

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Board Meeting
Thursday, February 18, 2021 6:00 pm
Location: Town of La Valle Hall, 324 Hwy 33, LaValle, WI 53941

MINUTES

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

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Chair Mike Mittelstadt. He verified that the meeting was in compliance with open meeting laws.

2. Roll Call:

Pat Sullivan, Paul Burke, Mike Mittelstadt, Ken Keegstra Absent: Ray Demaskie, Peter Kinsman
Others: Richard Fish, Anna Demaskie Phone: Brad Horner, Al Baade, Cary Dudczak

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of minutes for January 12th regular meeting and January 26th special meeting

Motion to approve January 12th minutes by Sullivan, second by Burke. Motion carried.

Motion to approve January 26th minutes by Burke, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

<u>Paid to:</u>	<u>Purpose:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
Sara Hatleli	Prepare 2020 PI survey report	\$ 3,000.00
Paul Burke	Printer cartridges	\$ 142.40
MB&E	Process 1099 forms for 2020	\$ 77.20
Payroll solutions	Prepare payroll reports for 2020	\$ 241.40
TOTAL		\$ 3,461.00

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

LaRowe, Gerlach, Taggart LLP Review agreements \$157.50

Motion to pay from dredging savings account by Keegstra, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

Jewell Assoc. MM construction services \$143.20

Motion to pay from Meronek Meadows loan by Sullivan, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

b. Review monthly financial reports

7. Chairman's Report

a. Update on FEMA applications

Brian Williams had no new information about our dredging request. Still waiting on denial letter. With respect to the Meronek Meadows request, the two forms needed to receive the reimbursement have been submitted. We have not heard on the status of the funds since the forms were submitted.

b. Update on completion of dredging associated activities by Kaiyuh Services

Mittelstadt has not heard anything from Kaiyuh, despite multiple inquiries. There was a brief discussion of how to proceed if they do not respond. No decisions were made.

c. Approve payment request from Kaiyuh Services

Not yet submitted.

d. Update on by-laws revision

The revisions made at the special meeting were reviewed by board members. No additional changes were suggested. The next step is to have this version reviewed by the attorney. Al Baade will send it to him.

e. Plans for Sauk County grants program

A call for grant applications in 2021 has been issued by Sauk County. The rules are similar to last year and applications are due on June 24th. We need to decide in the next month or two what should be submitted this year. Two possible projects are the repair of the damaged weir above Martin Meadowlark bay and extending the stream sampling by USGS for another year. No final decisions were made.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Update on articles for 2021 newsletter

Most articles have already been submitted and March 1st is the deadline for the remaining articles. Once available, the text and photos for all the articles will be sent to Kristin Groth for formatting and editing. Once an early draft is available it will be sent to all authors. The goal is to send the newsletter to all property owners by early May.

b. Wisconsin water week-March 8-12, 2021-who should participate?

Keegstra made a motion that the board should invite committee members to attend the virtual Wisconsin Water Week for up to three days and be reimbursed by the district for the registration cost, second by Sullivan. Motion carried. If any committee members attend the meeting, they should submit reimbursement requests to Burke.

9. Committee Reports

a. Lake Management plan progress

i. Report on January zoom meeting

The summary of the January meeting has not yet been completed. The February meeting will be next on Thursday, February 25th. It is hoped that writing the plan will begin soon because this will take considerable time and the final plan needs to be submitted to the DNR for approval, which will also take time.

ii. Update on milestones for the management plan

The management plan will deal with nutrients and sediment that come from four areas: 1) the sub-watersheds drained by the East and West branches of Big Creek, 2) the sub-watersheds drained by gullies closer to the lake, 3) the sub-watersheds made up of lawns and properties around the lake, and 4) the lake itself. The plan should have milestones that deal with each of these areas. The board is encouraged to offer opinions to Dave Blumer on milestones that they think should be included or issues that should be addressed in the plan.

b. Water Quality Committee

i. Review of 2020 aquatic plant survey reports-Keegstra

The district has received the report from Sara Hatleli describing the results of the point intercept surveys that were performed last summer. Surveys were performed on extra bays in both 2019 and 2020 in an effort to evaluate the impact of dredging on the aquatic plants in the lake. The results showed that there was a decline in both invasive species and native aquatic plants. Her report contained a total of six recommendations as well as lots of specific information. Only three recommendations were discussed at the meeting. These were: 1) protect native aquatic plants; 2) consider genetic testing of milfoil to detect presence of hybrid milfoil; and 3) determine whether any EWM control efforts are needed in Chickadee, Hummingbird, Oriole, and Quail bays.

In preparation for discussion of these recommendations, Keegstra consulted with Dave Blumer from LEAPS and Susan Graham from the DNR. They both agreed that native plants should be protected. Susan Graham supported the recommendation that genetic testing should be done on milfoil samples from Lake Redstone. She indicated that hybrid milfoil is more resistant to herbicides, so knowing if it is present could impact control efforts. She indicated that the DNR might be able to help with the cost (she thought it was about \$50/sample). She also will find out who can perform the genetic testing for us. Keegstra will follow up on this issue.

ii. Discussion and decision on 2021 treatment options-Keegstra

Dave Blumer suggested one possible option would be to request permission to perform whole bay treatments on Chickadee, Hummingbird, and Quail bays. The cost would be about \$7,000 to \$8,000, depending on what areas were treated. Susan Graham was also consulted about whether early spring whole bay treatments should be considered. She consulted with the DNR “tech team” and their strong recommendation was that we should wait another year. She said that a request for a permit to perform early spring treatments would be declined and explained the reasons. She said that the DNR will consider allowing summer spot treatments, if EWM becomes a serious problem this summer. Thus, Keegstra recommended that we should monitor EWM and other invasive species this coming summer and be prepared to act if they become a nuisance. The water quality committee will develop contingency plans.

c. Sediment Control Committee: Sullivan

i. Update on Shoreline Activities-Horner

Horner recapped his plans for summer workshops. He intends to advertise them in the newsletter article and schedule them depending on the number of folks who show interest. He is working on identifying local landscapers who can help property owners who want to make improvements.

ii. Committee activities update

Sullivan has been considering what areas should be addressed first. He is considering addressing areas above Chickadee bay. He will schedule a committee meeting to discuss these plans in March.

iii. Swallow update

Sullivan and Fish have been working on the documents needed to advertise and solicit bids for repair of the Swallow bay spillway. Keegstra made a motion for Sullivan and Fish to put together the bid package and select a date to open the bids, second by Burke. Motion carried. Follow up is still needed to get an easement from an adjacent property owner to cross his land. The goal is to have the repairs completed by June 1st.

iv. Martin-Meadowlark update

Jewell will create a proposal for how to repair the damaged weir above Martin Meadowlark bay. The design plans will be delivered to Mittelstadt.

d. Social Media: Mittelstadt

Nothing new.

10. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

None

11. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

None

12. Agenda items for March 9th meeting

Continue those agenda items that were not completed this month.

13. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm when all business was complete.

AD/March 1, 2021

KK/March 6, 2021