

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
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SEPTEMBER 3, 2016

ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING 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 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Mort Dahl.

Persons in Attendance: Joe Banick, Polly Banick, Ronald Boushon, Jeanne Bruce, Glenn Carr, Sarah Carr, Fran Cooperrider, Dave Dartt, Pat Dartt, Dave Etters, Akemi Fischer, Howard Hill, Marilyn Hill, Bob Holt, Carol Meacham, John Meacham, Joy Peterson, Matthew Peterson, Barbara Sanders, Mike Sanders, Robert Sanders, Duane Seitz, Howard Snow, Charlie Swanson, Laura Siwicki, Jerry Williams, and Marci Koch Williams.

Chairman Cuskey presided.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Cuskey led the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2015

Commissioner Plisky moved to approve the District annual meeting and budget hearing minutes of September 5, 2015. Commissioner Hanson seconded. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Dahl absent.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Final Report on the Creation of the Spooner Golf Course Retention Pond

Commissioner Plisky referred to the project located east of Tee No. 1 adjacent to County Highway H to address flooding and runoff into Spooner Lake as a result of the highway redesign. He indicated the proposal was started about 2 ½ years ago under the supervision of the Washburn County Highway Department and Land and Water Conservation Department with the approval of the Spooner Golf Club Board of Directors, and it was completed in a single day this spring.

2. Status of Support for the County Highway H Access onto U. S. Highway 53

Commissioner Plisky made reference to the proposal to obtain approval for County Highway H Access onto U. S. Highway 53 and an Overpass at County Highway A. He mentioned that former Washburn County Highway Commissioner Jon Johnson was leading the local effort; however, since he left Washburn County, the proposal was not being pursued.

3. Board Nomination and Town of Spooner Approval of Michael Plisky to Serve as Spooner Lake District Commissioner Representing the Town of Spooner for a Term Ending at the 2019 Annual Meeting

Commissioner Plisky stated that as a Commissioner on the Spooner Lake District, he represented the Town of Spooner for a term ending at the annual meeting on September 3, 2016; and that he was interested in continuing to serve for a new term. Commissioner Plisky indicated that pursuant to the District by-laws, the Spooner Lake District Board nominated him to represent the Town of Spooner for a new term; and the Town of Spooner Board approved him to serve for a term ending at the annual meeting in 2019. (Town of Spooner letter dated August 16, 2016.)

4. Report on the Boat Parade

Chairman Cuskey indicated there was good and fun participation in the boat parade. Chairman Cuskey suggested the newsletters contain a reminder to keep debris out of the lake such as balloons and fireworks remnants.

5. Report on the Northwest WI Lakes Conference

Commissioner Fischer mentioned the Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference was held in Spooner. Commissioner Fischer referred to the information presented concerning lake-related topics and issues such as the Great Lakes Compact, solutions for the Eurasian Water Milfoil, and private shoreline restoration and conservancy.

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

Commissioner Hanson noted the Clean Boats, Clean Waters Program Watercraft Inspection at the County Highway H Boat Landing went well under the supervision of Ron Boushon. Commissioner Hanson suggested using the newsletters to recruit volunteers to help undertake the program in 2017.

7. Update on the 2013 to 2015 Spooner Lake Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Monitoring, Education & Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Control Grants Extension

Commissioner Hanson pointed out a grant payment request would be submitted for the remaining balance of approximately \$3300 for the 2013 to 2015 Spooner Lake Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Monitoring, Education, and Curley Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Control Grants Extension.

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

Commissioner Hanson stated another application for a new Spooner Lake Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Monitoring, Education, and Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Control Grant would be submitted in December 2016.

9. Presentation on the Spooner Lake Management Plan

Chairman Cuskey deferred discussion on the Spooner Lake Management Plan because there was no consultant available to make a presentation.

10. Update by the Weed Monitoring and Abatement Committee

Chairman Cuskey indicated the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) approved the treatment for Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) in Spooner Lake with an environmental friendly chemical. Chairman Cuskey mentioned the increase in CLP and filament algae in Spooner Lake was attributed to an early spring resulting in additional growth time. Chairman Cuskey noted the treatment for CLP was contracted with Lake Restoration, Inc., in the amount of approximately \$15,000; it was performed in accordance with the requirements of the DNR; and it was done in a timely manner. Commissioner Cuskey suggested the District consider increasing the budget for the treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed and filament algae on Spooner Lake in 2017.

There was discussion on weed monitoring, abatement process, treatment areas, and funding.

11. Report of the Audit Committee

Commissioners Fischer and Dahl pointed out the Audit Committee reviewed the District's financial records, there were no issues, and thanked Commissioner Hanson for her work as Treasurer.

12. Treasurer's Report, Budget, and 2017 Taxation of Spooner Lake Property Owners

Commissioner Hanson presented and highlighted a Treasurer's Report, proposed budget, and 2017 taxation of the Spooner Lake property owners.

There was discussion on the proposed budget; extent of the 2017 weed treatment, and additional monies for weed treatment.

Commissioner Plisky moved to: (a) approve the District budget for 2017, including \$36,000 in tax levy income and increasing the lake treatment funding by \$10,000; and (b) setting the 2017 tax rate to generate \$36,000 in tax levy income subject to and in accordance with state law and Spooner Lake District By-laws. Robert Sanders seconded. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Dahl absent.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

There were no Commissioner communications on informational items of business other than on agenda items.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications by members of the public on items of business other than on agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Plisky moved to adjourn the District meeting at 11:35 a.m. in order for the Board to meet immediately for the purpose of reorganizing and establishing the meeting dates in 2016-2017. Commissioner Hanson seconded. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Dahl absent.

MICHAEL A. PLISKY
Secretary