

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Special Board Meeting
Thursday, October 17, 2024, 10:00 am
Location: La Valle Town Hall, 324 Hwy 33, LaValle, WI 53941

Minutes

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

Mittelstadt called the meeting to order at 10 am. He verified compliance with open meeting laws.

2. Roll Call

Present: Mike Mittelstadt, Dave Crockett, Ken Keegstra, Pat Sullivan

Zoom: Brad Horner, Cary Dudczak Others: Al Baade

3. Approval of Agenda

Sullivan made a motion to approve the agenda, second by Crockett. The motion carried.

4. Hear and discuss reports from each committee on lake management plan activities

Each committee chair reported on the progress relevant to the active projects assigned to their committee as recorded in Appendix I. Updates were recorded in the “Notes” section in the 2024 version of Appendix I that will be available on the district’s Google drive. The archival versions of Appendix I can be consulted for details of each report.

A. Water Quality Projects Committee-Keegstra

Keegstra reported that the modified tributary monitoring was completed in cooperation with the USGS (item 1b). The project ended at the end of September 2024; a report will be provided at the partners meeting. Monitoring of lake water continued as in past years (items 2a and 2b), but also was expanded in 2024 (item 2c and 2d) with advice from Richard Lathrop. Monitoring the plant populations in Lake Redstone continued in 2024 with two types of surveys, but no control activities were performed in 2024 (item 5a). Efforts are underway to identify a consultant who can repeat the lake response modeling (item 8b). The committee expects that Onterra will be able provide plans to evaluate the level of internal loading of phosphorus (item 8c). A subcommittee of the water quality committee is exploring options for goose control (new activity) and will report back later this winter or early spring.

B. Sediment Control Committee-Sullivan

Sullivan reported on multiple activities. Some of the gullies with streams mentioned in item 1c are part of the USGS tributary monitoring project. Sites for the location of grassed waterway installation (item 3f) are being identified for possible action in 2025. The monitoring of existing sediment control structures (item 4d) was completed and the photos documenting their status were deposited on the district’s Google drive. Annual review of gullies around the lake (items 4e and 7d) was performed again in 2024 with high priority areas under consideration for remediation. A transect survey through the watershed (item 6d) was performed in the spring of 2024 and will be repeated later this fall; the results are stored on the district and Sauk County computers for year-to-year comparisons. A repeat of the shoreline habitat assessment (item 7a) will be performed in 2025 by a Sauk County intern. Sullivan will coordinate with Pat Oldenburg (WDNR) to complete the stream power index (item 7b). He is investigating methods to monitor streambank erosion in the watershed (item 6a).

C. Ad hoc Plan Integration Committee-Mittelstadt

Mittelstadt reported on multiple activities that were either completed or in progress. Efforts to reduce sediment and phosphorus entry from the watershed via changes in agricultural management practices (items 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 3e, and 3g) are being monitored by Mitch McCarthy (Sauk County) and he will provide progress reports for district records. Based on the fishing survey results, it may not be necessary to continue the carp removal efforts (item 5b). Mittelstadt will inquire with Nathan Nye, the DNR fisheries person, before discontinuing the program. Mittelstadt has worked with folks at Last Wilderness Alliance to create a draft ordinance that regulates the use of enhanced wake boats. He will submit to the Town of La Valle for their consideration and possible adoption. Coordination with county staff (item 9a) is underway, but monitoring is needed to evaluate the effectiveness of these efforts. Following a brief discussion of this topic, Mittelstadt will explore possibilities for making better use of the Jenn Schneiderman's time that is available for LRPD projects.

D. Education and Outreach Committee-Horner

Horner reported on several activities, including 3 activities on shoreline protection (items 4b and 4f) that are being performed in collaboration with the sediment control committee and Sauk County staff. The committee worked with the sediment control committee and county staff to organize a field day on the McWilliams farm (item 11b). It was considered a success, and other similar events should be planned in future years. Sauk County staff is taking the lead in organizing a workshop with other lakes in Sauk County (item 11c).

5. Discuss and make needed adjustments to assignment of Appendix I tasks

The only change will be the addition of a new activity to monitor and develop plans to control goose populations at Lake Redstone to the water quality committee activities.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45am when all business was completed.

KK/October 25, 2024