

**LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 14, 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:**

Brad Horner, Mike Mittelstadt, Pat Sullivan, Ray Demaskie      Others: Anna Demaskie, Tom  
Albert      Phone: Ken Keegstra, Paul Burke, Al Baade

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda by Sullivan, second by Burke. Motion carried.

**4. Approval of minutes for January 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting and February 16<sup>th</sup> special meeting**

Motion to approve January 10<sup>th</sup> minutes by Sullivan, second by Burke. Motion carried.

Motion to approve February 16<sup>th</sup> minutes by Burke, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

**5. Public Input**      None

**6. Treasurer's Financial Report**

**a. Approve vouchers**

Town of LaValle	buoy purchase	\$ 821.00
MBE	process 1099 forms	\$ 140.00
Wisconsin Lakes	annual membership fee	\$ 750.00
Community First Bank	Meronek Meadows loan	<u>\$8,169.00</u>
Total		<u>\$9,880.00</u>

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

**b. Review monthly financial reports**

The remaining balance on the Meronek Meadows loan is \$8,493.06.

**c. Progress on external review of finances for presentation at 2023 Annual Meeting**

Burke and Baade held a lengthy phone call with Hillary Sorge at MBE to provide information that is needed for them to complete the external review. MBE expects to have the review completed by sometime in May.

**7. Chairman's Report**

**a. Update on status of joint LRPOA/LRPD welcome letter**

There has been no response from the LRPOA on this issue. Because the letter will be a joint communication from both organizations, it was decided that we should follow up to make sure it is completed. Horner and Sullivan will follow up.

**b. Final list of attendees for Lakes Convention in Stevens Point (April 19-21, 2023)**

Mike Mittelstadt and Pat Sullivan will attend.

**c. Discussion of lawyer for LRPD**

Max Buckner, our attorney for the dredging project, worked for LaRowe and Gerlach. However, this firm has been dissolved and Mr. Bruckner is now part of Boardman and Clark, working in their Baraboo office. William O'Connor, who helped with our by-law revision, also works for Boardman and Clark. After a brief discussion it was decided to continue to use Mr. Bruckner when legal advice is needed.

**8. Secretary's Report**

**a. Report on ideas from Keegan Johnson regarding sampling small inlet streams**

Johnson presented a proposal to measure the quantities of phosphorus and sediment that enter Lake Redstone via the small streams at Martin-Meadowlark, Swallow and Eagle Bays. The cost would be

\$44,000. The protection district would fund \$33,000 and USGS would provide \$11,000. Keegstra made a motion to work with Johnson to refine the current proposal and based on the refined proposal, to apply for support from the 2023 Sauk County grant program. The motion was second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

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

The town has approved road bids for this year. The Cobble Dick road project has been postponed. Smith Road bridge project has been approved for 2023 and Stout Road bridge will be completed in 2024. The short-term rental ordinance is in the process of being rewritten.

**10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman**

No report.

**11. Committee Reports**

**a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee**

Mittelstadt reported that the counties will not apply for a TRM grant. They proposed instead that Sauk County can provide a half-time person to help with plan implementation. The details of this alternative proposal are still being worked out.

The committee decided that it would be over-kill to use a cloud-based project management software to track progress. Rather, they will use a spreadsheet to break down milestones down by years. In generating an updated milestone spreadsheet, the PIC noticed that some milestones from appendices E to H were not included when Appendix I was generated. They have updated the PIC milestone spreadsheet and recommend that the other 3 committees do the same. Disagreements about which committee should handle the new milestones will be resolved at the May special meeting.

**b. Water Quality Projects Committee**

**i. Status report on APMP**

Sara Hatleli provided a draft of the revised APMP. She is particularly interested in feedback on the goals, strategies and objectives presented in section 6 of the revised plan. In general, comments were positive about the goals, strategies, and objectives. Given the decline in native plants in Lake Redstone, board members were supportive of efforts to protect them. The district has already secured funding for a CBCW program next year. There was interest in the I-LIDS program mentioned in goal 3, but there was some question about whether adequate 4G signal was available at the boar landings. The board will investigate the feasibility of using the I-LIDS system. There was also interest in the objective of exploring the use of weevils to control EWM. However, there were some questions that will be answered as the process moves forward.

**ii. Support for lake monitoring program in 2023**

Tom Walters will again coordinate the water sampling program in 2023. Chlorophyll and phosphorus will be tested in three places as was done in previous years. Keegstra proposed that the district should include additional phosphorus measurements near the bottom. Keegstra made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 to conduct sampling for lake monitoring, second by Burke. Motion carried.

**c. Sediment Control Committee**

**i. Plans for implementation of 2 new grants**

The approval from the DNR for both grants is still pending. The DNR needs additional paperwork because the district does not own the property where the projects will be performed. The construction plan for the Chickadee South project has not been received from the engineering firm.

**ii. Other projects under consideration for 2023**

Twelve sites will be visited on March 15<sup>th</sup> to prioritize them for action in 2023. Many of these are the same sites that were reviewed last year. In early May, the maintenance plan will be implemented by taking photos of the existing sediment control devices. The photos will be compared with those from last year to evaluate the status of each site. All the photos will be archived in the cloud for use if future years.

**d. Education & Outreach Committee**

**i. Progress on 2023 Newsletter**

Eleven articles have been written and are being edited before sending them to Kristin. One article on trees is still in progress. Additional photos are welcome.

**ii. Plans for Education and Outreach 2023**

The committee is working on activities for the coming year. They hope to hold 10 activities, including a property showcase and some type of educational workshop.

**12. Agenda items for April 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting**

Newsletter update; Letter to new residents

**13. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned when all business was complete at 8:06 pm.

**AD/April 2, 2023**

**KK/April 4, 2023**