

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 14, 2021, 6 pm

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, Ken Keegstra, Mike Mittelstadt, Paul Burke, Pat Sullivan, Ray Demaskie, Peter Kinsman
Phone: Cary Dudczak Others: Anna Demaskie

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of minutes for November 3rd regular meeting and November 17th partners meeting

Motion to approve November 3 minutes by Burke, second by Horner. Motion carried.

Motion to approve November 17 minutes by Horner, second by Burke. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

LEAPS	final bill for lake mgt plan grant #1	\$1,012.00
LEAPS	final bill for lake mgt plan grant #2	\$ 454.83
LEAPS	final bill for lake mgt plan grant #3	\$2,822.40
Jewell Assoc.	professional services- meadow weir	\$ 205.77
	DNR dam repair permit-meadowlark weir	\$ 512.50
Jewell Assoc.	professional services-meadow weir	\$1,021.19
WI Lab of Hygiene	lake sample testing	\$ 156.00
Payroll Solutions	payroll tax and quarterly reports	<u>\$ 134.00</u>
Total		\$6,317.69

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

b. Review monthly financial reports

c. Review and approve 4th quarter pay requests

Motion to approve pay requests by Sullivan, second by Horner. Motion carried.

7. Chairman's Report

a. Update on WEM payments for Meronek Meadows project

On Friday, December 17th at 9:30, Burke will meet Brian Williams from Wisconsin Emergency Management at the Town Hall to scan in documents pertaining to Meronek Meadows and management hours. They will try to finalize all records needed for reimbursement of the state share of project.

b. Plans to submit final report on Martin-Meadowlark weir project to Sauk County

The report is prepared with only format changes needed before submission.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Follow up items from Annual Partners meeting

Serge Koenig from Sauk County recommends continuing with stream sampling beyond the 2021-2022 year that is currently underway. This sentiment was shared by others at the partners meeting. If the district wishes to pursue this recommendation, they will need to identify funding sources to continue the program well before the current project expires in September of 2022.

Dale Robertson is still interested in performing lake modeling studies on Lake Redstone and Pat Oldenburg is willing to help. Keegstra will continue discussions aimed at performing the lake modeling studies, but the studies will not begin until the second year of stream monitoring is completed.

There was interest among meeting participants in the sediment control activities being pursued by the district. The county folks suggested that one possible action the district could do to engage with farmers in the watershed is to provide financial assistance to those producers who want to pursue educational opportunities. It was agreed that the district should investigate ways to implement this suggestion.

b. Possible topics for spring Newsletter

Keegstra proposed several topics that should be included in the 2022 newsletter. These include: the newly formulated lake management plan and the activities associated with it, the activities of the producer-led cooperative, the shoreline improvement workshop planned for summer of 2022, sediment control projects, update from the fishing club, stream sampling results, grant to update aquatic plant management plan, and a report on FEMA support for Meronek Meadows repairs. These topics will be reviewed again next month to see if other projects should be added. Authors for each article need to be identified at the January meeting.

c. Plans to submit final report on stream sampling project to Sauk County

The final report is ready and Mittelstadt will submit it to Sauk County following minor format changes.

9. Committee Reports

a. Discussion on Lake Management plan

i. Status of WDNR review-Keegstra

Andrew Craig from the WDNR reports that his review of the plan is about one third complete and should be finished by end of December or early January. It will be followed by an EPA review. Both reviews should be done by end of February.

ii. Update on preparing reimbursement requests to DNR-Keegstra

Keegstra is working on the reimbursement request for the phase 1 grant that supported preparation of the lake management plan. The final report and request for reimbursement for all 3 phases of planning grants need to be completed by June 30, 2022.

iii. Planning for implementation of the plan-Horner

Horner prepared a handout outlining a proposal for pursuing the activities described in the lake management plan. Mittelstadt noted that not all goals in the proposed plan would qualify as SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time-bounded) goals. He suggested that before we begin implementing the plan that all goals should be modified to be SMART goals. Horner's handout proposed a plan for dividing the goals among the members of the board to oversee their implementation. It was noted that implementation of the plan will require assistance from both consultants and teams of volunteers. After an extended discussion, it was agreed that Horner's proposal was a great start, but that more detailed discussions and more detailed plans should be formulated before implementation activities began. It was also agreed that annual review of progress and periodic course corrections would be needed.

b. Water Quality Committee-Keegstra

i. Status of grant to update APMP

The grant application is under review. One activity proposed for the grant, if it is funded, is to perform a survey of district property owners. In anticipation of the grant being funded a subgroup of the water quality committee is beginning to work on the survey questions. The hope is to have the survey ready to go in the spring.

ii. Update on stream sampling program for 2021-22

The sampling is underway with November and December samples being collected.

iii. Planning for milfoil control in 2022

We are still waiting on the results of the fall survey performed by Cason last September and the point intercept surveys performed by Sara Hatleli last August. Once the results are available, plans will be finalized to implement control activities next summer.

c. Sediment Control Committee

i. Report on November committee meeting-Sullivan

The committee visited ten bays that were identified as potential areas for future control actions and created priorities based five criteria. Four areas that rated as high priority are in Cardinal bay, Chickadee south, Eagle bay, and the gullies above Fox court. The group will continue to develop plans for actions to be implemented during 2022.

ii. Martin-Meadowlark weir update-Mittelstadt

The permit has been received and the final report on this project needs to be submitted to Sauk county. The challenge now is to identify sources of funding to perform the repairs described in the design plans. One possibility is to pursue grants from sources other than the DNR because the next DNR deadlines are not until November of 2022.

iii. Swallow weir update-Sullivan

The rock rip-rap has been installed. The repairs are essentially complete.

d. District records storage-Keegstra

Progress on this topic will need to wait until all officers are available. This will likely not happen until the spring of 2022.

e. Social Media: Mittelstadt

10. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

The town is ready for winter. The new ordinance under consideration for both lakes is currently at a standstill because of health issues among Town of Woodland board members. A meeting to discuss traffic flow issues with Wisconsin Department of Transportation will be held Thursday afternoon at the Town Hall.

11. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

The lake grants program will be available again in 2022.

12. Agenda items for January meeting

Newsletter planning, continue preparation for lake management plan implementation,

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned when all business was complete at 8:48pm.

AD/January 3, 2022

KK/January 5, 2022