

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

2021 ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>ESTIMATED TIME</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>
1. Welcome	5	Mittelstadt
2. Election of 1 commissioner (nominations will be accepted from the floor)	5	Mittelstadt
3. Minutes of 2020 annual meeting-Discuss & approve	5	Keegstra
4. Secretary's Report	10	Keegstra
5. Treasurer's Report with results of financial review	5	Burke
6. Nonlapsible fund for maintenance of erosion control devices	10	Mittelstadt
7. 2022 Operating Budget-Discuss and approve	10	Burke
8. Proposed changes to LRPD Bylaws-Discuss and vote	20	Baade
9. Brief summaries of recent activities (5 min each)	15	
A. Shoreline Improvement Workshop		Horner
B. Sediment Control Activities		Sullivan
C. Aquatic Plant Management		Keegstra
10. Introduce new board member		Election comm
11. Question and Answer session	10	Board
12. Adjourn		

Date and Time: Saturday, August 7, 2021, 9:00 am; gates open at 8:30 am

Location: LRPOA clubhouse patio (outdoors)

E4191 Pierce Road, La Valle, WI

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LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

DRAFT Annual Meeting Minutes

August 29, 2020

1. Welcome

The Annual Meeting of the Lake Redstone Protection District was called to order at 9:00 am by Chairman Mike Mittelstadt. He welcomed the audience and thanked them for attending. He confirmed that notices had been sent out as required by state statute and our by-laws and that the meeting was in compliance with open meeting laws. He explained that the time, place, and format of the meeting was changed in 2020 because of COVID. The meeting has a reduced agenda to quickly accomplish those issues required by state law. Tom Wagner made a motion to approve the agenda. It was seconded by Paul Burke and passed unanimously via voice vote. 38 people signed the attendance sheet, but a few folks attended who did not sign in.

2. Election of two commissioners

The terms of two commissioners expired in 2020. Only two candidates have submitted biographies and declared themselves candidates in advance of the meeting. They are Paul Burke and Brad Horner. Mittelstadt asked three times whether there were any nominations from the floor. None were made. Jay Kolb made a motion to close the nominations. It was seconded by Barb Mittelstadt and passed unanimously. Jan Berry made a motion to cast a unanimous ballot for the two declared candidates. The motion was seconded by Sue Keegstra and passed unanimously. Mittelstadt asked Paul Burke and Brad Horner to stand so that they could be recognized by all in attendance.

3. Minutes of 2019 annual meeting -Discuss & approve

Secretary Ken Keegstra explained that copies of the draft minutes from the 2019 annual meeting were available as part of the handout. He explained that the LRPD board had reviewed the minutes, but that the residents of the district needed to approve them. A motion was made by Linda Schuler and seconded by Pat Broesch to approve the minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting. There was no discussion or questions regarding the minutes and the motion was approved unanimously. (A copy of the approved minutes is available on the LRPD web site at www.lakeredstonepd.org).

4. Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report entitled "Year in Review" that summarized major LRPD activities over the past year was included as part of the handout (A copy of the report is available on the LRPD web site.) Keegstra provided oral highlights on some issues described in the handout.

A summary of the financial aspects of the dredging project is present in the handout following the Secretary's report. This summary was prepared by Mike Mittelstadt and Glenn Choroszy and provides information on the expenses and income for the project as of August 1st, 2020. Some bills still have not been received and will need to be paid and additional income is expected. (A copy of this summary is present on the LRPD web site.

Keegstra also described the cooperation between the district and farmers in the Lake Redstone watershed. The farmers have produced a cooperative that has a Facebook page (*Producers of the Lake Redstone Watershed*) and they have secured grant funds to support their activities to implement conservation practices on their lands.

Keegstra drew attention to the ongoing methods used by the LRPD board to communicate with district electors. He mentioned the newly updated LRPD app that is available for both android and Apple

devices. He encouraged those interested in the app to download the updated version from the app store at Google Play (for android devices) and from the Apple store (for Apple devices).

Finally, he thanked the many LRPD volunteers who helped during the past year. He highlighted the efforts of Richard Fish, who provided many, many hours of assistance with the dredging project. He encouraged new volunteers to participate in activities that interest them.

5. Treasurer's Report with results of financial review

Treasurer Glenn Choroszy presented a summary of the financial transactions during 2019 and 2020 to date. He reported that financial transactions are subjected to external review every three years and that 2019 was the year to have such a review. The review was performed by MBE accounting in Reedsburg. Their conclusion was: "Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting." No questions were raised regarding the Treasurer's report.

6. 2021 Operating Budget – Discuss and Approve

Choroszy presented the proposed LRPD operating budget for 2021 (sent out with annual meeting notice and available in the handout at the meeting). A motion to approve the proposed budget was made by Brad Horner and seconded by Nick Hewitt. The motion was approved unanimously.

7. Authorization of the Board to exceed \$10,000 per project without Annual Meeting elector approval while staying within budget

A motion to authorize the board to exceed \$10,000 per project without elector approval while staying within budget was made by Dick Fish and seconded by Tom Walters. The motion was unanimously approved.

8. Introduce New Board Members

Because paper ballots were not needed, the introduction was done earlier as part of item 2, election of two commissioners.

9. Question and Answer Session

A question was posed about the possibility of selling the spoils removed from the lake. Mittelstadt explained that the disposal of the spoils was arranged by the contractor with no cost to the district and that the spoils no longer belong to the district. The spoils are being sold, but the district does not receive any income from their sale.

A question was posed about whether the Meronek Meadows would be completed in 2020, given that there was no funding for the project in 2021. Mittelstadt explained that the 2021 budget did contain funding to pay off the loan that is not retired by FEMA reimbursement.

Dick Fish commented that the board should be commended for securing external funding to support the dredging project, including \$200,000 from Sauk County and over \$75,000 from the Wisconsin waterways commission. A decision on reimbursement from FEMA is still pending.

Mittelstadt briefly summarized the three projects that were funded by awards from a new grant program offered by Sauk County. The total awarded by Sauk County to these projects was just over \$40,000. These projects will be carried out over the coming year. Finally, he thanked Dick Fish for his efforts with the dredging project.

10. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 am.

Lake Redstone Protection District-Year in Review

The LRPD has pursued many projects since the last Annual Meeting in August of 2020. This document attempts to summarize the major activities that occurred during this period. Some have already been described in the newsletter sent to all property owners in April. Further details on selected activities will be presented during the oral reports at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Dredging

Although the dredging of Lake Redstone was completed in December of 2019, certain aspects of the project continued through 2020 and into 2021. For example, the dredging contractor only recently completed all items on the final check list and the final payment should be authorized at the August board meeting. A request to FEMA for reimbursement of some of the dredging costs is still pending. We hope the project will be completely finished by the end of 2021.

Damage to Meronek Meadows Berm

Following the 2008 floods, a berm was built at the end of Mourning Dove Bay between Meronek Meadows and the lake. Its purpose was to prevent heavy rains from bringing sediment into the lake. However, the flooding in 2018 was so severe that the berm was breached and large amounts of sediment entered Lake Redstone. Jewell Engineering produced a different, more robust plan to accomplish the same goal. Bids were solicited in May of 2020, a low bidder was identified, and installation of a series of rock gabion baskets was completed in October of 2020. After months of negotiations with FEMA, they approved partial reimbursement for the repair work and the District has now received the federal portion of the funds, but we are still waiting for the state contribution.

Development of a Whole Lake Management Plan

Preparation of a whole lake management plan continued during the past year, supported by three different grants from the Wisconsin DNR. Phases 1 and 2 began in 2018, while phase 3 began early in 2019. The result from the combined three phases will be a whole lake management plan, also known as 9-key element plan. The plan was scheduled to be finished by the end of 2020, but COVID caused significant delays. The District received no-cost time extensions on the DNR grants. The plan is now in the final stages of being written. The management plan will be used to to guide the implementation of management activities over the next 10 years. In addition, the presence of a WDNR-approved lake management plan will allow the District to apply for grants to provide financial support for the projects that will be implemented during the life-span of the plan. Efforts to reduce sediment and nutrient entry into the lake will include several different strategies, as summarized briefly in the next few paragraphs.

Reducing runoff from remote regions of the watershed. Efforts to reduce the entry into Lake Redstone of sediment and nutrients from the watershed are continuing by partnering

with farmers in the Lake Redstone watershed as well as extension staff from Sauk and Juneau counties. Farmers in the watershed have formed a cooperative to pursue various conservation practices on their farms (see their Facebook page at *Producers of the Lake Redstone Watershed*). The cooperative has secured grant funds from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection to provide support for their efforts. This is a win-win situation that benefits both the producers in the watershed in that they retain their soil and keep the nutrients on their fields and the efforts of the LRPD to keep sediment and nutrients out of Lake Redstone. The lake management plan will seek to expand the acreage covered by the practices already utilized by producers in the watershed as well as by recruiting additional producers to join the program.

As part of efforts to monitor progress, the District has been measuring the quantities of phosphorus and sediment that enter the lake via the two major inlet streams at the north end of the lake. The stream monitoring program is being conducted in cooperation with the US Geological Service with financial support from both Sauk and Juneau counties. The levels of phosphorus and sediment currently entering the lake will be compared with the levels entering toward the end of the 10-year lake management plan as one way to evaluate progress.

Reducing runoff from gullies near the lake. Other efforts will focus on the gullies close to the lake that generate erosion during storm events. Most of these gullies do not sustain water flow except during rain events. The LRPD board has formed a new Sediment Control Committee to identify gullies that create problems and to work on creating solutions for these problems. One example of a project being pursued by the District is repair of a weir upstream from Martin-Meadowlark Bay that was damaged in the 2018 floods. A grant from Sauk County was used to hire Jewell Engineering to develop a plan for the repairs. The repairs will be expensive, so the next task is to identify funding to implement them.

Shoreline Improvement. Still other efforts are focused on the shoreline properties immediately adjacent to the lake. An early activity supported by the phase 1 lake management planning grant was to perform a shoreline habitat assessment. The goal was to evaluate shoreline properties for beneficial habitat and conditions that limit runoff into the lake. The District recently received the assessment report from our consultant. Based on this report, the LRPD recently held a workshop to help property owners improve their shoreline. If there is sufficient property owner interest, we plan to repeat this workshop in future years. More details on this activity will be presented at the Annual Meeting.

Aquatic Plant Management

An Aquatic Plant Management Plan was approved in 2015 (a copy is available on our website at <https://www.lakeredstonepd.org/>) and continues to provide guidance for control and education activities related to management of the plants in Lake Redstone. This plan was intended to be revised after 5 years and the time has now come to update it. This is one of the goals spelled out in the whole lake management plan and the LRPD is

preparing a grant application to the Wisconsin DNR requesting financial support for this activity.

Prior to the dredging which occurred in 2019, the LRPD performed herbicide treatments in several bays in an effort to control the levels of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM), an invasive plant species that has been in Lake Redstone for more than 20 years. Because of the dredging activities, no herbicide treatments were performed in 2019, 2020, or 2021, for different reasons each year. Because of surveys that showed considerable levels of EWM along the shoreline in the main body of the lake, the board decided to pursue a different control strategy in the summer of 2021. A company (Aquatic Plant Management, LLC) was hired to perform manual harvesting of EWM along portions of the main body of the lake. Once we gather information on the efficacy of this strategy, we will determine whether it, or variations of the manual harvesting, should be continued in future years.

The LRPD continues to operate a Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) program with financial support from the DNR. CBCW serves to educate boaters at the landings to clean their boats and trailers to prevent transporting aquatic invasive species into or out of Lake Redstone without knowing they are doing it. The CBCW program is operating at both the Sauk County boat landing near the north end of the lake and the Section 11 boat landing during the summer of 2021.

LRPD Bylaws update

The LRPD is a governmental entity that operates under authority and rules spelled out in Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes. The LRPD also established Bylaws shortly after the District was formed in 1976. Our current bylaws have been updated periodically, including some changes that were approved at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Following the recent changes, the LRPD board began a thorough review of our current bylaws, with significant assistance from Al Baade, who has been involved with the LRPD for many years. During that review, we found that some aspects of our current bylaws conflict with revised Wisconsin statutes. With assistance from an attorney who has long experience with lake districts, the LRPD board has prepared a significant revision of our bylaws. These revisions will be presented during the 2021 Annual Meeting and adoption of the revised bylaw will require that they be approved by District electors at the Annual Meeting.

Communications

The LRPD board continues to use several avenues to keep District electors informed of our activities. The annual Newsletter (*Protection Connection*) was mailed to all District residents in April and covered a range of topics. The Newsletter remains a major source of information about District activities and we hope you take the time to read it when it arrives each spring.

Another important source of information about District activities, both past and present, is our website (<https://www.lakeredstonepd.org>). It contains copies of our

monthly meeting agendas, approved minutes, archived newsletters, updates regarding various activities, and reports from various studies performed by the District.

The Facebook page (*Lake Redstone Protection District*) established in 2017 continues to provide information about our activities.

The newest addition to our communications portfolio is an App that Android smartphone users can download and use to keep up to date on LRPD activities as well as other news and activities relevant to lake residents. We are able to send messages to App users, e.g., information on Slow-No-Wake designations. The free App can be downloaded from the App section of the Google Play Store by searching for Lake Redstone Protection District. The App for Apple devices has been discontinued, in part because of the cost of keeping the App in the Apple Store.

The Annual Meeting, normally held the first Saturday in August, provides an important opportunity for dialogue between the LRPD board and District residents.

We encourage participation in our monthly meetings, held on the second Tuesday of each month, 6 pm, at the La Valle Town Hall.

In addition to our regular monthly meetings, the LRPD board meets annually with our Sauk & Juneau County partners and Wisconsin DNR representatives to plan collaborative efforts regarding Lake Redstone. Interested residents are welcome to join this meeting.

Volunteers

The activities summarized above could not have been accomplished without volunteers who contributed countless hours on each of the projects. Volunteers have helped on the sediment control committee, on the water quality committee, including lake and stream sampling, with production of the newsletter, with organizing and maintaining District records, and with the development of the lake management plan.

Whether your skills and interests lie in lake biology, shoreline protection, electronic or written communications, or organizing paper files, we welcome additional volunteers who can help with District activities. If you find an activity that interests you, please contact one of the members of the LRPD board and learn how to become involved.

KK/7.27.2021

DREDGING SUMMARY 2021

Expenses

Kaiyuh Services (Contractor)		\$3,421,758.78
Ayres Associates (Engineering)		\$82,772.95
Larowe, Gerlarch & Taggart (Attorney)		\$16,291.31

Total to date 7/1/2021 \$3,520,823.04

Estimated Remaining \$38,000.00

Kaiyuh Services (Contractor)	\$33,000.00	
Ayres Associates (Engineering)	\$3,500.00	
Larowe, Gerlarch & Taggart (Attorney)	\$1,500.00	

Estimated Project Total \$3,558,823.04

Income

Other Income		\$277,997.16
Sauk County	\$200,000.00	
Wisconsin DNR Channel	\$77,947.16	
Donation	\$50.00	

Loan Information

Balance as of 7/1/2021 \$2,803,524.74

Loan was refinanced from 2.70% to 1.39% in 2020

Dredging Savings Account

Balance as of 7/1/2021 \$116,891.64

Tax Levy	2020 - Year 1	2021 - Year 2	2022 - Year 3
Dredging	\$391,950	\$351,000	\$351,000

Note: Special 10-year dredging levy approved on May 18, 2019 \$425,633

Status of FEMA Claim

As of July 1, 2021, a determination for our FEMA claim has not been made. From discussions with Wisconsin Emergency Management, the claim will most likely be rejected. Once we receive the official response, we will review it and see if there will be any basis for an appeal.

BALANCE SHEET LAKE PROTECTION DISTRICT - As of 7/1/2021

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
Watershed Protection(Maintenance) Fund	\$77,737.60
Checking LRPD	\$19,779.10
Dredging Savings	\$116,891.94
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$214,408.64
Other Assets	
Oakdale Patronage	\$185.32
Real Estate	\$233,946.00
TOTAL Other Assets	\$234,131.32
TOTAL ASSETS	\$448,539.96

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Liabilities	
Dredging Loan - Royal Bank	\$2,803,524.74
Meronek Meadows Loan	\$125,544.90
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$2,929,069.64
EQUITY	(\$2,480,529.68)

**MOTION TO CREATE A NONLAPSIBLE
LAKE REDSTONE WATERSHED PROTECTION FUND**

I MOVE THAT the Annual Meeting create a nonlapsible fund pursuant to Section 33.30(4)(d) of the Wisconsin Statutes to be known as the Lake Redstone Watershed Protection Fund to finance capital costs and costs of operation of equipment used to control runoff, including weirs, field samplers and related equipment and to authorize the Board of Commissioners to expend money from the Fund to protect and enhance the water quality of Lake Redstone.

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**Lake Redstone Protection District
Proposed 2022 Operating Budget
January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022**

	2020 Jan. - Dec. Actual	2021 Approved Budget	2021 Jan. - June Actual	2021 July - Dec. Estimated	2022 Proposed Budget
<u>Revenue & Reimbursement for Grants</u>					
DNR Grant Funding					
- Clean Boats/Clean Water Grant	\$2,927	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$4,000
- Lake Management Planing Grant	\$0	\$18,750	\$0	\$0	\$18,750
- Aquatic Plant Management Plan	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$11,000
Sauk County Grant - Martin Meadowlark Weir Design	\$1,250	\$0	\$2,500	\$3,750	\$0
Sauk County Grant - Swallow Bay Weir	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$2,000
FEMA Funds for Meronek Meadows Repair	\$0	\$131,000	\$0	\$69,982	\$11,664
Interest Income	\$612	\$2,000	\$33	\$40	\$100
General Tax Levy	\$59,400	\$59,400	\$39,600	\$19,800	\$84,400
Draw from Maintenance Fund	\$58,000	\$28,250	\$0	\$0	\$14,000
Total Revenue:	\$123,189	\$243,400	\$44,133	\$96,572	\$145,914

Budget Category

Aquatic Plant Management	\$8,770	\$25,000	\$3,000	\$15,000	\$20,000
DNR Grant Clean Boats/Clean Water (part of Aquatic Plant Mgt.)	\$4,494	\$3,000	\$293	\$2,500	\$4,000
DNR Grant Lake Management Planing Grant	\$14,938	\$0	\$762	\$1,500	\$3,500
DNR Grant Aquatic Plant Management Plan	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$15,000
Office, Administration, and Mailing	\$6,252	\$3,000	\$2,233	\$1,000	\$6,000
Financial Review	\$5,755	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$6,000
Newsletter	\$2,575	\$5,000	\$750	\$2,500	\$5,000
Insurance	\$1,563	\$2,000	\$1,565	\$0	\$2,000
Stream/Lake Monitoring, Sampling	\$11,982	\$5,000	\$0	\$500	\$12,000
Buoys	\$393	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$500
Commissioner per diem and consulting fees	\$13,235	\$14,000	\$3,258	\$13,000	\$14,000
Wisconsin Association of Lakes Convetnion	\$0	\$3,000	\$1,070	\$0	\$5,000
Legal Fees	\$4,835	\$2,500	\$2,445	\$1,000	\$3,500
Watershed Improvement Funding	\$0	\$20,000	\$1,328	\$5,000	\$12,000
Lake Maintenance and Erosion Control	\$2,518	\$10,000	\$5,270	\$8,000	\$15,000
Meronek Meadows Loan Payment	\$450	\$0	\$8,169	\$8,169	\$16,500
Meronek Meadows Project Repair	\$0	\$16,400	\$13,076	\$0	\$0
Design & Repair of Martin Meadowlark Weir *	\$0	\$10,000	\$4,770	\$5,000	\$50,000
Swallow Bay Repair	\$0	\$6,000	\$59	\$100	\$6,000
Total Budget	\$77,760	\$131,400	\$48,048	\$63,769	\$196,000

Tax Levy

- General	\$59,400	\$59,400			\$84,400
- Dredging	\$391,950	\$351,000			\$351,000
Total Tax Levy	\$451,350	\$410,400			\$435,400

Note: Special dredging levy approved on May 18th 2019

\$425,633

* Wishlist item (only be done if outside funding)

Summary of Changes in the 2021 Proposed Bylaws

1. Additions to the proposed Bylaws that the District is already doing:

- a.) Each committee would be required to have one Board member. (Section 3, Committees)
- b.) The proposed Bylaws would formally add the Sediment Control Committee and their responsibilities to the Bylaws. Currently it is an ad hoc committee. (Section 3, Committees)
- c.) A notice of an Annual or Special Meeting currently requires public posting of the meeting. In addition, a mailed invitation *or* newspaper notices are required. The proposed change would require all three methods of noticing. (Section 4, Annual and Special Meetings)
- d.) Two signatures would be required on checks. (Section 6, Financial Matters)
- e.) The Treasurer would be allowed to enlist a qualified payroll service that also could have limited check signing power. (Section 6, Financial Matters)
- f.) A District email address and PO Box would be required. (Section 7, Miscellaneous)

2. New Additions:

- a.) An individual CPA financial review would be required on projects over \$500,000. This review would be separate from the yearly District financial review. (Section 3, Committees)
- b.) A Voter Eligibility Certificate would need to be signed by individuals wishing to vote at an Annual or Special meeting. (Section 4, Annual and Special Meetings)
- c.) Stipend payments to Board members for non-posted, non-quorum meetings with contractors, training, etc, would require the meeting to last at least 2 hours. (Section 6, Financial Matters)

3. *Deletions:*

a.) All paragraphs referencing actions that are already covered in State Statute Chapter 33 would be deleted.

b.) The Committee and Project Coordinator Volunteers committee would be eliminated. (Article IX, Section 1)

c.) Current Bylaws require a group of three eligible voters to nominate a commissioner. (The Board also makes nominations.) The proposed Bylaws would only require one eligible voter. (Article V, Section 4)

d.) Currently a 2/3 vote by voters present at an Annual or Special Meeting is required to enact a Bylaw revision. The proposed Bylaws would require a simple majority vote. (Article XII, Section 4)

**CODIFIED BYLAWS
OF THE
LAKE REDSTONE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

La Valle, Wisconsin

August 2021

The Mission of the Lake Redstone Protection District is to protect and rehabilitate the water quality of Lake Redstone.

Preface

The District is operated in accordance with Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes and other laws, including the Open Meetings Law, the Public Records Law and the Local Government Officials Code of Ethics. These Bylaws are intended to provide for matters not specifically addressed in state law and shall not be construed in a manner contrary to the Wisconsin statutes and law. The District uses the publication *People of the Lakes: A Guide for Wisconsin Lake Organizations* (UW-Extension, latest revised edition) as a general Lake District reference and Roberts Rules of Order as a reference for meeting procedures not addressed in state law or these Bylaws.

1. Board of Commissioners

The Board shall consist of seven commissioners: five elected at the Annual Meeting from within the District, one representative from the Town of La Valle and one representative from Sauk County. Town and county commissioners are appointed by their respective Boards. Four commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

2. District Officers

Officers shall be elected by the Board at the next Board meeting after the Annual Meeting. Officers shall be Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and shall have the duties provided by law and the following:

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The Chairperson shall serve as parliamentarian at the Annual Meeting, any Special Meeting and meetings of the Board.

In the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chair shall preside at District Meetings.

The Treasurer shall be custodian over the financial records of the District.

The Secretary shall be custodian over all non-financial records of the District.

At the discretion of the Board, an Assistant Secretary and/or an Assistant Treasurer may be appointed. The assistants will support the Secretary and Treasurer with their duties; however, the Secretary and Treasurer will maintain all responsibilities of their offices. The assistants will not carry any voting rights at Board meetings. The assistants shall not be required to own property or reside within the District. A Board member may also serve as an assistant. The division of duties between the assistants and their respective officers shall be approved by the Board.

3. Committees

The standing committees of the District shall be:

Elections Committee

The Elections Committee shall be responsible for the election of Commissioners and any matter submitted to the Annual and Special Meeting by paper ballots. This committee shall distribute, collect, and count the ballots and report the results to the voters. No candidate for election may serve on the Elections Committee.

Financial Review Committee

The Financial Review Committee shall be responsible for performing a review of the financial transactions of the District at the close of the District's fiscal years, except that the Board shall engage a certified public accountant to conduct such review every third fiscal year. When the District performs a project in excess of \$500,000, a financial review of that project shall be conducted by certified public accountant at the project's completion. The results of the financial reviews shall be submitted at the Annual Meeting.

Water Quality Projects Committee

The Water Quality Projects Committee shall be responsible for aquatic plant management, monitoring lake conditions and related situations that may present the District with opportunities to enhance the water quality of the lake.

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Sediment Control Committee

The Sediment Control Committee shall be responsible for monitoring and reducing sediment entry into the lake. Projects shall include nonpoint pollution reduction projects and maintenance of previous sediment control projects.

In addition to the four standing committees, the Board may establish *ad hoc* committees as needed from time to time.

Committees shall make advisory recommendations to the Board and may not exercise any powers of the Board.

Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, each committee shall consist of a chair, at least one Board member and at least one additional person qualified to vote at the Annual Meeting. Committee chairs and members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board.

4. Annual and Special Meetings

The Annual Meeting time, date and meeting location shall be determined by the Board unless otherwise scheduled by the prior Annual Meeting.

The Annual and Special Meeting notices shall be:

- Posted on the District's website and at three locations in the Town of La Valle, and
- Mailed to District property owners listed on the tax roll, and
- Published in two successive issues of the District's official newspaper

Resident electors and property owners shall sign a voter eligibility certificate prior to voting at the Annual or any Special Meetings of the District.

Except for elections of commissioners, voting may be conducted by paper ballot, voice vote or show of hands, at the discretion of the Chair.

5. Nominations and Elections.

Any resident elector or property owner qualified to vote at the Annual Meeting may nominate himself or herself or any other person qualified to serve as a Commissioner by submitting a brief written statement to the Secretary at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

The written statement must include the nominee's name and address of his or her residence or property within the District and state that the nominee has indicated his or her willingness to serve as a Commissioner.

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The written statement may include other information regarding the nominee or his or her interests in the activities of the District. The names of such nominees and their brief written statements up to 200 words will be included with the mailed annual meeting notice, if submitted to the Secretary 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting.

In addition, any person qualified to vote at the Annual Meeting may nominate himself or herself or any other qualified person to serve as a commissioner at the Annual Meeting, provided the nominee is present and states that he or she is willing to serve as a commissioner. All candidates will be allowed to briefly speak prior to the vote.

Elections of commissioners shall be conducted by secret ballot. The Secretary shall prepare a ballot, which lists the name of each qualified nominee for a seat on the Board whose name has been placed in nomination at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting and makes provision for voters to write in the name of any person nominated at the Annual Meeting.

6. Financial Matters

Fiscal Year

The District's fiscal year shall be defined by the calendar year.

Compensation

The Chair will be compensated in an amount not to exceed \$200 per month (\$2400 per annum). The Vice Chair will be compensated in an amount equal to the Chair's when they assume the Chair's responsibilities. The Secretary and Assistant Secretary will be jointly compensated in an amount not to exceed \$250 per month (\$3000 per annum). The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer will be jointly compensated in an amount not to exceed \$150 per month (\$1800 per annum). The actual division of compensation between the assistants and their respective officers shall be approved by the Board.

In addition, all elected commissioners shall receive a stipend of \$50 for each eligible meeting they attend, except commissioners who receive remuneration by virtue of their appointment by Town and County Boards.

All posted meetings are eligible for the stipend. Other meetings and training lasting more than two hours are also eligible. Stipend requests are to be submitted for Board approval on a fiscal quarterly basis.

The Board and members of each committee shall be reimbursed, with prior Board approval, for reasonable and necessary services and expenses incurred while conducting the business of the District.

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Reimbursable expenses shall include mileage in the amount allowed by the IRS and out-of-pocket expenses. Out-of-pocket expenses require a receipt presented prior to reimbursement.

Checks

All checks, except as noted below, shall be signed by the Treasurer and one other officer. If the Treasurer is unavailable, a second officer may sign in lieu of the Treasurer.

With approval of the Board, the Treasurer may engage payroll services of a qualified person or firm. This may include signing of payroll related checks,

Yearly reviews will be conducted as outlined in the Financial Review Committee paragraph above.

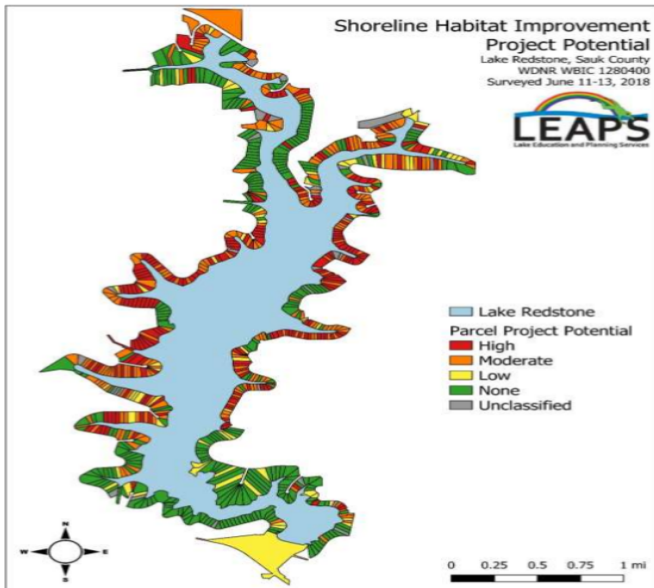
7. Miscellaneous

The District Board and all committees shall comply with Open Meeting and Public Records law requirements. Any request to review or obtain copies of public records of the District shall be made in writing to the District and submitted via its email address or Post Office Box. Reasonable costs may be charged for fulfilling public record requests.

The District shall maintain a permanent post office box and email address in order to facilitate contact with members and other organizations.

These Bylaws may be amended with approval of the Board and electors and property owners at the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting, if notice of the proposed amendment is included in the notice of any meeting at which it will be considered.

THE SHORELINE IMPROVEMENT WORKSHOP



LEAPS (consulting firm) evaluated all 786 properties around Lake Redstone. Ninety-five people asked for a copy of their shoreline assessment which included ratings and photo. Of these, 56 people attended a Shoreline Improvement Workshop in June 25th. The Workshop focused primarily on methods to improve runoff and protect shorelines and financial incentives to do so. The primary presenters were from the DNR, Sauk County, and a landscaper.

A second workshop is tentatively planned for the spring of 2022. In the meantime property owners who did not yet request a copy of their assessment can do so by emailing lrpd.board@gmail.com. To see the presentations made at the workshop, you can go to <https://www.lakeredstonepd.org/shorelineimprovementworkshop>



