

**LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**Board Meeting**

**Tuesday May 12, 2020 6:00 pm**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call meeting to order, verify compliance with the Open Meeting Law.**

Meeting called to order by chair, Mike Mittelstadt, at six pm.

**2. Roll Call:**

Ken Keegstra, Mike Mittelstadt, Peter Kinsman, Ray Demaskie Phone: Pat Sullivan, Paul Burke, Glenn Choroszy Others in person: Richard Fish, Dave Blumer, Bev Vaillancourt, Anna Demaskie Others on the phone: Al Baade, Ken Kidd

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda by Demaskie second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

**4. Approval of minutes for March 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting**

Motion to approve March 10<sup>th</sup> minutes by Keegstra, second by Choroszy. Motion carried.

**5. Public Input**

**6. Treasurer's Financial Report**

**a. Approve vouchers**

Ken Keegstra/ Lakes convention regis fee/ mailing list-Sauk County-\$30/\$10	\$40.00
LEAPS/19/20Ph3-12	\$761.60
LEAPS/19/20P1-212	\$382.50
LEAPS/18/20Ph2-26	\$62.73
LEAPS/19/20Ph2-13	\$761.60
LEAPS/19/20P1-213	\$382.50
LEAPS/18/20Ph2-27	\$61.67
MBE/ Review (progress billing)	\$1,905.15
LICHTE INSURANCE AGENCY, INC- AUTO LIAB, WORK COMP, GENERAL LIAB	\$1,563.00
LAROWE GERLACH TAGGART LLP/legal advice regarding dredging issues	\$990.00
JEWELL ASSOCIATES/ Services March 28, 2020 to April 24, 2020	<u>\$429.57</u>
TOTAL	\$7,340.32
COMMUNITY FIRST BANK DREDGING SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$239,925.60

Keegstra made a motion to pay the legal bill of \$990 out of the dredging account, second by Burke. Motion carried.

Keegstra made a motion to approve current invoices with a modified total of \$6,350.32, second by Burke. Motion carried.

**b. Review monthly financial reports**

**c. Decision on converting dredging loan to final form**

Mittelstadt made a motion to borrow \$175,000 from the dredging loan and put it in the dredging savings account to cover future dredging expenses, second by Keegstra. Motion carried. No future draws on the dredging loan will be allowed and loan payments will be made over the next 10 years. Once all dredging expenses have been paid, any residual funds in the dredging saving account will be applied to the principle on the dredging loan.

**d. Decision on a new hard drive for Treasurer's computer**

Mittelstadt made a motion to pay up to \$250 to replace the hard drive on the district computer that is used by the Treasurer, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

**10. Committee Report**

**b. Social Media: Mittelstadt- Decision on contract for LRPD App**

Bev Vaillancourt's presentation was moved up so that she would not need to stay for the entire meeting. Bev made a presentation on the App that she and her company developed and that the district

has been using over the past year. The app received lots of hits during the dredging project last summer. In order to continue using the App in the future, we would need to pay a monthly hosting fee of \$35/month (\$420 annually). While the App is currently available in Google Play for Android devices, Bev recommends that it also be available in the Apple Store for Apple devices. The Apple store charges a \$199 one-time fee to review the App before putting it in their store and an annual fee of \$99/year to keep it there. It is not mandatory that the App be downloaded from the Apple store, but locally downloaded versions of the App do not have complete functionality, so Bev recommends it. She spent some time reviewing the feature of the App. She would like a decision on whether or not we want to maintain the App in the next month or two.

## **7. Chairman's Report**

### **a. Update on FEMA applications to repair flood damage**

There was a conference call with FEMA to discuss the two applications from the district, i.e., reimbursement of partial dredging costs and reimbursement of the costs to repair the damaged berm in Meronek Meadows. FEMA had two issues with the application for dredging reimbursement. One had to do with the defining the portion of the sediment that came into the lake in the 2018 flood. The district provided additional information and there now seems to be agreement. The second concern is that FEMA claims LRPD was negligent by not maintaining regular dredging on the lake. The district is arguing the regular dredging is not part of regular lake maintenance and are trying to get support for this point. FEMA will reconsider the district's claim and plans to provide an answer on this claim in the coming weeks.

FEMA has revised the allowable cost for repairing the berm and raised it to \$117,000. They continue to claim that the plan with rock gabions is an alternative to the berm and not a mitigation effort.

### **b. Decisions regarding repairs to Meronek Meadows berm**

Mittelstadt made a motion that the district should request Jewell to create a bid package to repair the berm damage at Meronek Meadows, second by Burke. Motion carried. A special meeting will be held on May 26<sup>th</sup> to review and approve the bid package. The bids will be opened on June 12<sup>th</sup> at the Jewell offices in Spring Green. A decision on which bid, if any, will be made at a special meeting that will be held on June 16<sup>th</sup>.

Mittelstadt made a motion to buy straw bales for \$400 as a temporary repair to the berm, second by Keegstra. Motion passed. Peter Kinsman will install them.

### **c. Plans to repair damage to and around Martin-Meadowlark weir #1**

The first step is to get funds that will allow the district to create a plan for repairing the weir. Mittelstadt said that he plans to create a grant application to Sauk County to request these funds.

### **d. Lakes Conference report**

Pat Sullivan gave a summary the things that he learned by attending the Lakes Conference that took place online. He will distribute a written copy to board members

### **e. Update on discussions with Dutch Hollow regarding lake-to-lake race**

Pat Sullivan met with Tom Walters and representatives from Dutch Hollow on March 14 to discuss the 5k Labor Day race. There may be an event for non-runners at Lake Redstone sometime prior to the race.

### **f. Update on attorney review of the revised by-laws**

The attorney suggests that we either continually update the by-laws to reflect ongoing changes in state statutes or that we abandon them. In this case, he suggests that we follow the procedures in Chapter 5, entitled "Operating a Lake District" from the UW-Stevens Point booklet entitled "People of the Lakes-A guide for Wisconsin Lake Organizations" as a guide and that we also create another document with local rules that LRPD utilizes. Mike Mittelstadt made a motion to pursue the latter course, second by Sullivan. Motion carried. A new document with

our “operating procedures” will be prepared and proposed for adoption at the 2021 annual meeting.

## **8. Secretary’s Report**

### **a. Update on the 2020 Newsletter**

The newsletter is completed and mailed.

### **b. Update on the producer-led cooperative meeting**

There was a Zoom meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>. Abby Algarden gave a presentation on the Edge of Field monitoring equipment. Discovery Farm work has analyzed the data obtained from the two stations installed in our watershed. The sites in the Lake Redstone watershed performed very well in 2019, with very little sediment runoff being recorded in the edge-of-field monitoring stations.

### **c. Consideration of Cason contract for 2020**

Michelle LaForge took over our account and sent out a new contract, but Keegstra had some questions and Michelle has not yet responded. A decision was postponed to the June meeting.

### **d. Sauk County Grant application**

The grant application requests projects that implement, modify or develop a lake management plan. Blumer suggests four options for obtaining funding that include: 1) Developing smaller projects. e.g., developing plans to repair the weir above Martin-Meadowlark bay or fixing the weir at the end of Swallow bay; 2) Updating our Aquatic Plant Management Plan as part of our lake management plan; 3) Interviewing farmers in the watershed as part of developing our lake management plan; 4) Implementing a permanent stream monitoring system in collaboration with USGS. Projects should be completed by end of 2021.

### **e. Update on lake management plan**

The Aquatic Plant Management Plan, approved in 2015, should be reviewed and updated along with conducting another plant survey. Both Sauk and Juneau County are assisting with the work on the STEPL modeling and the results will help formulate the nine key element plan. The goal is to be finished by the end of 2020, but COVID issues may slow progress.

### **f. Planning for Annual meeting**

The annual meeting is currently scheduled for Saturday, August 1 at the La Valle Town Hall. Due to restrictions imposed by COVID-19, holding to this schedule seems very unlikely. We either need to hold it later, or hold it in a venue, .e.g., the Cal Center or Mauston High School auditorium, that holds more people so that attendees can maintain proper distance. State statutes specify that it must be held between May 22 and September 8. Choroszy made a motion to postpone deciding on the annual meeting date until the next monthly meeting, second by Demaskie. Motion carried.

## **9. Dredging Committee Issues**

### **a. Update on negotiations with Kaiyuh Services**

A letter was sent to Kaiyuh in March with numerous questions. Their reply did not answer most of the questions. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Kaiyuh submitted a pay request asking for full payment. A follow-up letter was sent to Kaiyuh requesting a full response to all questions, noting the many tasks that were still incomplete and stating that we would not pay the full amount until all answers were received and the incomplete matters were resolved. Mittelstadt made a motion to authorize a payment of \$19,700.50 to Kaiyuh, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

### **b. Discussion and approval of final amendment to Ayres contract**

Keegstra made a motion to approve contract modification #7, authorizing payment of an additional \$13,000, second by Burke. Motion carried.

### **c. Approval for last draw to cover the final payment**

This issue was covered in item 6.c above.

**d. Update on grant from the Waterways Commission**

The Waterways Commission provided an additional \$3,117 of funding.

**e. Update on sediment control activities in areas around the lake**

None at this time.

**10. Committee Reports**

**a. Water Quality Committee: Keegstra**

A plan for stream sampling in 2020 has been created; sampling will begin in May. The 2019 point-intercept survey report was received from Sara Hatleli. She is preparing a proposal for sampling in 2020 that will allow us to measure the impact of dredging on plant life in Lake Redstone. It will be presented next month. Online training for the clean boats clean water program will take place in the coming weeks.

**b. Social Media: Mittelstadt- Decision on contract for LRPD App**

Bev Vaillancourt provided a presentation on the app. See above.

**11. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie**

East Redstone and Dutch Hollow roads will be seal coated next week. Some buoys are missing by the boat landing. A loan was refinanced for 1.69%. Dutch Hollow road will be redone next year.

**12. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman**

Nothing to report.

**13. Agenda items for June 9<sup>th</sup> meeting:**

Contract for point-intercept survey, Cason contract, decision on time and place for Annual Meeting

**14. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm when business was complete.

**AD/May 29, 2020**

**KK/June 1, 2020**