

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 6:00 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.

The meeting was called to order by chair, Mike Mittelstadt, at six pm.

2. Roll Call:

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

Others: Dustin Ladd, Al Baade, Cary Dudczak, Craig Hillman, Anna Demaskie

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of minutes for June 8th regular meeting and June 30th special meeting

Motion to approve June 8th minutes by Burke, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

Motion to approve June 30th minutes by Sullivan, second by Burke. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

Craig Hillman raised two questions that were discussed at the Lake Redstone Fishing Club. First, is it possible to add gravel at selected locations to provide areas where walleye can spawn? Answers to this question will require discussions with DNR fisheries staff. A second question was whether plants could be added to improve fish habitat in Lake Redstone. Again, discussions with DNR staff would be needed. The aquatic plant management plan will be updated in the coming year and this process will provide opportunities to raise questions about aquatic plants.

6. Treasurer’s Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

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| Pat Sullivan | Storage box for CBCW | \$ 54.37 |
| Computer Connections | Computer for transect surveys | \$ 799.39 |
| Computer Connections | Case for new computer | \$ 37.59 |
| WI State Lab Hygiene | Water analyses | \$ 52.00 |
| APM, LLC | DASH removal of milfoil | \$11,282.00 |
| Al Baade | Quicken Assistance | \$ 25.00 |
| Lori Vertein | CBCW inspections | \$ 570.00 |
| Sara McCune | CBCW inspections | \$ 697.50 |
| | TOTAL | \$ 13,517.85 |

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

b. Approve payroll requests

Keegstra made a motion to approve second quarter payroll requests, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

c. Review monthly financial reports

Keegstra reported that requests for reimbursement for phase 2 and phase 3 grants for generation of the lake management plan have not been submitted to the WDNR. The DNR staff has provided an extension to complete the reimbursement requests.

7. Chairman’s Report

a. Decision on Eagle scout project to place wood duck house on LRPD property

Craig Hillman presented the request from a scout working on his Eagle scout project; he wishes to place a wood duck house on LRPD property north of CTH F. It needs to be placed on public property, not private land. Questions were raised about whether the project could be performed safely and whether DNR permits were needed. Following adequate resolution of the questions, Keegstra made a motion to

approve permission for the scout to put a duck house on LRPD property north of county F, second by Sullivan. A metal post will go on the edge of the water with an oblong nesting box held well above the water level.

b. Planning for fall grant applications to WDNR

Mittelstadt is searching for companies that can help the LRPD board with preparation of grant applications, especially to the WDNR. A preproposal is due September 15th with the final proposal due November 15th. He hopes to submit 2 grant applications in 2022; one to perform the work on the weirs above Martin Meadowlark Bay and the other for work above Chickadee South.

c. Report on new district computer- plans for use and storage

The new computer has been purchased. Cary Dudczak loaded the software needed for transect surveys as well as the data from the spring survey that was performed in early June.

d. Report on maintenance inspection of sediment control devices

Project records are stored in a Google Doc that is stored in the cloud. All interested parties can access it and it will be updated annually. Some suggestions were offered to improve the records and folks who want to access them. The sediment control committee will investigate ways to implement the suggestions.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Discussion of field day with Producer-led cooperative

Dustin Ladd was present to discuss options for the joint field day. He suggested the field day should be held in the latter half of September. He proposed a two-part event with a demonstration of aerial applications of cover crops followed by demonstrations put on by the LRPD. Possibilities include a demonstration of the stream monitoring program (Keegan Johnson is willing to make this presentation), a boat ride on the lake with an emphasis on LRPD sediment control activities or a trip to the repairs at Meronek Meadows (possibly via boat). Mittelstadt and/or Sullivan will explore having a meal at the North End. Planning needs to continue to firm up the details.

b. Coordination with counties to request grant funds for 9-key plan implementation

Ladd described the EPA grant program that is distributed via the WDNR. A county needs to be the applicant; the grant can provide up to \$600,000 over multiple years for implementation of activities described in a 9-key element plan. Sauk and Juneau counties would need to cooperate to put in such an application. The annual deadline is April 15. The LRPD needs to develop ways to work with the two counties to explore this grant possibility.

c. Begin planning for fall partners meeting

Keegstra reported that the annual planning calendar calls for beginning the process of scheduling the fall partners meeting. He will poll partners to find a time in late October or early November.

d. Finalize planning for Annual Meeting

i. Review and revise draft agenda

Minor editorial changes were suggested

ii. Final review of proposed 2023 budget

No changes were suggested

iii. Planning for reports to be made at annual meeting

Each presenter should send the slides for their PowerPoint presentation to Mittelstadt by July 25th. This will give time for revisions and to allow printing of the handouts.

9. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

Demaskie reported on several Town activities. Douglas Rd will be finished with seal coating. Roadside mowing is in progress. The hole near the Fox Court landing caused by power loading will be repaired. The Town board needs to consider an ordinance to prevent power loading. Short-term rentals have received attention in recent weeks.

10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

No report.

11. Committee Reports

a. Lake Management Plan implementation

i. How to recruit volunteers for new committees

Mittelstadt suggested we should use email to recruit volunteers. He also suggested that our Annual meeting presentations should emphasize volunteer opportunities.

ii. Next steps

Once the Annual Meeting is past, the board should probably schedule a special meeting to make detailed plans for the next steps.

b. Water Quality Committee

i. Clean Boats Clean Water update-Sullivan

A total of 93 hours has been done to date.

ii. Report on DASH activities for summer 2022-Keegstra

Keegstra was disappointed with quantity of EWM removed. Less than last year when manual harvesting was used. Need to discuss with Andrew McFerrin from APM, LLC.

iii. Update on activities associated with revision of plant management plan

Sara Hatleli will hold an aquatic plant management workshop on Saturday, August 13th at the La Valle Town Hall. Plans are being made to hold a public meeting to gather input on the content of the new aquatic plant management plan. The meeting has not yet been scheduled, but likely will be held sometime in September or early October.

iv. Fall survey for EWM

Water quality committee will look at continuing the survey and who should do it.

c. Sediment Control Committee

Workshop was held Friday, July 8 from 2-4 pm. 11 people attended. In the future there will be a recorded zoom session on the website with presenters.

Surveys of property owners is complete. Horner and his group are performing analysis of the results; he will send the key issues to board members.

i. Martin Meadowlark weir update- Sullivan

Looking for vendors who can help with preparation of a grant proposal.

ii. Update on design plans for Chickadee South

Still in development. A \$6,800 engineering design fee was quoted.

iii. Erosion issues related to Eagle Bay

In progress. It will be discussed at July meeting of the Sediment Control Committee.

d. Social Media: Mittelstadt

Normal updates

12. Agenda items for August regular meeting

The normal date would be August 9, but because that is election day, the Town Hall is in use. The board decided to move the LRPD meeting to the next day, Wednesday, August 10th.

Review draft of Annual Meeting minutes.

13. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned when all business was complete at 8:45 pm.

AD/August 1, 2022

KK/August 9, 2022