

**LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 8, 2024, 6 pm**  
**Location: Town of La Valle Hall, 324 Hwy 33, La Valle, WI 539**

**MINUTES**

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

Meeting called or order by chair, Mike Mittelstadt, at six pm.

**2. Roll Call:**

Mike Mittelstadt, Ken Keegstra, Brad Horner, Pat Sullivan, Ray Demaskie                      Others: Al Baade, Anna Demaskie, Chuck Ecklund                      Virtual via zoom: Cary Dudczak, Howard Spivack

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Motion to approve agenda by Horner, seconded by Sullivan. Motion carried.

**4. Approve minutes for September 10<sup>th</sup> regular meeting**

Motion to approve minutes by Sullivan, seconded by Horner. Motion carried.

**5. Public Input**

**6. Chairman's Report**

**a. Update on Martin Meadowlark weir repair project**

Because the project will not be completed until 2025, a no-cost extension will be needed for both the WDNR and Sauk County grants. The landowner agreement will also need to be redone. The project will hopefully be completed next spring.

**b. Update on liability insurance cancellation**

The insurance company did not cancel our policy; they updated it to exclude covering the new weirs, which the DNR has labeled as a dam. Mittelstadt will work with the WDNR or the insurance agent to resolve the terminology issues.

**c. Discussion/decision on policy for boats with enhanced wake**

Mittelstadt distributed a resolution proposing a draft ordinance regulating wake boat operation that had been prepared by Last Wilderness Alliance. Similar ordinances have been implemented in many towns in Wisconsin. Adoption requires DNR approval, but if the proposed wording is used, getting that approval should be routine. Following a discussion on the details of the resolution, Keegstra made a motion to support adopt it forward it to the Town of La Valle for consideration. The motion was seconded by Sullivan and approved by the board. Mittelstadt will forward the resolution to the Town of La Valle after final wording changes are received from the Alliance staff. Dutch Hollow and Lake Redstone would need to have separate, but parallel ordinances, because of the differences in the two lakes. The complete text of the approved resolution is provided at the end of these minutes.

**7. Treasurer's Financial Report**

**a. Approve vouchers**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Amount</u>
MBE	payroll and W2s	\$227.50

Motion to approve the single invoice by Keegstra, second by Horner. Motion carried.

**b. Review monthly financial reports**

**c. Review and approve Q3 compensation requests**

Horner made a motion to approve quarter three payroll in the amount of \$2895, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

**d. Approval to transfer funds for weir project to LGIP Lake Redstone Watershed Protection Fund account**

Mittelstadt made a motion to transfer \$76,000 (the amount of the bid to repair the weir) from checking into the Lake Redstone Watershed Protection Fund account, second by Keegstra. Motion carried.

**8. Secretary's Report**

**a. Finalize agenda for fall partners meeting**

Keegstra distributed a revised draft agenda in advance of the board meeting. No additional changes were made. The major focus of the partners meeting will be to discuss implementation of the 9KE plan.

**b. Preparation for special meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup>**

Mittelstadt will distribute the spreadsheet for each committee. Each committee chair should distribute the completed spreadsheets to all board members by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**9. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie**

Nothing new to report.

**10. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman**

No report.

**11. Committee Reports**

**a. Lake Management Plan Integration Committee**

No report

**b. Water Quality Projects Committee**

The committee is scheduled to meet on Friday, October 11.

**i. Approval of DNR application for funding 2025 CBCW program**

Sullivan has prepared an application for a WDNR grant to run the 2025 CBCW program. Keegstra made a motion to submission of application, second by Demaskie. Motion carried.

**ii. Preliminary report on 2024 lake sampling results**

Keegstra gave a brief report on the enhanced lake sampling that was performed this past summer. The water clarity was poor all summer long, even in the spring when water clarity is normally good. Much of the reduced water clarity was probably from algal growth because the lake was very green this summer with chlorophyll readings over 100 ugm/liter in August.

**iii. Request to explore purchase of a new dissolved oxygen meter**

The current dissolved oxygen meter is acting up again, despite the repairs done this spring. The meter is now more than a decade old and may need to be replaced. Keegstra made a motion that he be allowed to come up with a proposal and price estimate for the purchase of a new meter, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

**c. Sediment Control Committee**

**i. Discussion/decision on gully repairs near Tanager Bay**

Discussions with Mitch McCarthy from Sauk County are underway regarding repairs to gullies on a beach club near Arapahoe Bay. Moving forward would require approval by all members of the beach club. McCarthy thinks this may be possible. Cost for repairs estimated at \$5,000.

**ii. Future activities**

The fall transect survey is scheduled for November.

**d. Education & Outreach Committee**

**i. Update on reimbursement requests for shoreline improvement**

Howard Spivack submitted a reimbursement request for \$2,000 for runoff/shoreline improvement which included native plants, fish sticks, and enviro-lock bags. Horner made a motion to approve the request seconded by Keegstra, Motion carried. This project will also get reimbursement from Sauk County and WDNR healthy lakes. The total cost of the project was over \$11,000. (Note: this item was handled at the beginning of the meeting so that Spivack did not need to sit through the entire meeting.)

**12. Agenda items for November 12<sup>th</sup> regular meeting**

Partner meeting follow up, review annual planning calendar, Dudczak request for reimbursement

**13. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned when all business was complete at 8:35.

**AD/October 27, 2024**

**KK/October 30, 2024**

## LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

### Enhanced Wake Resolution

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lake Redstone Protection District Board of Directors and Officers encourages the Board of Supervisors of the Town of LaValle, Sauk County, Wisconsin, to enact an ordinance that would prohibit wake enhancement equipment and operations as follows:

**Proposed Ordinance: Certain Artificial Wake Enhancement Prohibited.**

- (1) **Prohibited Equipment.** No person may use or employ ballast tanks, ballast bags or fins to cause a boat to operate in a bow-high manner, or which increases or enhances a boat's wake.
- (2) **Prohibited Operation.** No person may operate a boat in an artificially bow-high manner having the effect of increasing the boat's wake. Such prohibited operation shall include wake enhancement by use of ballast tanks, or ballast bags, or fins, or continuous operation at transition speed (the speed below planing speed in which a boat is operating in plowing mode).
- (3) **Certain Operations Excluded.** In no event shall any of the following operations be deemed a violation of this Ordinance, provided such operations do not use or employ ballast tanks, water sacks or wake enhancing fins: i) water skiing, ii) tubing, iii) wake boarding employing a tow rope; iv) brief transition operation to empty a boat of bilge water, or v) brief transition operation of a boat accelerating into a planing condition.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Lake Redstone Protection District, hereby direct and authorize any commissioner of the Lake Redstone Protection District, to communicate its approved Resolution on Prohibition of Certain Enhanced Wakes to the Town of LaValle Board of Supervisors and request that the Lake Redstone Protection District be placed on a Town of LaValle Board of Supervisors' meeting agenda to deliver a presentation on this crucial issue.