

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 6:00 pm

MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order at 6pm by chair, Tom Walters.

2. Roll Call:

Paul Burke, Chuck Ecklund, Ken Keegstra, Tom Walters, Glenn Choroszy, Ray Demaskie, John Dietz
Others: Mike Mittelstadt, Al Baade, Stuart Thayer, Lloyd Scharles, Heidi Geils, Cary Dudczak, Lori Arndt,
Peter Vedro-new Chair of the Sauk County Board, Anna Demaskie

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of minutes for April 10th regular meeting and April 25th special meeting

Motion to approve April 10 minutes with name spelling amendment by Keegstra, second by Ecklund. Motion carried.

Motion to approve April 25 minutes by Ecklund, second by Burke. Motion carried

5. Public Input

The first questions focused on slow no wake enforcement on the lake. It was pointed out that the La Valle police boat patrol is currently in the hiring process and regular patrols will begin on Memorial Day weekend. Residents are able to report issues to the boat patrol if necessary.

The second portion of public input addressed questions a lake resident had about the dredging project. One question focused on what criteria were used to determine if dredging was appropriate and at what depth. It was pointed out that the LRPD commissioned Ayres Associates to perform a survey of all portions of Lake Redstone to determine the levels of sediment that had accumulated. The results of this survey have been used to determine where dredging should be considered. The DNR also provided "guidelines" that would need to be followed for them to issue a dredging permit. Another question focused on why there are so many bays being dredged when not all bays have navigation issues at this time. The resident would like some concrete evidence to back up reasons for dredging and if other options are available to address those bays that have navigation issues. It was pointed out that dredging has other benefits beyond improving navigation. It was also pointed out that dredging is a large undertaking and that if it is to be done, it should be done in a way that would last for a long time.

During the public input discussion, Chairman Walters left the meeting and Chuck Ecklund served as chair during the remainder of the meeting.

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

Ken Keegstra/WAL conference registration and one meal	\$ 244.77
Lichte Insurance Agency Inc/General Liability	\$ 1,567.00
Ayres Associates/dredging project	\$ 2,698.40
Kristin Groth/ layout print production spring newsletter	\$ 600.00
WSLH/ water samples	\$ 1,004.00
Larowe Gerlach Taggart LLP/land agreements for dredging project invoice #4	\$ 1,469.71
Larowe Gerlach Taggart LLP/land agreements for dredging project invoice #5	\$ 1,469.71
News Publishing Company/ notice for dredging	\$ 50.15
MBE/prepare quarterly reports	\$ 138.45
Tom Walters/ WAL conference registration fee	\$ 245.00
Town of Winfield/ tax exempt fee for land	\$ 20.00
Chuck Ecklund/ WAL conference fee, hotel for three members plus miles	\$ 1,406.80
Tom Walters/gift card for Tom Happ	\$ 210.24
Tom Happ/website	\$ 155.00
Total	\$11,279.23

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

b. Review monthly financial reports

The reimbursements from two grants and advances for two other grants have been received from the DNR.

c. Begin Audit process

This year the audit (technically a financial review) will be completed internally by a couple of individuals who will review financial statements and invoices. This review needs to be completed before the annual meeting.

d. Software update or system refinement to monitor multiple DNR grants

Choroszy and Baade will work together to organize this capability.

7. Chairman's Report

a. Report on WAL conference

Tom Walters, Ken Keegstra and Chuck Ecklund attended the WAL conference in Steven's Point. The WAL conference addresses various concerns about lake issues. Keegstra attended a Healthy Lakes workshop while Ecklund attended a stream monitoring workshop.

b. Update on LRPD app for smart phones

The app is up and running and is being used.

c. Update on voting requirements/process at LRPD annual meeting and/or special meetings

A one-page, three part document consisting of a brief introduction, a description of who may vote, and a description of a process for confirming voter eligibility was created to send out with annual meeting notice to prepare residents for voting. Keegstra made a motion to send the document to our lawyer for approval before distributing it. Second by Demaskie. Motion carried.

d. Preparation for June 9 informational meeting

The meeting will be held at the CAL center, beginning at 9 am. Ecklund made a motion to hold a special meeting on May 23rd at 6pm to prepare for the meeting on June 9th, second by Demaskie. Motion carried. There was discussion on how to manage to handle the Q&A session. The plan is to limit the time for each question so that more people can ask their questions. Glenn reported that Janelle and Anders had been invited to attend the meeting. He will confirm that they will be present on June 9th.

e. Reassignment of duties handled by Tom Happ

Mike Mittelstadt has taken over maintenance of the LRPD web site.

f. Changes to by-laws

Changes to by laws are on hold and will be addressed at a later time.

g. Begin preparation for annual meeting

The location is still undecided. The Cal Center is not available on August 4th. Ray mentioned that town staff is willing to empty the equipment bays so that this space in the town hall could be used for the annual meeting. The main meeting room could be used for check in. A final decision on the location will be made at the June board meeting. A draft agenda for the 2018 annual meeting will be created for discussion at the next board meeting.

8. Dredging Committee Report: Choroszy/Walters

a. Report on May dredging committee meeting

The dredging committee meeting was held on May 4th. Land agreements for one route for the dredging pipeline have been approved by land owners along this route.

b. Update on dredging permit application

The board is waiting for approval. Someone will call the DNR to ask about no wake during dredging.

c. Update on bidding process

The RFP has not yet been posted. Ray reported that he had asked Janelle if there was "an out" in the RFP so we wouldn't be forced to an "all or nothing" dredging question. The electors may want to scale back the cost of the project. Ray reported that Janelle said this was a good idea.

d. Communications with district residents regarding dredging

e. Funding options

Burke reported on the interest rates and costs for financing the dredging project. They are based on the interest of a ten-year treasury note and are subject to change.

f. Update on time line

On schedule.

g. Other issues and plans for moving forward

9. Other Committee Reports

a. Water Quality Committee: Keegstra/Ecklund

i. Report on May water quality committee meeting

Stream sampling was completed April 29th. The new stream sampling schedule is part of the lake management planning grant; it will be done once a month for most of the year.

ii. Update on whole bay treatments in 2018

The whole bay treatment permit has been issued and will be completed on May 14th by Cason if water temperature is right and milfoil is growing. The four bays scheduled for treatment are Swallow, Eagle, Cardinal and Mourning Dove. After the herbicide has been applied, water samples will be taken to measure the herbicide levels in the water.

iii. Status of Lake Management Planning grant activities

Lake Monitoring will be done May 9th, weather permitting in three locations and be completed monthly.

iv. Manual harvesting in 2018

Keegstra brought a proposal to the board to hire vendors to do manual harvesting depending on needs and options. Eco Waterway services are one option and local youth are a second option. No permits are necessary if harvesting is done outside sensitive areas and DNR procedures are correctly followed. Ecklund made a motion to allocate up to \$6,000 to try the program with details to be determined, such as vendor, location and resident input, second by Choroszy. Motion carried.

v. No-cost extension for AIS education grant

A six-month extension has been approved; the remaining funds will be used on four areas: clean boats/clean waters, herbicide concentration testing, Curly-leaf pondweed surveys, and revision of the shoreline brochure.

b. Newsletter: Report on 2018 Newsletter

The newsletter has been sent out.

c. Web site: Mittelstadt

Ownership of the site has been transferred to Mike Mittelstadt. Agendas and meetings will be posted.

10. La Valle Town Coordinator: Demaskie

a. Update on Section 11 landing

The town received more funding which will help with Section 11 and fixing Dutch Hollow Rd. The grant has to be used within three years. Section 11 should be completed by July 1st.

b. Update on Timmons road situation

The work will be completed in June.

c. Can the town or county help the district gain access to foreclosed properties?

The right of access has to come from the town it is not under county jurisdiction.

12. Sauk County Coordinator: Dietz

The board would like a summary of activities being done by the county to stop sediment from getting into the lake.

Peter Vedro came to the meeting to discuss funding for dredging. He explained that there is currently no system in place to help lakes with funding for dredging. The money would have to come from the county reserve. However the county is working on a long-term vision that may be able to provide funding for projects in the future.

- 13. Agenda items for next meeting: Wednesday, May 23rd, 6pm, LaValle Town Hall
Saturday, June 9th, 9pm, Cal Center
Tuesday, June 12, 2018, 6 pm, La Valle Town Hall**

15. Adjourn

Ecklund declared the meeting adjourned at 9pm.

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