

LAKE REDSTONE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 6:00 pm

MINUTES

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

Mike Mittelstadt called the meeting to order at six pm. He verified compliance with open meeting laws.

2. Roll Call:

Pat Sullivan, Paul Burke, Ken Keegstra, Mike Mittelstadt, Glenn Choroszy, John Dietz

Absent: Ray Demaskie Others: Chuck Ecklund, Richard Fish, Al Baade, Anna Demaskie

3. Approval of Agenda

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

4. Approval of minutes for the October 8th regular meeting

Motion to approve the minutes by Burke, second by Choroszy. Motion carried.

5. Public Input

6. Treasurer's Financial Report

a. Approve vouchers

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| Don McCune/ postage stream sampling | \$ 29.00 |
| Mike Mittelstadt/ ink cartridges | \$ 132.91 |
| Juneau County Finance Dept/ stream monitoring equipment | \$ 6,000.00 |
| Mittelstaedt Sports and Marine/ dock removal and replace | \$ 432.02 |
| LEAPS/#19/20 PH3-6 | \$ 761.60 |
| LEAPS/#18/20Ph2-20 | \$ 62.73 |
| LEAPS/#19/20P1-2-6 | \$ 382.50 |
| Dick Fish/ 902 miles | \$ 532.18 |
| Total | \$8,332.94 |

Motion to approve current invoices by Keegstra, second by Sullivan. Mike Mittelstadt explained that some docks had to be removed a second time because of the need to repeat dredging in some areas. Because we had told them it was OK to put docks back in, he did not feel it was fair to ask property owners to pay for the second removal, so he authorized Mittelstaedt to do it at district expense. The motion carried.

Keegstra made a motion to approve the Ayres Associates invoice for services through September 14, 2019 in the amount of \$8,540.87, second by Burke. It will be paid from the dredging loan. Motion carried.

b. Review monthly financial reports including dredging expenses from earlier years

7. Chairman's Report

a. Update on FEMA applications to repair flood damage

The Environmental Historical Protection review of the Meronek Meadows project has been completed and project approval will move onto the next step. The handling of our project has not yet been transferred to the Chicago office. Burke believes that we are getting close to final approval and suggests that we may want to begin planning for rebidding the project.

With respect to the FEMA request for the dredging project, Burke was contacted by a FEMA civil engineer who has some questions about our request. They have not yet been able to connect to talk about the questions, but hope to do so in the near future.

b. Update on repairs of Swallow bay weir

A field order was submitted to move the rocks to the other side of the weir but the dredging contractor was not sure on how to proceed, so nothing was done.

c. Decision on levy request to be submitted to Sauk County

Mittelstadt distributed a matrix showing the possible loan levels and the levy levels needed to repay the various loan amounts. Choroszy reported that both the bank and our attorney recommended that we err on the high side since we do not yet know the total cost of the dredging project. If we have extra funds, we can lower the levy next year. Keegstra made a motion to request a levy amount of \$391,950 that would cover payments on a dredging loan of \$3.4 million, second by Sullivan. Motion carried.

d. Decision on a new bank account to store dredging levy funds

With the levy increase, each of the multiple payments that we receive from the county will include funds to cover the standard levy and the dredging levy. Each payment will go into a special account at Community Bank, the source of the district's dredging loan. The portion of each payment that covers our normal levy will be transferred to our regular checking account. The remainder will be used to repay the loan, both interest and principal. Any other funds that are received toward the dredging, e.g., the funds from the waterway commission grant, will be used to reduce the principle of the loan, so that levy in future years can be lower.

e. Planning for attendance at November 12th Sauk County board meeting

Burke and Mittelstadt will each make an oral presentation. Burke will ask the people in the audience to stand and show their support of the request for financial support. The Mittelstadt presentation will request \$200,000 to cover a portion of the cost of dredging in the area around the county boat landing.

f. Rebid the project to repair damage of Meronek Meadows

No action taken because Burke was not able to connect with Scot Whitsett of Jewell.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Finalize agenda for 2019 partners meeting to be held Nov 22, 2019 at 10 am

The US Census Bureau sent a survey to the district secretary requesting information on the cost of the dredging project. The information is used to help calculate the GDP.

Pam Budda from Dutch Hollow notified us that she has \$1250 as our share of the fundraiser associated with the lake-to-lake race. They would like Lake Redstone to help them raise awareness of this event in future years, in hopes that the fundraiser will be more successful. Pat Sullivan will help and will ask his son and his neighbor, who participate in the race, whether they will help promote the event

b. Resolution for the LRPD to submit an application for a 2020 CBCW grant

Pat Sullivan will lead CBCW in 2020. We need to submit an application to the DNR for funding to support the program. Keegstra made a motion to approve the resolution required for the grant application. The motion was seconded by Burke and passed unanimously.

c. Planning for the 2020 Newsletter

Planning for the spring Newsletter was begun. Topics that were suggested for inclusion are: report on the dredging project, Meronek Meadows repair, progress on the lake management plan, report on the field day with the producer-led coop, and the cooperation with Juneau County and the USGS to set up the stream monitoring system. Next month other possible topics will be considered and authors for each topic will be identified.

d. Review and update annual planning calendar

Proposed changes were as follows: remove special meeting planning in March, move initiating financial review from May to January, delete education grant planning in December and moving decision on who will attend state lake convention from February to January. Keegstra will revise the calendar and present the revised version next month for approval.

9. Dredging Committee Issues

a. Update on dredging schedule and timeline

Dredging is moving along with bay 19,20 and 21 being done next week. Afterwards they will move back to the other side of the lake. North End will need to be dredged again by the landing in the main channel of bay 18.

b. Approval of payment request from Kaiyuh Services

A motion was made by Paul Burke to approve a payment of \$329,291.50 to Kaiyuh Services for dredging from October 1 through October 25. Seconded by Choroszy. Motion was approved.

c. Decision on Ayres addendum

Ayres is requesting another addendum to their contract that will add \$17, 120 to the cost. For a variety of reasons, they need to spend more time on our project than was projected. Keegstra made a motion to approve modification #6, dated October 11, 2019, second by Burke. The motion carried.

10. Committee Reports

a. Water Quality Committee: Keegstra

There has not been a meeting this past month. Pat Sullivan has been working on the reimbursement request for the 2019 CBCW grant and on adding information to the SWIMS database. A meeting of the producer-led cooperative will be held Tuesday, December 1st at the La Valle town hall. Keegstra will attend.

b. Social Media: Mittelstadt

Up to date.

11. La Valle Town Coordinator: Demaskie

a. Update on Timmons road project

12. Sauk County Coordinator: Dietz

Dietz reported that the County budget is currently balanced, but he expects an effort to restore cuts to Sheriff Department funding request that will put the budget into the red.

13. Continue review of proposed changes to LRPD By-laws

The review of the by-laws proposed changes continued, beginning with Article IV. The change in the title for this article and the changes to section 1, 3, and 4 were considered minor editorial changes. Keegstra made a motion to approve these changes, seconded by Burke. Motion carried.

Section 5 of Article IV deals with the possibility of a referendum. It has not been used and is not required by state statutes. Keegstra moved that this section should be deleted. The motion was seconded by Burke and passed unanimously.

The changes proposed in Article V are all editorial changes or clarifications, except for the change to section 9, which was modified at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Keegstra made a motion to approve all the changes, but to leave the dollar value mentioned in section 9 at \$150,000 as was approved at the 2019 Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded by Burke and passed unanimously.

The changes proposed to Article VI are all editorial changes or clarifications, except the proposal to change point #3 in Section 5, where the duty of the secretary will be changed to eliminate the requirement to maintain an election roll. The secretary gets the election roll from Sauk County each year and does not maintain a separate roll. Moreover this requirement is not mentioned in state statutes.

Motion by Burke to approve all proposed changes in Article VI was seconded by Sullivan. The motion carried. Compensation levels mentioned in Section 7 were changed at the 2019 Annual Meeting and will not be changed again. Wording is needed to include the practice of having two people sign each check written by the treasurer.

14. Agenda items for December 10th meeting

15. Adjourn

AD/November 21, 2019

KK/November 30, 2019