

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting
Thursday, January 31, 2019 3 pm
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

Ecklund called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm. He verified that meeting was in compliance with open meeting laws.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mittlestadt, Burke, Ecklund, Choroszy, Demaskie, and Keegstra (via phone)

Others: Dick Fish, Al Baade, Scott Whitsett, and Cary Dudczak (via phone)

3. Approval of agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made, seconded, and approved.

4. Report from dredging committee on documents to rebid dredging project

Dick Fish reported on the visit that he, Mike Mittelstadt, and Paul Burke made a trip to Ayres offices on Thursday, January 24th. They reported that their meeting with Janelle Skoyen and Chris Goodwin was very productive. They reported on the several topics:

a. Results of resurvey of the bays on October 24 and 25, 2018. The survey results were reviewed. Ayres provided the district with contour maps of all bays that were surveyed and will do maps showing which regions of bays contain more sediment and less sediment when the 2018 survey is compared with 2015, at least for some bays. The major conclusion is that the 2018 floods brought in sediments in many places, but also washed out sediment in other places. Ayres will also provide plans and estimated sediment volumes for dredging a channel from the County boat landing to the main body of the lake. This information is needed to complete the grant application from the state waterways commission.

b. Flexibility in bid documents to allow contractors to use alternative dredging and dewatering methods. The LRPD group spent a lot of time discussing this topic with Janelle and Chris. The request was to provide alternative wording in the bid documents that allow contractors to provide bids using mechanical dredging or alternative dewatering methods. Ayres will try to provide some general language in the bid request documents that would allow such alternatives. They also discussed how to get DNR approval for these alternatives, if they are present in the lowest responsible bid. For example, a contractor in northern WI is interested in pursuing mechanical dredging. This led to a discussion at the LRPD board meeting about sediment disposal, road damage and repair, etc. These issues will need to be addressed in any successful bid.

c. Permit exceptions. Dick asked Ayres to inquire with the DNR on whether they would provide exceptions to the 10-foot set back from the shoreline at the tips of bays where the flood generated large deposits of sediment at or near to the shoreline. For example, at the tip of Mourning Dove bay where the washout of the berm in Meronek Meadows created an island of sand close to the shoreline. He indicated there were several bays that had similar deposits. He also inquired about permission to remove trees and woody debris generated by the 2018 storm. Janelle will inquire with the DNR on both issues.

d. Dredging details. A number of details that need to be specified in the bidding documents were discussed. The specific issues and the tentative proposals that they provided are enumerated below:

1. Timing for project-The low bidder can begin as soon as the week after Memorial Day of 2019, but must be finished with the project no later than the weekend before Thanksgiving in 2020. It is expected that the project will be completed in shorter period of time, but this larger window gives contractors more flexibility and hopefully will attract more bidders. Dredging should not occur during holiday weekends (Memorial Day, Labor Day, and the 4th of July).

2. Sequencing of the dredging process- Dredging should be performed in ways that minimize the impact on recreational uses of the lake. Ayres recommendation is to leave the method for achieving this goal to the contractor, rather prescribing specific restrictions.

3. Hours of operation- The contractor may operate 7 days a week, but Town of La Valle ordinances prevent loud noise between 11 pm and 7 am.

e. Scope of dredging. Dick Fish recommends that the lake be dredged to a level 5 ft below the normal water level to minimize the cost of dredging. It was proposed that select areas be considered for dredging to 6 ft in depth except in certain areas that are particularly prone to sediment accumulation, e.g., parts of Woodpecker bay. It was also proposed that bays with little sediment be excluded from dredging because of the high cost of removing small amounts of sediment. Dick Fish, Glenn Choroszy, and Paul Burke (and possibly others) will meet on Thursday, February 7th to review each bay and make recommendations about the scope of dredging in each bay.

5. Discussion of documents from Ayres to proceed with rebidding the dredging project

Because we are behind the original schedule, the group that visited Ayres proposed a new schedule that would result in the request for bids being released by February 28th. The new schedule still calls for bids to be opened on Friday, April 5th. Ayres will review the new time line and either accept the new schedule or propose changes.

6. Decision on whether to proceed to release bids

A final decision on releasing the documents requesting new bids will be made once the final documents are received from Ayres and reviewed by the dredging committee and the board.

7. Preparation for Feb 5 FEMA meeting

Ecklund has arranged for a meeting with FEMA officials for Tuesday, February 5th at the La Valle town hall; all LRPD board members are encouraged to attend. On Wednesday, January 30th, Ecklund joined the meeting of the Town of La Valle with the FEMA officials. Although the meeting mainly covered roads and other town issues, they did discuss the Section 11 boat landing. The town responsibility is on land to the shoreline, while the LRPD responsibility is from the shoreline into the lake. The meeting on February 5th will focus on Meronek Meadows, but also should cover the dredging project and whether FEMA can make any contributions because of the 2018 flood. Ecklund stated that he has already provided FEMA most of the information they need and hopefully the FEMA team will be able to help the district complete the necessary forms.

8. Preparation for Feb 14 CPZ meeting

Ecklund spoke by phone with both CPZ committee chair Bill Wenzel and with CPZ director Lisa Wilson. He asked both of them whether they needed any additional information from the LRPD before the meeting on February 14th. Wenzel was surprised that the presentation at the January meeting did not have more technical information and suggested we provide more technical information on February 14th. On the other hand, Wilson was pleased with the previous presentation and did not request any additional information. Based on this feedback from Wenzel, it was decided that we should ask a representative from Ayres to attend the February 14th CPZ committee meeting. Mittelstadt will contact Ayres and will prepare documents and a presentation for the February 14th meeting.

9. Authorization for Ayres to attend Feb 14 CPZ meeting

Burke made a motion that we should invite an Ayres representative to attend the February 14th CPZ committee meeting and allocate the financial resources to cover this expense. Seconded by Mittelstadt. The motion carried.

10. Authorization for Cary Dudczak to sign agreement with Cal Center

Mittelstadt made a motion that Cary Dudczak be authorized to sign an agreement to reserve the Cal Center for both May 11th and May 18th for the purpose of holding a special district meeting for voting on the dredging project. Seconded by Burke. We can cancel the time that is not used. If a delay is needed to move the meeting into June, there are dates when the Cal Center is available. The motion carried.

11. Adjourn

Ecklund adjourned the meeting at 4:55 pm.

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