the district may be able to get a significant reimbursement from FEMA. Finally, he explained the mechanical dredging plan that is being proposed by the low bidder, including the tentative schedule for dredging the various bays during the summer of 2019.

### 3. Comments/Questions regarding dredging project

Following the slide presentation, Mittelstadt presented the following resolution:

Shall the Lake Redstone Protection District, Town of La Valle, Sauk County, Wisconsin, be authorized to:

1. Borrow pursuant to Chapter 33.31 of the Wisconsin Statutes in an amount not to exceed \$3,700,000 for the purpose of dredging sediment from up to 25 bays in Lake Redstone.
2. To levy an annual irrepealable tax against all taxable property within the Lake Redstone Protection District to pay the principal and interest of the indebtedness incurred, when due, for the above-referenced dredging. Tax to be levied based on all taxable property within the

District includes, but is not limited to land and improvements.

3. Enter into contracts with lowest responsible bidder for completion of the dredging project.

Mittelstadt made a motion to approve this resolution. It was seconded by Ecklund. Mittelstadt then opened the discussion period by asking voters who had signed up to speak to come to the microphone to ask their question or make their comment.

About 20 voters were able to make comments or ask specific questions. The comments were split about equally between those opposing dredging and those favoring dredging. Among the opponents, one common concern was that only Lake Redstone residents were paying for the lake while others who used the lake were not making a contribution. Another concern raised by multiple speakers was that insufficient efforts had been made to prevent entry of sediment into the lake.

#### **4. Voting**

At 10:20 Mittelstadt announced that the time allocated for discussion was over. Keegstra made a motion to call the question; the motion was seconded by Mercier. The motion to call the question passed via a voice vote. Electors were instructed to use the pink ballot and to mark the appropriate box, depending on whether they favor the resolution or disapprove of it.

Final vote was announced at 11:15. The Yes votes were 284; the No votes were 59. The resolution was approved.

#### **5. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 11:17 am.