

**LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Friday, April 5, 2024, 2 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 Laws**

Mittelstadt called the meeting to order at 2 pm. He verified the meeting complied with open meeting laws.

**2. Roll Call**

Present: Mike Mittelstadt, Pat Sullivan, Brad Horner

Virtual: Ken Keegstra Others: (both virtual) Al Baade, Mitch McCarthy

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Horner made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Sullivan. Motion approved.

**4. Approval of minutes for March 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting**

Sullivan made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 12<sup>th</sup> board meeting, second by Horner. Motion approved.

**5. Public Input** None

**6. Treasurer's Financial Report**

**a. Approve vouchers**

Mike Mittelstadt	Reimburse Wisconsin River Basin Mtg	\$ 123.28
Ken Keegstra	Reimburse vertical Van Dorn sampler	\$ 640.00
MBE	Form 1099 preparation	\$ 160.00
USGS	1st payment for tributary monitoring	<u>\$10,966.00</u>
	TOTAL	\$11,899.23

Motion by Keegstra to approve payment of invoices, second by Sullivan. Motion approved.

Motion by Horner to approve payment of stipend and meeting allowance requests for a total of \$2,600.00, second by Sullivan. Motion approved.

**b. Review monthly financial reports**

No questions or comments.

**7. Chairman's Report**

**a. Final decisions on proposals for 2024 Sauk County grants program**

Following a brief discussion of options, it was decided that the LRPD would not submit a proposal for the 2024 grants program. There are some possible options for next year.

**b. Update on Martin Meadowlark weir repair project**

Mittelstadt reported that Scott Whitsett met with DNR officials at the project site. The DNR folks expect that the new weir will be considered a dam, so these regulations will need to be followed. The permit application will be subject to a 30-day public comment period. They expect to be able to issue the permit by the end of May. This should not be an issue because the contractor intends to do the work later in the summer.

**c. Schedule date for spring review of lake management plan**

Mittelstadt suggested that the special review meeting should happen sometime after the regular board meeting in May. He proposed the afternoon of Thursday, May 16 at 1pm. This time worked for all of those present, so the meeting is scheduled for that time.

## **8. Secretary's Report**

No report

## **9. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie**

No report

## **10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman**

No report

## **11. Committee Reports**

### **a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee**

No report

### **b. Water Quality Projects Committee**

Keegstra reported that the vertical Van Dorn sampler ordered last month was received by Tom Walters. It will be used for collecting water samples in the water column beginning in May or June. The details of the sampling plan are still being worked out.

### **c. Sediment Control Committee**

#### **i. Discussion of proposal for field day on local farm in the watershed**

Sullivan presented the outlines of a plan to hold a field day on the McWilliams farm during the summer of 2024. Mitch McCarthy from Sauk County LRE added some ideas. Briefly the plan is to include both lake residents and producers from the watershed in the event. It would involve several stations where visitors could learn about conservation practices on farms in the watershed or about activities of the LRPD in efforts to monitor and improve water quality. The event would include a meal, possibly with local grass-fed beef and Lake Redstone fish. They proposed a budget of about \$3,500, with funding coming from multiple sources including the LRPD and Sauk County LRE. Keegstra made a motion for the group, Sullivan, Horner, McCarthy, and others to proceed with the planning and submission of an application to the National Wildlife Foundation for a small grant to provide partial financial support for the event, seconded by Horner. Motion passed.

### **d. Education & Outreach Committee**

#### **i. Update on 2024 newsletter**

Horner reported that the newsletter was almost finished and should go to the printer within a week or two. He will make some last-minute edits to the E&O article. He will distribute the final draft to board members and asked that each person review the entire newsletter.

#### **ii. 2025 Shoreline Assessment**

Horner and McCarthy have discussed a plan to repeat the 2018 shoreline assessment that was performed as part of the development of the whole lake management plan. Sauk County LRE is interested in seeing this plan move forward and has developed an app that runs on a tablet to perform the assessment. A summer intern from Sauk County LRE used the app to perform such an assessment on Dutch Hollow last summer. They propose to hire an intern in the summer of 2025 to repeat the assessment on Lake Redstone. The board was enthusiastic about the plan and will coordinate with McCarthy to organize volunteers to provide boat transportation for the assessment.

#### **iii. Signs for Lake Champions**

Horner presented 4 different drafts of signs prepared by Krueger Printing. Based on input from the board, he will select the favorite assuming that there are no copyright issues with the image

used in it. Keegstra made a motion that Horner be authorized to spend up to \$300 to purchase 10 signs, second by Sullivan. Motion passed.

**12. Agenda items for May 14<sup>th</sup> regular meeting**

Report from Horner on status of shoreline reimbursement requests

Begin Annual Meeting Preparations

Begin preparation of 2025 budget proposal

Report on maintenance inspections of sediment control devices

**13. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm when all business was completed.

**KK/April 8, 2024**