

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 8, 2022, 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

Phone: Paul Burke, Ken Keegstra, Al Baade Others: Anna Demaskie

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda by Demaskie, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

4. Approval of minutes for January 11th regular meeting

Burke questioned whether item 6.b in the January minutes accurately captured the discussion held in January. Keegstra made a motion to amend item 6.b of the January minutes to clarify that the treasurer was authorized to pay both the dredging loan and the Meronek Meadows loan when they were due, second by Burke. Motion carried. Motion by Horner to approve January 11th minutes as amended, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

Payroll Solutions	Phone call and postage	\$ 28.18
SSWIG	workshop	\$ 250.00
Sara Hatleli	Aquatic plant survey	\$ 2,090.00
Jewell	Meadowlark permits	\$ 512.50
Juneau County	Payment for USGS stream sampling	<u>\$ 9,000.00</u>
TOTAL		\$11,880.68

b. Review monthly financial reports

Baade, Sullivan, and Burke will review and update the format of the balance sheet showing the annual budget.

7. Chairman's Report

a. Update on WEM payments for Meronek Meadows project

Nothing new to report.

b. Decision on polo shirts for LRPD board members

Mittelstadt explored the possibility that the LRPD should purchase polo shirts for board members to wear at events such as the Lakes Conference, the LRPD annual meeting or other such events. He reported that Checkered Flag in Reedsburg could produce them for about \$30 to \$40 per shirt. He proposed the shirts will be royal blue and have a LRPD logo embroidered on them. The breakdown of costs was: shirt cost is \$15-\$17 each, embroidering costs are \$12-\$13 per shirt, and a one-time set up fee of \$40 or \$50. After a brief discussion, Mittelstadt made a motion to purchase one shirt for each board member at a total cost of no more of \$300, second by Sullivan. Motion carried. If board members want additional shirts, they can purchase them at their own expense.

c. Decision on membership renewal in Wisconsin Lakes Partnership

Mittelstadt explained that the district received a request to renew our membership in the Wisconsin Lakes Partnership. He favors joining again this year as the partnership is involved in trying to get the legislature to make changes to Chapter 33 of the Wisconsin Statutes that regulate lake districts. Many of

the proposed changes would benefit the LRPD. Mittelstadt made a motion to rejoin the lakes partnership for \$750, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Update on spring 2022 Newsletter

Keegstra contacted Kristin Groth and she has agreed to do the layout and editing for the 2022 newsletter again this year. Two articles have already been received: an article by Dustin Ladd on the producer-led cooperative and an article by Nick Hewitt on fishing club activities. Others were encouraged to get articles finished before the March meeting.

b. Update on attendees for Wisconsin Lakes Convention in Stevens Point

Mittelstadt and Sullivan are going to the convention. Keegstra is leaning towards yes, Horner is undecided and Burke likely will not attend.

9. Committee Reports

a. Discussion on Lake Management plan

i. Update on WDNR review of revised plan

Mittelstadt reported that the revised lake management plan was approved by the DNR. The DNR will place the revised plan on their website where approved plans are available to the public. Mittelstadt said that he will place a copy on the LRPD website. Substantial revisions were made to the plan based on the feedback from the DNR regarding the version of the plan submitted in October. One major change is the addition of a new appendix (Appendix I). Board members were encouraged to read the revised plan to make sure they understand the activities proposed in the plan, which covers 10 years.

ii. Update on preparing reimbursement requests to DNR-Keegstra

Keegstra reported the DNR is nearly finished reviewing our request for reimbursement of the phase 1 grant that supported preparation of the lake management plan. We should receive those funds soon. He also reported that he was not able to complete the reimbursement requests for grants that supported phases 2 or 3 of the plan preparation. These will be completed later this spring when all folks are back from Florida. We have until June 30th to complete these requests.

iii. Update on planning for plan implementation-Horner

Horner reviewed the major points agreed upon earlier as the district prepares for implementation of the plan. This was followed by a discussion of how to move forward with implementation, including ideas about locating consultants that can help us and recruiting volunteers to help with various projects. It was proposed that the board needs a block of time to discuss this issue outside the time constraints of our normal monthly meetings. It was proposed we should have a special meeting to discuss this topic once everyone is back from Florida. Tentatively, a special meeting will be held Thursday, April 14th at 1pm.

b. Water Quality Committee-Keegstra

i. Status of grant to update Aquatic Plant Management Plan

The district received a letter from Laura MacFarland of the DNR stating that our grant application has been approved for funding and that the starting date will be March 15. The official grant agreement will come later in February or early March.

ii. Planning for milfoil control in 2022

Keegstra described the phone discussion that he had with Andrew McFerrin and Nick Johnson from Aquatic Plant Management, LLC and Sara Hatleli from Aquatic Plant & Habitat Services, LLC. The resulting recommendations were based on the results of the EWM surveys performed by Cason in the fall of 2021. Both Andrew and Sara recommended that DASH should focus on dense areas of EWM and that it was best to focus on specific areas rather than to jump around the lake. The discussion was summarized in a specific proposal created by Sara Hatleli for how to prioritize EWM in the summer of 2022. Based on this proposal, Keegstra made a motion to do up to four days of DASH for a total of \$10,400 plus travel costs, second by Burke. The motion carried. Briefly, the DASH harvesting will focus in four areas: the beds of EWM by the Section 11

boat landing, and three other areas of dense EWM along the west shoreline between the Section 11 boat landing and the mouth of Chickadee Bay. Keegstra will inform Andrew of the board's decision so that he can prepare a contract for board approval at our next meeting. DNR permits will be needed.

iii. Clean Boats/Clean Water update-Sullivan

Sullivan is looking for watercraft inspectors to work at the landings this summer. He plans on advertising the position (s) in March/April. He requested a budget to advertise for the positions. Sullivan made a motion to allocate up to \$300 for advertising, second by Demaskie. The motion passed. Training would happen in May with inspections starting Memorial Day weekend.

c. Sediment Control Committee

i. Update on committee activities-Sullivan

The next meeting of the committee will occur in April and will focus on prioritizing the various projects identified in surveys last fall, including Chickadee south.

ii. Martin-Meadowlark weir update-Mittelstadt

The Army Core of Engineers ruled that an additional permit from them will not be needed to perform the work above Martin-Meadowlark Bay. The next issue will be to find funds to perform the work. The DNR has grant programs that might be used for this purpose, but we can't apply until next November and won't learn the results until early in 2023. It was agreed that we should continue to explore other sources of support to fund this project.

iii. Swallow weir update-Sullivan

The repairs to the Swallow Bay weir have been completed. Mittelstadt submitted the final report to Sauk County. They also wanted a copy of our recently approved management plan, so he sent them one. They have acknowledged receipt and we should soon get the final payment from the Sauk County grant that supported this project.

d. Social Media: Mittelstadt

Regular updates.

10. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

Demaskie reported that the revised ordinance to limit the locations where enhanced wake boats could operate is continuing to be developed. The ordinance will require review by an attorney before a public hearing is held. We will be notified once the hearing is scheduled. The process will take time with the final step being a review by the DNR.

11. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

12. Agenda items for March 8th meeting

Clean boats clean waters

13. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned when all business was complete at 8:11pm.

AD/ February 22, 2022

KK/February 27, 2022