

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2025, 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.

Meeting called to order by chair, Mike Mittelstadt, at six pm. He verified the meeting complied with open meeting laws.

2. Roll Call:

Mike Mittelstadt, Ray Demaskie, Peter Kinsman Zoom call: Pat Sullivan, Ken Keegstra, Dave Crockett, Brad Horner Others on Zoom: Al Baade, Cary Dudczak

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approve minutes for December 10th regular meeting

Motion to approve December 10th minutes by Sullivan, second by Crockett. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

6. Chairman's Report

a. Update on Martin Meadowlark weir repair project

The landowner agreement has been revised to allow completion of the project in 2025. The contractor's schedule changed, and he requested permission to complete the project in January. The landowner has agreed to the new schedule. However, the gabion baskets that were proposed by the contractor do not meet corrosion specifications described in the bids. Jewell is working with the contractor to resolve the issue. Once resolved, the project should be completed this winter.

b. Update on liability insurance changes

Mittelstadt has still not heard from our insurance agent, so the issue of liability insurance for the new weirs (gabion baskets) remains unresolved.

c. Update on policy for boats with enhanced wake

The town board received input on the draft ordinance from their attorney and the DNR. The town board wants to have the police of chief review the wording of the ordinance based on the attorney's suggestion. Once the wording issues are resolved, the town will hold a public hearing before the board makes a final decision.

d. Decision on attendees for 2025 Lakes Convention

Mittelstadt, Horner and Crockett plan to attend the convention in person. Sullivan will attend virtually. Keegstra may attend virtually. Early bird pricing for registration is in effect until the end of January. Mittelstadt suggested that those attending in person should compare plans and attend different workshops to maximize the coverage. The virtual program has limited session coverage and no workshops.

e. Possible projects for 2025 Sauk County grant program

Applications for 2025 funding are due April 15th, so we will need specific proposals by the next meeting. Sullivan said the sediment control committee may have a project focused on Cardinal Bay. If so, he will bring a proposal to the next board meeting. Keegstra mentioned that the Onterra report that is expected soon may contain ideas for projects that can be performed in 2025.

7. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

WI State Lab of Hygiene	Nov 5 deep hold surface sulfate	\$34.00
Payroll Solutions LLC	4 th quarter payroll processing	\$222.00
Mike Mittelstadt	postage/filing Martin Meadowlark	\$50.90
IRS	FICA & FUTA expense	<u>\$251.62</u>
Total		\$558.52

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

b. Review monthly financial reports

Payment from the tax levy was in mail today.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Schedule of meetings during winter months

After a brief discussion, it was decided that there was not sufficient business to hold a meeting in February. The next board meeting will be in March.

9. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

The employee handbooks are in the process of being updated. Grant money from Cobbledick project arrived.

10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

Kinsman encouraged the district to submit proposals for consideration by the 2025 grants program.

11. Committee Reports

a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee

b. Water Quality Projects Committee

i. Update on new dissolved oxygen meter

The meter was ordered on December 20th and will arrive at the end of January. Keegstra made a motion to pay the invoice of \$1,705.51 once the meter is received in good condition, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

ii. Update on Onterra gap analysis

The report is still not ready, but Tim Hoyman indicated it should be available by the end of January. Keegstra hopes the report will provide answers to several questions. Before sending his list of questions to Onterra, he will send them to other board members so they can provide their input. Among the questions are: ways to evaluate the levels of internal phosphorus loading, the impact and possible solutions to the large geese populations on Lake Redstone, and the reasons for the high levels of chlorophyll observed in 2024.

c. Sediment Control Committee

i. Discussion of beaver dam analogs

Considering the recent newspaper article on beaver dam analogs, Sullivan wanted to consider how the district might help property owners who wanted to install them. It was suggested that if a property owner installed them, the district might consider ways to measure their efficacy.

d. Education & Outreach Committee

i. Update on 2025 newsletter

Horner reported that the list of topics had been distributed to the various authors. He hopes authors will have drafts ready by early in February. Descriptions of projects where

volunteer help is needed will be included in the newsletter. It will also provide information about the vacancies for two board seats that are anticipated at the 2025 Annual Meeting.

12. Agenda items for March 11th regular meeting

Newsletter, Martin/Meadowlark weir project, Onterra report, Sauk County grant opportunities, liability insurance, enhanced wake ordinance.

13. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned when all business was complete at 6:56 pm.

AD/January 23, 2025

KK/January 29, 2025