

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 2, 2023, 6 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.

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

2. Roll Call:

Present: Brad Horner, Ken Keegstra, Mike Mittelstadt, Pat Sullivan, Peter Kinsman, Ray Demaskie

Others: Al Baade, Anna Demaskie, Sue Walters Phone: Dave Crockett

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda by Pat Sullivan, second by Horner. Motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes for April 11th regular meeting

Motion to approve April 11 minutes by Horner, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

6. Treasurer’s Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

MB&E	Review of 2022 finances	\$ 2,000.00
Payroll solutions	1 st quarter payroll	\$ 134.00
Mike Mittelstadt	Lakes conference expenses	\$ 650.98
Pat Sullivan	Lakes conference expenses	\$ 475.54
Lichte Insurance	Insurance policy renewal	\$ 1,562.00
Sara Hatleli	Report of bay PI 2022 surveys	\$ 1,000.00
Community First savings	Lottery payout to dredging savings	<u>\$ 6,832.51</u>
	TOTAL	\$12,655.03

Royal Bank Deposits

Sauk County	Lottery & gaming payout	\$ 6,832.51
WDNR	Advance for grant #LPT80632	\$14,202.85
WDNR	Advance for grant #LPT79623P	\$10,875.00

Motion to approve current vouchers by Keegstra, second by Horner. Motion carried.

b. Review monthly financial reports

c. Begin preparation of 2024 budget proposal

Burke presented a proposed 2024 draft budget with some numbers in certain categories. Budget requests from committees should be prepared by May 24th special meeting. The budget should be nearly complete at the June meeting. Minor adjustments can be made at the July meeting; the proposed budget needs to be sent out with the Annual Meeting notice, which needs to be in the mail by July 17th.

7. Chairman’s Report

a. Presentation by Matt Stieve

Stieve oversees operation of the dam on behalf of Sauk County, who owns the dam. In 2016, the county lowered the lake to perform an inspection of the spillway because some rocks had fallen off. At that time, it was noticed that some stones in the spillway were missing. The WDNR gave the county until 2023 to make repairs. Stieve has asked for a 1-year extension and hopes that the repairs will not be needed at all. If the repairs need to be done this year, the lake will need to be lowered again while the

repairs are made. If the extension is granted, the lake will not be lowered until next year. If the dam engineers can convince the WDNR that the repairs are not needed, then they will simply monitor the spillway.

One of the reasons that Stieve is reluctant to lower the lake again is that he is concerned about the condition of the underground culvert that is used when allowing water to come out of the bottom draw valve. It is now more than 50 years old and made of metal. He is concerned that water rushing through the culvert could cause erosion at weak spots if they exist. Because of these concerns, he is investigating the possibility of making repairs to the aging culvert, which he considers to be a larger threat than the missing stones in the spillway.

This led to a brief discussion of how to use the bottom draw valve to allow phosphorus-rich water to exit the lake during the summer months. Stieve did not think using the bottom draw culvert for this purpose was a viable option. Instead, he suggested that a siphon with a control valve might be a better option. He suggested that if the LRPD wanted to explore this option, they should begin discussions with the WDNR.

b. Discussion of goose population

Sue Walters raised a concern that the goose population on Lake Redstone is very high and wondered what could be done to control it. Stieve indicated that Sauk County does not need to use goose control measures at White Mound because of natural predators. But he pointed out that it is possible to obtain a DNR permit to oil their eggs. The water quality committee will look into options.

c. Discussion and decision on decal for no-till drill

Dustin Ladd from Juneau County would like a decal to put on the no till drill for which the LRPD provided some funding. After some discussion, it was agreed that Mittelstadt would get a decal produced at a company in Mauston that Ladd used. The question of a new logo also came up in the discussion. Keegstra will ask his son, Kurt, who is a graphic artist, for possible new logo ideas that the board can consider.

d. Final decisions on Sauk County grant submissions

Grant applications are due May 31st. The board intends to submit three different applications. One to support tributary monitoring with the USGS will request \$20,000. Keegstra is working with Keegan Johnson of the USGS to prepare this application. Another application will request \$10,000 for Meadowlark weir project to make up for the shortfall caused by the WDNR reduced funding. Mittelstadt will prepare this application. A third application will request \$13,500 in funding to set up a shoreline demonstration area at the unloading site in Mourning Dove Bay. Mittelstadt is working with Mitch McCarthy to prepare this application. Keegstra made a motion to submit three applications for a total of \$43,500 to Sauk County, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

e. Update on status of joint LRPOA/LRPD welcome letter

The letter should specify that requests for email address should be for both the property association and the protection district. Board would like to be included in the letter and approval to add the LRPD for email requests.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Report from attendees at 2023 lakes convention

Both Mittelstadt and Sullivan provided a brief oral report of what interesting things they learned at the 2023 lakes convention. Many presentations will be on the Lakes Conference web site within a few weeks.

b. Review draft agenda for 2023 annual meeting

Keegstra distributed a draft agenda for the 2023 annual meeting following the format used in recent years. The meeting will be held at the La Valle Town Hall on Saturday, August 5, 2023. The agenda will need to be finalized at the June meeting, so that it can be prepared for inclusion in the Annual Meeting notice.

9. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

The board of review is Thursday. Nothing else to report to LRPD.

10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

The Sauk County board supports the hiring of an employee to oversee lake management projects. The Hemlock Dam project is moving onto the bid and contractor stage. A fiber optic line needs to be moved before construction begins.

11. Committee Reports

a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee

Mittelstadt reported that the committee has volunteers looking at specific tasks. For example, one volunteer is getting updates on changes in agricultural practices in the watershed while another is contacting the fishing club regarding a carp contest.

b. Water Quality Projects Committee

i. Status report on updating APMP

The report on the 2022 PI survey from Hatleli has been received. With respect to the updated Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APMP), the public comment period has closed with only a single comment received. The plan has been sent to the WDNR for final approval, which is expected because the DNR staff have already reviewed it. Keegstra made a motion that the LRPD board should adopt the new APMP for the next five years, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

ii. CBCW update

Sara and Lexi, the CBCW inspectors from last year, will return this year. Sullivan would like to increase hours by 25%. Supplies are needed for the program including decals, clipboards, and a new trunk. Keegstra made a motion to spend up to \$150 to pay for supplies, second by Horner. Motion carried. The revised APMP mentions the possibility of having an I-lid device to monitor the boat landing when no one is there. Sullivan will explore this option and report back to the board.

c. Sediment Control Committee

i. Update on status of weir project above Martin-Meadowlark Bay

Scott from Jewel needs to be contacted. The project may need to be put out for bids in 2024 because the cost of the project exceeds our authorization. Our attorney has rerecorded the easements that were about to expire.

ii. Update on status of Chickadee south project

The landowner agreement needs to be reviewed by a lawyer. The geographic description requires updating. Exhibit A was added. Once the changes are made, a signature by the landowner is needed.

iii. Other projects under consideration for 2023

Priorities are to clear the brush from gullies and retention ponds thereby increasing waterflow. They hope to pursue some smaller projects in 2023.

iv. Report on activities of producer-led coop

Sullivan attended a meeting of the coop to represent the LRPD. There was a demonstration recently which featured the no till drill. Several growers offered positive comments on the no-till drill. There was a preliminary discussion of plans for a field day this summer.

d. Education & Outreach Committee

i. Update on 2023 Newsletter

The newsletter is completed and will be sent out this week.

ii. Plans for June 3rd education event

There will be door prizes, root beer floats and banners. There will be multiple tables, the no-till drill will be on display. There will also be demonstrations with the rain-fall simulator by Sauk County folks.

iii. Plans for Shoreline Showcase event

Planning is proceeding for shoreline showcase event. Details are still being worked out. It may depend upon how many property owners volunteer to showcase their shoreline.

12. Agenda items for June 13th regular meeting

Budget, Annual Meeting

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned when all business was complete at 8:46 pm.

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