

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting
Thursday, July 5, 2018

Minutes

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

Ecklund called the meeting to order at 6 pm. Keegstra confirmed that the agenda had been posted at the three normal locations, as required by the open meeting law.

2. Roll Call

Present: Walters, Burke, Keegstra, Ecklund, Choroszy, and Dietz. Absent: Demaskie. Others: Jim Mercier, Dick Fish, Ryan Witt, Al Baade, Dennis & Lynn Wallace, Betty Booz, Mike Mittelstadt, Brad Horner, Cary Dudczak, Ronald Naylor, Heidi Geils, Bill Beelow

3. Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Burke to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

4. Discussion of dredging bids and implications for moving forward in 2018

The three bids received on June 26, and summarized in the bid evaluation form prepared by Ayres, were discussed. All three bidders proposed to use the extended schedule, beginning the project in fall of 2018 and completing it in the spring of 2019. The two lowest bidders did not provide a quote for Contract B, covering disposal site reclamation. This creates a problem for accepting the lowest bid in that it does not cover disposal site reclamation, an essential part of the overall project. It was also mentioned there may be potential difficulties of having two contractors cooperate on the disposal site, with one responsible for creating the disposal site and a different one responsible for reclaiming the filled site.

Although several dredging companies from Wisconsin attended the pre-bid meeting on June 5, none submitted a bid. Dick Fish was asked by the dredging committee to contact some of the firms and inquire why they did not submit bids. He was able to contact four firms. He summarized their major concerns. One was the dredging schedule. They could not complete the dredging in the fall of 2018 and did not want to interrupt the project during the winter. A second major concern was having a single disposal site; they felt it would be much more efficient to have multiple disposal sites, preferably within 1 mile of the dredging sites. A third concern was that the dewatering method was specified to be geotubes. There are other options and the dredgers felt they should be able to propose effective alternatives. Dick presented a written report to the dredging committee; it will be discussed at their next meeting.

Paul Burke reported that he had received a request from the Wisconsin Waterway Commission for more information regarding the grant application that he has submitted. The commission wants a detailed professional analysis of the amount of sediment to be removed from a fifty-foot path from the boat landing to the main body of the lake. There was a discussion about whether to continue with the application. No decision was made.

Chuck Ecklund reported that he had spoken with a representative of Newt Marine, the low bidder. Chuck inquired why they had not submitted a bid for contract B. The representative responded that this was not part of their expertise. Chuck also spoke with Janelle from Ayres.

She reported that rebidding with project with different project requirements was a viable option.

5. Decision on whether to proceed with dredging proposal vote at the annual meeting

Keegstra made a motion to reject the current bids and to rebid the dredging project as soon as possible. Choroszy seconded the motion. During the discussion it was suggested that the dredging committee should work with Ayres, and to the extent that it is legally possible, to secure input from dredging companies, with the goal of redefining the parameters of the project for the rebidding. If the rebidding can be accomplished this fall, it may be possible to hold a special meeting to vote on financing the project before winter, so that the dredging can begin in the spring of 2019. Following the discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

6. Consequences of decision for annual meeting preparations

There was discussion of whether the annual meeting should be held at the Mauston High School auditorium or whether it could be held at the La Valle town hall. After discussion, it was decided to stay with the decision to hold it at the Mauston High School. Although there will not be a vote on the special levy, the dredging project will still be the major topic for discussion at the annual meeting. The details of the annual meeting, including finalizing the agenda for the annual meeting will be topics for the regular board meeting scheduled for July 10th.

7. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

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