

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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JULY 25, 2020

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Spooner Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (Spooner Lake District) Board held a meeting at the Spooner Town Hall, N6124 Blooming Vale Road, Spooner, at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Bill DuCharme.

Chairman Nordstrom presided.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Nordstrom led the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING ON JANUARY 25, 2020

Commissioner Hanson moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 25, 2020. Commissioner Dahl seconded. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner DuCharme absent. The minutes will be posted on the district website after the July 25, 2020 meeting. They were not previously posted due to waiting on board approval.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING ON APRIL 4, 2020

Commissioner Hanson moved to approve the meeting minutes of April 4, 2020. Commissioner Fischer seconded. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner DuCharme absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Hanson presented and reviewed the Treasurer's Report 2020 as of July 25, 2020. Commissioner Dahl moved to receive the Treasurer's Report 2020 as of July 25, 2020, subject to audit. Commissioner Nordstrom seconded. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner DuCharme absent.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Plan Permit Update

Commissioner Nordstrom stated the DNR approached the board a week before the April 4, 2020 meeting to inform the board the original APM plan did not include spraying the aquatic plants and therefore, the permit to spray would be denied. The DNR suggested withdrawing the spraying permit, and staying with the current, DNR approved plan of mechanical harvest of aquatic plants. The APM plan states the details of plant harvesting on page 63. By removing the permit application, it cost the lake association the application fee of \$20 instead of losing the full permit amount of around \$750. Even though the lake association members approved spraying at a previous meeting, the APM plan only allows for a limited amount of spraying for curly pond leaf and no other aquatic species. The curly pond leaf was approved for chemical removal at a reduced amount than was originally requested, but it was treated during the 2020 summer. The mechanical plant harvesting did not occur this year due to the delays in implementing the APM plan.

Commissioner Hanson made a motion to delay the 2020 nuisance weed harvesting until next year. Commissioner Fischer seconded. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner DuCharme absent.

Commissioner Hanson suggested lining up a mechanical plant harvester for next year. The plant harvesting needs to be monitored according to the plan and was recommended to be done by Steve Schiffer. A final decision to schedule a harvester was tabled until more feedback from the membership during the annual meeting on September 5, 2020.

2. One-foot Drawdown Status

Commissioner Nordstrom reported Brian Danielson from Washburn County has put out a proposal for bids for changes to the Spooner Lake dam (spillway) as approved by the Army Corps of Engineers to reach a larger amount of water for a drawdown instead of the 6 inches it currently can release along with other fixtures to the spillway. If the bids come in too high, they will not pursue the project. The money is set aside in funds by the county to pay for the fixtures and the lake property owners will not be assessed.

Commissioner Hanson made a motion start date to the drawdown on Monday, September 21, 2020 and ending on October 15, 2020. Motion second by Commissioner Dahl. Discussion included the Town of Spooner's support for the dates the lake association district deems suitable. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner DuCharme absent.

3. Boat Ramp Improvements

The whole by the ramp was filled by Brian Danielson last year. It does help with launching boats, but it is now too shallow for bigger boats taking away an area that the larger boats used to float their boats. Commissioner Dahl will attend a

Town of Spooner meeting to discuss possible changes to the ramp and potentially make it longer.

A suggestion was made for cleats to be added to the dock so boats can tie onto the dock instead of pulling onto shore to retrieve their vehicle. A list of items for potential improvements will be collected.

4. Annual Meeting Location

Commissioner Nordstrom will connect with Mark Shultz to see if the fairgrounds could be used for the annual meeting to make accommodations for social distancing during the meeting.

5. Curly Pond Leaf Weed Update

Two beds were sprayed out of the twelve beds proposed. These were approved by the DNR based on the analysis performed by Steve Schiffer.

6. Future Agenda Items

- One-Foot Drawdown and Dam Status
- Nuisance Weed Harvesting

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

There were other no Commissioner communications on business items.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no communications by members.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dahl motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 AM. Second by Commissioner Hanson.

Next meeting will be September 5, 2020.

MORTON DAHL
Secretary