

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 11, 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.

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

2. Roll Call:

Ken Keegstra, Mike Mittelstadt, Paul Burke, Pat Sullivan, Peter Kinsman Phone: Brad Horner, Al Baade

Absent: Ray Demaskie Others: Anna Demaskie

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of minutes for December 14th regular meeting

Motion to approve December minutes by Sullivan, second by Burke. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

Kinsman Construction	Swallow bay repairs	\$8,114.38
Cason & Associates	invasive species mapping	<u>\$2,700.00</u>
Total		\$10,814.38

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

b. Review monthly financial reports

Keegstra made a motion to authorize the treasurer to transfer tax money as needed and to make payments on the dredging loan and the Meronek Meadows loan whenever a payment is due, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

7. Chairman's Report

a. Update on WEM payments for Meronek Meadows project

There has been no response.

b. Plans to have financial review of dredging project

When Burke returns from Florida, Mittelstadt and Burke will set up a meeting with MBE and provide them with invoices to conduct a review of dredging expenses. The purpose is to provide evidence that all the dredging loan proceeds were spent on dredging expenses.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Planning for spring 2022 Newsletter

Keegstra proposed a list of topics for the spring 2022 Newsletter. Discussion led to assignment of authors for each topic, as shown below:

Lake management plan and proposed activities-Mittelstadt/Keegstra

Shoreline improvement workshops-2021 & 2022- Horner

Sediment control activities and plans- Sullivan

FEMA support for Meronek Meadows repairs- Burke

Stream sampling program- Walters/Keegstra/Keegan Johnson

Aquatic plant management activities-Keegstra/ Sara Hatleli

Producer-led cooperative- Dustin Ladd

Fishing club- Nick Hewitt (Pat Sullivan will contact him)

The plan is to have draft articles written by the first of March. Keegstra will contact Kristin Groth, who has done the layout and editing of the newsletter over the past few years.

b. Proposal to sponsor healthy soils workshop by producer-led cooperative

On February 8th a Healthy Soils/Healthy Farms workshop will be held at the Baraboo Performing Arts Center. Gabe Brown will be the presenter. Keegstra made a motion to be one of the sponsors by providing \$250, second by Sullivan. Motion carried. Sullivan will provide a check early in February.

c. Decide on attendees for Wisconsin Lakes Convention in Stevens Point

The conference will be held April 6th-8th. Mittelstadt and Sullivan are going. Horner and Keegstra are still undecided.

9. Committee Reports

a. Discussion on Lake Management plan

i. Plan for making changes to draft plan in response to WDNR review

Note: Dave Blumer joined via phone for this item on the agenda. The WDNR has completed their review of the draft 9-key element plan that was submitted to them in October. While large parts of the plan were found acceptable, they offered a range of comments and suggested edits. The two major suggestions were: first, to provide more complete and detailed cost estimates for implementing the proposed actions; and second, to provide more detailed interim milestones. The review comments that they provided included adding two tables; they provided draft versions of these tables. One table should show the cost estimates and should be added to the main body of the plan. The second table should provide a list of the proposed actions described in the plan, the time frame when those actions would be performed, the cost estimates for implementing each action, and the groups who will implement each action. This second table should be added as an appendix to the plan.

Following an extended discussion of how the LRPD should respond to the request for revisions of the plan, it was agreed that Blumer, Mittelstadt and Keegstra would interact with Andrew Craig, and others, at the WDNR to request clarification of the proposed changes and make the revisions to the draft plan. The goal is to submit a revised plan to the DNR within the next couple of weeks.

ii. Update on preparing reimbursement requests to DNR-Keegstra

The DNR funding that supported the preparation of the lake management plan consisted of 3 different grants, called phases 1, 2 and 3. A grant payment request for the phase 1 grant was submitted in December. The grant payment requests for phases 2 and 3 need to be submitted before the end of June. Because approval of the payment request requires that the plan be approved by the DNR, no action has been taken on the phase 1 payment request.

iii. Update on planning for plan implementation-Horner

This topic was not considered. It will be taken up again once the plan has been approved.

b. Water Quality Committee-Keegstra

i. Status of grant to update APMP

A decision on the pending grant application will be made in February.

ii. Planning for milfoil control in 2022

The water quality committee recommends that the district should consider using DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) for milfoil control in 2022. Herbicide treatment in bays should only be considered if the point intercept results show that such treatment is needed. Keegstra has begun discussions with Andrew McFerrin from Aquatic Plant Management, LLC about the cost of DASH treatments. The cost charged by APM, LLC is \$325/hour or \$2600 for an 8-hour day. Treatments would occur in June or July. The board encouraged Keegstra to consult with both Sara Hatleli and Andrew McFerrin to develop a specific proposal for performing DASH treatments. He hopes to have a proposal for the board to consider at the February meeting.

c. Sediment Control Committee

i. Update on committee activities-Sullivan

The committee has created a list of priority projects and will continue to pursue work on them. Many may involve coordination with the Town of LaValle and with Sauk County.

ii. Martin-Meadowlark weir update-Mittelstadt

The DNR issued permit for the proposed work in December; the permit is good for five years. Originally, the Army Corp Engineers said a permit from them was not needed, but because the DNR called the proposed structure a dam, the Army Corp of Engineers may need to reconsider their decision.

iii. Swallow weir update-Sullivan

The project has been completed. A final report is now needed for Sauk County. Mittelstadt will prepare and submit the report.

d. Social Media: Mittelstadt

Ongoing.

10. La Valle Town Representative: Demaskie

11. Sauk County Representative: Kinsman

Sauk County is considering changes to the ordinances that regulate manure storage facilities.

12. Agenda items for February meeting

Wisconsin Lakes Partnership, Clean Boats/Clean Waters

13. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn when all business was complete at 8:38pm. Motion carried.

AD/January 25, 2022

KK/January 27,2022