

LORC OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES 10/15/2024

Krista Engholdt, Communications & Membership Committee Chair

AGENDA:

LORC Website

Update on North Shore Lane

Open Discussion

Mike reviews North Shore Lane Project

Black Deer Slough – 2 Projects:

1. Inlets coming in from northern side of the lake - \$12 million
2. Dredging Slough out - \$13 million

[From recent Fish and Wildlife Work Group (FWWG) meeting where project prioritization was discussed among USACE, USFWS, USGS, and Wisconsin DNR]...there are 20+ projects that need to be done.

- Eight projects were picked to request funding → three projects will be on the Mississippi, the remainder will go to NESP.
- Decision will be made in December regarding which of the 8 projects they will push to complete (i.e., Army Core to have congress fund), with ETA at least 6 years out.

Marc Schultz suggested we get in touch with Kevin Mellard to advertise LORC on his Fishing Talk Show.

Jeff Fimreite is making community connections and contacting legislators for Fundraising.

Fritz Funk provided information on the history of Lake Onalaska, which was incorporated into the website.

We need to go back to the USFWS regarding Rosebud Island – It was initially farmland, therefore we are hoping to put the fill on that island without issue → trees and vegetation on Rosebud Island < 40 years old since it was clear cut in 1989 for the Highway 53 project.

- Metallica has 70 acres – can the fill be deposited there?
- Is there a pipe by Halfway Creek?
- Does anyone know that Farmer and is he willing to take the fill and dewater there? This would really help reduce the costs.
- Harter property owner is only interested in sand.
- Have not talked with Dynamic yet – need to keep pipe as short as possible.
- Need a permit to cross the road in the culvert to get to Metallica property by Highway Z.

Discussion suggested LORC apply for a Microgrant from La Crosse Area Community Foundation, up to \$3,000 for a website/administrative/advertising?

Mike Todd – Northshore Lane update:

- BPCA / North Shore Lane Project Status → still at \$135,000, we applied for a \$15,000 grant from La Crosse Area Community Foundation. At 54% funded, need to get to \$250,000.
- Spoke with the Army Core – All agencies are telling him to go to other agencies – none of them are “on board” – may need to get a Congressman involved. Jeff Fimreite has been talking with Van Orden – we need political pressure to help.

There is a Fishing Tournament in February through BPCA – discussion suggested we advertise at the fishing event to raise funds

Kent, from BPCA, suggested we also go to La Crosse Community Foundation for money to do weed cutting?

- Mike Todd noted that this is the responsibility of LOPRD and LORC should stay out of that
- Jeff Fimreite → LORC needs to move forward with lake projects, we need to get the word out about LORC

LORC will seek IRS 501(c)(3) soon, likely by early to mid 2025

Dave Balduzzi is County Representative and the liaison between the Lake District and LORC

Next LORC meeting is November 19th at 6:30pm at Red Pines Bar and Grill.