

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Spooner Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (Spooner Lake District) Board held a meeting via phone conference at 9:00 AM. Meeting held via phone conference due to COVID-19 "Stay-at-Home" order's travel and gathering restrictions.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Mort Dahl, Bill DuCharme, Ed Fischer, Nancy Hanson, and Jay Nordstrom.

Chairman Nordstrom presided.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Not recited. Meeting via phone.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY

Tabled until next regular meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Tabled until next regular meeting.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Plan Permit Update

Commissioner Nordstrom presented new information regarding the Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Plan that was gathered during a meeting with the DNR. The original plan stated weeds would be removed by harvesting mechanically. In 2019, when voted to not harvest weeds, it was outside of the APM plan. By stating the Spooner Lake Association would like to spray for weeds instead, this was not in the existing APM plan's parameters and was not allowed. Therefore, the recommendation is to withdraw the permit with a \$20 loss of fees. Both the DNR and the Inter-tribal committee do not approve of harvesting the weeds via chemical treatment, so without withdrawing the permit, the whole application fee of \$245 would be lost.

Commissioner Dahl made a motion to withdraw permit for native plant to recover costs due to indication by DNR of need to follow APM plan. Second by Commissioner Hanson. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Informing Membership of Updates to Aquatic Plant Management Plan

Spooner Lake District members will be informed of the need to follow APM the DNR instead of the chemical treatment plan that was approved by lake association members, but not the DNR. The DNR does not advise the use of chemical spraying at this time because a full study of mechanical removal and the following of the original APM plan was not completed as required. Due to the current situation, board members are unsure if aquatic plant harvesting will be deemed as an essential service in order to be completed during the 2020 year. If so, the existing APM plan of mechanical harvesting must be followed. If not, the APM plan of mechanical harvesting will be done in the summer of 2021. Members will be informed of the need to follow APM via newsletter and on the lake association website.

Commissioner Fischer made a motion to inform membership of DNR indicating the need to follow the APM plan by doing the mechanical harvesting trial for native plants for 2020, if possible, or 2021 if no treatment can occur due to COVID-19. Second by Commissioner Dahl. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Curly Leaf Pond Weed Remediation

Spraying for Curly Leaf Pond Weed may be allowed, but needs to be done at a specific lake temperature. Various removal techniques and costs associated were discussed. Specific locations of the wild rice beds are needed to make any future recommendations on changes or additions to the CLP plan.

Commissioner Hanson made a motion to move forward with original CLP chemical treatment per criteria in APM plan, subject to review by DNR and tribal committee for proximity to wild rice beds and COVID-19 regulations for essential services. Commissioner Nordstrom. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Commissioner Action Items

Commissioner Hanson will email DNR to withdraw spraying of native plant permit.

Commissioner Nordstrom will notify Steve Schiffer and Jim Bartlet about the changes to do mechanical removal according to the APM plan.

The CLP plan is currently under review and Jim Bartlet will be notified of any changes to that plan once the DNR reviews it.

6. Future Agenda Items

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

There were other no Commissioner communications on business items.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications by members due to the meeting being held via phone conference.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dahl adjourned the meeting at 9:58 AM. Second by Commissioner Nordstrom.

Next meeting will be May 23, 2020 at 10:00 AM.

MORTON DAHL
Secretary