

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 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.

The meeting was called to order by chair, Mike Mittelstadt, at six pm.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Brad Horner, Mike Mittelstadt, Pat Sullivan, Ray Demaskie, Peter Kinsman (late)

Attended by phone: Ken Keegstra, Paul Burke, Al Baade Others: Anna Demaskie

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of minutes for November 9th regular meeting

Motion to approve minutes by Mittelstadt, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

MBE	Final invoice for dredging review	\$ 2,200.00
Sara Hatleli	Partial payment for aquatic plant mgmt plan	\$ 1,500.00
Juneau County	Final invoice for 2022 USGS stream sampling	\$ 9,000.00
Juneau County	First invoice for 2023 USGS stream sampling	\$10,000.00
Al Baade	Quicken data entry & reports	\$ 25.00
Jewell Associates	Prep of grant for Martin/Meadowlark repair	<u>\$ 1,335.00</u>
TOTAL		\$24,060.00

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

b. Deposits

WDNR	Final payment for phase 3 of lk mgmt plan	\$ 5,981.04
Sauk County	Final payment for 2022 USGS stream sampling	\$ 9,000.00

c. Review monthly financial reports

d. Review and approve 4th quarter payroll requests

Burke distributed the payroll requests ahead of the meeting, so that board members could review them. There were no questions or comments. Motion to approve 4th quarter payroll by Sullivan, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

7. Chairman's Report

a. Update on grant applications to WDNR

Two grant applications were submitted to the WDNR requesting financial support for district projects. One for the repair of the weir above Martin/Meadowlark Bay and the other for repairs above Chickadee South. We expect to hear responses in February.

b. Report on status of joint LRPOA/LRPD welcome letter

Sullivan wrote a letter to the leadership of the LRPOA regarding the joint welcome letter that was reviewed last month. He has not yet received a response from them. The board encouraged Sullivan to continue the dialogue with LRPOA to come to an agreement on how the joint letter will be distributed to new property owners.

c. Billing and report on dredging final review

MBE went significantly over the budget of \$3,000 that was established for reviewing the finances of the dredging project. MBE proposed to Mittelstadt that the board agree to \$5,000 cost, and that they would forgive the extra charges. Mittelstadt responded that they split the difference and compromise on \$4,000. The board supported this suggestion.

d. Decision on request for information from census bureau

The district received a letter from the census bureau asking for high-level financial information; the letter was addressed to the district secretary. Keegstra went online to provide the requested information using the 2021 budget information from the 2022 Annual meeting handout as a resource.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Planning for 2023 Newsletter-possible topics and organizational responsibilities

The Educational and Outreach committee will take over the responsibility of creating and distributing the newsletter. Keegstra will join a conference call with Horner and the E&O committee to discuss specifics. Mittelstadt requested that the committee have a proposed list of topics for the 2023 newsletter for consideration by the board at their January meeting.

9. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

The town of LaValle received \$144,000 from the COVID funds. \$103,000 of this amount will go to the Reedsburg Ambulance Committee. The rest will go towards funds to buy a new squad car. The 2023 budget was passed. Short term rental will be discussed in January or February. A decision about Section 11 funds is still needed from FEMA.

10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

Kinsman reported that Sauk County will again have the grant programs for lakes in Sauk County. A letter about the program will be sent out soon, announcing that the program will have \$62,000 in funds available in 2023.

11. Committee Reports

a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee

The committee met last week. Volunteers had been asked to review the minutes of the special meeting to see if they provided adequate detail on lake management plan progress. They had no suggestions at the present time. The committee did suggest that the board should invest in a cloud-based project management software to monitor progress toward the goals of the lake management plan. One possibility is SmartSheet. An editor license for this program is \$7 per month and multiple licenses would likely be needed. Before deciding, the committee will check with sources for comments and recommendations regarding this or alternative project management programs.

b. Water Quality Projects Committee

Hatleli is producing a draft of the Aquatic Plant Management Plan for review. It should be available early in 2023. The USGS sampling of the major inlet streams will end at the end of September 2023. The board should consider other projects to be funded by the Sauk County grant program because the stream sampling program has been funded for the past 3 years. Mittelstadt inquired whether the USGS equipment could be used for monitoring the minor inlet streams, such as those in Martin/Meadowlark Bay or Swallow Bay. Keegstra will inquire from Keegan Johnson at USGS and if the current equipment will not work on the minor streams, he will ask about other options for monitoring them. Keegstra has not yet inquired from Onterra about what would be required to evaluate internal loading of phosphorus in Lake Redstone. He will make this inquiry in the coming weeks.

c. Sediment Control Committee

Sullivan commented that a strong program is needed for yearly monitoring and recording the status of sediment control sites. The committee will continue to improve this program in the coming year. In addition, he wants to update the inventory of gullies and culverts that need attention. In the coming weeks, he hopes to update the inventory performed last year to determine whether changes in the priorities established last year need to be modified. The committee is looking at smaller projects that could be funded by grants and at less expensive projects within the LRPD budget. Sullivan reported that the committee is also looking for opportunities to coordinate with the E&O committee, for example on shoreline projects.

d. Education & Outreach Committee

The committee last met in October and Horner plans to hold another meeting in January, 2023. Meanwhile, he expects the committee to hold a conference call to address the newsletter topics. Horner presented a review of the results from the social survey that was performed last spring and

outlined his plans to respond to comments and questions raised by the survey. Communication with residents about the survey results and responses to comments will happen via the website, Facebook, the newsletter and email.

12. Agenda items for January 10th regular meeting

Newsletter topics

13. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned when all business was complete at 7:50 pm.

AD/January 2, 2023

KK/January 4, 2023