

**SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2015  
MINUTES**

The Spooner Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (Spooner Lake District) held its annual meeting and budget hearing at the Spooner Town Hall, N6124 Blooming Vale Road, Spooner, at 10:05 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Joe Banick, Joe Cuskey, Ed Fischer, Nancy Hanson, and Michael Plisky.

Absent: None.

Persons in Attendance: Polly Banick, Ronald Boushon, Glenn Carr, Sarah Carr, Fran Cooperrider, Mort Dahl, Dean Dierschow, Peggy Engel, John Fenniman, Howard Hill, Marilyn Hill, Gene Holloway, Bob Holt, Bill Jackson, Shirley Jackson, Mabi Plisky, James Poteet, Juanita Poteet, Bob Sanders, Donald Stellrecht, Debbi Stocco, Charlie Swanson, Jerry Williams, and Marci Koch Williams.

Chairman Banick presided.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Banick led the pledge of allegiance.

**MINUTES OF DISTRICT ON MAY 23, 2015**

Bob Sanders moved to approve the district meeting minutes of May 23, 2015. Howard Hill seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Report on the Spooner Lake Dam

Chairman Banick indicated the Washburn County Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson stated that in completing the Spooner Lake Dam project the fencing was upgraded, there was large concrete material removed from the area, and the final project cost was pending.

2. Status of the Creation of the Spooner Golf Course Retention Pond

Commissioner Plisky mentioned Washburn County Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson indicated he had applied for a grant to create the Spooner Golf Course Retention Pond, which required project drawings and approvals; and he still hoped the work would be done before the winter season.

Commissioner Plisky noted it was necessary to continue to monitor the ditch on the north side of the Neil Robinson property between County Highway H and Spooner Lake to ensure it drains properly.

3. Update on the County Highway H Access onto U. S. Highway 53

Commissioner Plisky noted the local effort on County Highway H Access onto U. S. Highway 53 was still underway. He pointed out there was also work being done to gain approval from the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the installation of an overpass at County Highway A and U. S. Highway 53 rather than the current DOT proposal to terminate it at U. S. Highway 53. Commissioner Plisky stated there would be an overpass at Ojibwa Road and U. S. Highway 53.

4. Report on the Northwest WI Lakes Conference

Commissioner Fischer stated he attended the Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference. He indicated there were classes addressing the impacts of the significant reduction of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) budget and scientific staff, and the effects on lakes as a result of warmer weather, nutrients, weeds, and algae.

5. Report of the Audit Committee

Commissioner Cuskey pointed out the Audit Committee reviewed the District's financial records, there were no issues, and thanked Commissioner Fischer for his work as the former Treasurer.

6. Update by the Weed Monitoring and Abatement Committee

Commissioner Cuskey reported the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) approved the treatment for Curly Leaf Pondweed with an environmental friendly chemical; there were three treatments totaling 21 acres on Spooner Lake; the treatments were done approximately 100 feet from the shoreline; it was important for property owners to remove the weeds floating to their shoreline; property owners could privately contract with Lake Restoration, Inc., to treat the area in front of their shoreline; and he would ask Lake Restoration, Inc., about sending a letter to property owners regarding a bulk rate to treat their shoreline area. Commissioner Cuskey suggested the District consider increasing the treatment for Curly Leaf Pondweed and filament algae on Spooner Lake to 40 acres and allocating approximately \$20,000 in the 2016 budget.

7. Status of the 2013 to 2015 Spooner Lake Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Monitoring, Education & Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Control Grants; and Proposed Grant Extension

Commissioner Hanson indicated there was a grant balance of approximately \$11,000 in the 2013 to 2015 Spooner Lake Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Monitoring, Education & Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Control Grants. Commissioner Hanson mentioned it would be beneficial to apply for a grant extension for the remaining balance.

8. Report on the Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program Watercraft Inspection at the County Highway H Boat Landing

Chairman Banick mentioned it was a very busy summer season on Spooner Lake; and thanked Ron Boushon for his efforts on the Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program watercraft inspection. Chairman Banick noted it would be necessary to increase the funds allocated in the 2016 budget to approximately \$6200 plus grant monies to cover the program expenses or make adjustments to reduce the costs.

9. Status of the Application for a New Spooner Lake Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Monitoring, Education & Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Control Grant

Chairman Banick referred to the financial benefits of the current Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Monitoring, Education & Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Control Grant. Chairman Banick suggested the District consider pursuing a new grant, which would cost approximately \$1200.

Commissioner Cuskey moved to approve pursuing a new Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Monitoring, Education & Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Control Grant estimated to cost \$1200, and to authorize the Chairman to sign all required documents necessary to submit an application for the grant. Commissioner Fischer seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

10. Treasurer's Report, Budget, and 2016 Taxation of Spooner Lake Property Owners

Commissioner Hanson presented and highlighted a Treasurer's Report, budget, and 2016 taxation of the Spooner Lake property owners dated September 5, 2015. Commissioner Hanson indicated it was prudent to maintain a reasonable reserve.

Commissioner Plisky moved to approve: (a) the 2016 budget including \$20,000 for weed abatement; (b) a 2016 tax rate of 0.0005 mils of equalized valuation on Spooner Lake property owners; and (c) any funding shortfall come from the reserve. Glenn Carr seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hanson stated she would notify the Town of Spooner Board regarding the approved tax rate.

11. Update on the Spooner Lake District Website

Commissioner Hanson invited feedback on the District website and encouraged providing e-mail addresses to receive District information.

12. Report on Boat Parade

Chairman Banick noted 38 boats participated in the boat parade on July 4.

13. Election for Two Board Members Whose Terms End August 2015

Chairman Banick stated having served on the Board for many years, it was time for a person to succeed him.

Commissioner Fischer indicated he would be willing to serve another term of office on the Board of Commissioners or he would help his successor.

Chairman Banick opened the nomination process.

Mabi Plisky nominated Mort Dahl.

Michael Plisky nominated Ed Fischer.

Mort Dahl accepted the nomination and briefly introduced himself.

There being no further nominations, Chairman Banick closed the nomination process and offered the election of Mort Dahl and Ed Fischer to serve on the Board of Commissioners each for a three-year term of office. The election was approved unanimously.

The terms of newly-elected Mort Dahl and Ed Fischer will end at the annual meeting and budget hearing in 2018.

## PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Glenn Carr praised the dedicated service of Chairman Banick on the Board of Commissioners.

Glenn Carr moved to recognize the contributions of Chairman Banick and to contact the Spooner Advocate to publish an article about his years of service to the Spooner Lake District. Commissioner Plisky seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Cuskey presented a plaque to Chairman Banick in appreciation for his dedicated service to the Spooner Lake District. Chairman Banick expressed his appreciation.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Plisky moved to adjourn the District meeting at 11:25 a.m. in order for the Board to meet immediately for the purpose of reorganizing and establishing the meeting dates in 2015-2016. Bob Sanders seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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MICHAEL A. PLISKY  
Secretary