

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Special Board Meeting

Thursday, April 14, 2022 1:00 pm

MINUTES

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

Mittelstadt called the meeting to order at 1 pm. He confirmed that the meeting was properly posted and complied with open meeting laws.

2. Roll Call: Present: Paul Burke, Pat Sullivan, Ken Keegstra, and Mike Mittelstadt
Absent: Brad Horner, Ray Demaskie, and Peter Kinsman.

3. Approval of Agenda

Burke made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

4. Discuss options for implementation of the 9-key element plan

Mittelstadt explained that he and Brad Horner met earlier in the week to prepare an outline for the special meeting. They offered two different options for how the LRPD board should organize committees of volunteers and board members for pursuing implementation. Both plans included retaining the two standing committees, i.e., the water quality committee and the sediment control committee, and assigning relevant tasks to them. Plan 1 proposed a total of 8 different committees that aligned with various parts of the plan. Plan 2 proposed that the board should form 2 additional committees, one for education and outreach activities and another for cross functional activities that did not fit into either of the standing committees. After a brief discussion, there was unanimous agreement for using the second option. A suggestion was made that it might be good to have a total of 5 different committees, one headed by each elected board member. It was agreed that if the discussion revealed a natural split of the cross functional activities, these might be split into two groups. But as the discussion unfolded, a natural division among the cross functional activities was not identified. So, at the end of the meeting, it was decided to move forward with a total of 4 committees.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to prioritizing the activities listed in Appendix I of the 9-key element plan. Mittelstadt explained that this appendix was assembled in the final stages of the plan approval process and was intended to provide integration and cost estimates for the activities described in appendices E, F, G, and H. He also mentioned that some inconsistencies exist among the various appendices and that these will need to be resolved as we move forward with implementation.

In assigning priorities, it was decided to focus only on those activities that will be pursued in the first 3 years. It was pointed out that prioritization of the various activities will need to be reviewed periodically, and that activities planned for years 4 to 6 and years 7 to 10 can be prioritized as implementation moves forward.

It was also noted that several of the activities planned for the first 3 years are already underway. These include the lake monitoring program, stream monitoring, several activities being pursued by the sediment control committee and activities being pursued by the producer-led cooperative. These should be ranked as a top priority.

The results of the priority ranking were added to an additional column in a modified Appendix I. This modified version of Appendix I should be part of the official implementation records and should be periodically reviewed and updated.

Toward the end of the meeting, it was agreed that the current prioritization was a good start, but that this was just the beginning of a process that will continue for the coming year and for many years to come. It will be important to make plans for how the board should monitor progress and how the 4 implementation committees should communicate among themselves and with board.

Finally, there was a brief discussion of next steps. It was agreed that a grant was needed to implement the repairs to the weir above Martin-Meadowlark Bay. Mittelstadt will discuss possible options with Arthur Watkinson from the WDNR. Mittelstadt will also contact Lisa Wilson from Sauk County in an effort to make an appointment to discuss possible collaborative ways to fund a county position to help with implementing the 9-key element plan. Sullivan will speak with Serge Koenig from Sauk County about helping with issues along the east side of Lake Redstone. Keegstra will speak with Dustin Ladd from Juneau County about helping with issues in the upper portions of the watershed, i.e., in Juneau County. Sullivan and Keegstra are working with Mitch McCarthy from Sauk County to perform transect surveys in the watershed and will each try to recruit additional volunteers to help.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

KK/April 16, 2022

Board approval/May 11, 2022