

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

ANNUAL BOARD MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

The Spooner Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District (Spooner Lake District) Board held a meeting at the Washburn County Fairgrounds Pavilion 8000 W Beaverbrook Ave, Spooner, WI at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Commissioner Bill DuCharme.

Persons in Attendance: Howard Hill, Marilyn Hill, Dale Bozovsky, Kelly Bozovsky, Duane Seitz, Doris Seitz, Shirly Jackson, Bill Jackson, Matthew Peterson, Joy Peterson, Paul Schilling, John Meacham, Eric Severen, Amanda Cichy, Randy Hanson, Joe Banick, Polly Banick, Guy Inman, Pat Inman, Dan McClenthen, Pat McClenthen, Michael Plisky, Mabi Plisky, Greg Style, Brent Rush, Ed Fischer, David Koch, Karin Koch, Deb Shipman, Richard Shipman, Akemi Fischer, Dean Dierschov, John Kreutzer, Dan Norstrom, and Mike Olson

Chairman Nordstrom presided.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Nordstrom led the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING ON AUGUST 31, 2020

Commissioner Hanson moved to approve the meeting minutes of August 31, 2019. Commissioner Dahl seconded. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner DuCharme absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Hanson presented and reviewed the Treasurer's Report 2020 as of August 11, 2020. It was presented with the Aquatic Management Plan (APM) update reflecting the current financial numbers caused by changes to the implementation of the plan. The budget included expenditures to the curly pond leaf remediation totaling \$9,800. The boat landing launch fees have earned about \$2,500 to date.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Website

Commissioner Hanson stated the website is up for renewal. The domain has been renewed. She is looking for input on whether it should be continued. Commissioner Fischer pointed out the website has been receiving more traffic to find information about Spooner Lake and the lake association. Another association member suggested adding lake/ice conditions and other information to the website. As far as site maintenance, suggestions included hiring someone, adding it to the clerk's duties, or finding a volunteer to run it. It was decided through discussions the website is important, informative tool and it should be kept. Commissioner Hanson said she would continue maintaining the site. Commissioner Hanson made a motion to keep the Spooner Lake Association website. Commissioner Dahl second. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner DuCharme absent.

2. Commissioner Hanson Term Ending

Commissioner Hanson's term will end at this year. She stated if she gets positive support from the membership, she will continue to be on the board. Commissioner Nordstrom made the motion to continue to have Commissioner Hanson to remain on the board to fulfill another three-year term. Motion passed unanimously

Commissioner William Ducharme has not attended a board meeting since being elected to the board. It was proposed to look for new members. Commissioner Fischer made the motion to accept Commissioner DuCharme's implied resignation from the board due to lack of attendance in any meeting the past year. Motion was seconded by Mike Plisky. Motion passed unanimously with Commissioner DuCharme absent. His position was a representative for the Washburn county. Commissioner Nordstrom will inform former Commissioner DuCharme of this decision.

Pat Inman nominated to join the Spooner Lake Association board by Polly Banick. She has a background in education and grant writing. She also has previous board experience and able to regularly attend board meetings. Commissioner Nordstrom made a motion to add Pat Inman to the board with a second from an association member. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fisher stated the board is looking for more members who are interested in joining the board. Commissioners are appointed through association nominations during annual meetings. Also, one board member is appointed by county board and one appointed by town board. Officer positions are elected during board meetings. The role of the board is to represent the membership. There are four board meetings to attend throughout the year plus two association meetings a year. The spring meeting is an informal meeting and the fall association meeting is the official membership meeting. A term consists of 3 years. For more information, members are asked to refer to the by-laws posted.

3. Commissioner Nordstrom Term Ending

Commissioner Nordstrom stepped in to fulfill the remainder of former Commissioner Schultz's term which was one year of his three-year term, so his term is done. He is willing to continue on the board for another term Commissioner Nordstrom will fill the vacancy left from Commissioner DuCharme for the remainder of his term totaling two years from the original three-year term. Newly elected Commissioner Pat Inman will take Commissioner Nordstrom's vacant position for a three-year term. Representative for Washburn county vacated by Commissioner DuCharme will be filled by Commissioner Nordstrom. Representative for the Town of Spooner vacated by Commissioner Nordstrom will be filled by Commissioner Edmond.

Wayne Cottee and Richard Shipman expressed interest in helping the board and becoming more involved with the association board. They and other interested parties are encouraged to email Commissioner Hanson.

4. Status of Drawdown

Commissioner Nordstrom made motion for the approval of the drawdown will take place on the Monday closest to September 21st and end on the Thursday closest to October 15th for up to one-foot drawdown. The second was by an association member. Motion carried unanimously.

The repairs to the dam will begin on September 21, 2020 with the goal of getting of a one-foot drawdown. The current configuration only allows six inches to be drawn down. They will cut away part of the spill way to get an additional six inches to total a foot. The county is assuming financial responsibility to the repairs.

5. Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APM)

Commissioner Nordstrom presented the details of the APM plan which states the need for a person to monitor the condition of Spooner Lake's weeds. Steve Schiffer currently monitors the progression of the weeds and is willing to be the consultant for further management of the weed remediation to appropriately adhere to the APM. The APM requires a study of the lake weed conditions with mechanical removal of nuisance weeds for five years before considering chemical removal. Chemical removal is rarely used currently and can possibly cause algae blooms. Commissioner Fischer made a motion to direct the board to authorize a search for a harvester for the channel and spend up to \$15,000 with a back out provision date after the 2021 May meeting. Motion second by Commissioner Hanson. Discussion followed with a proposal by Michael Plisky to move to amend the motion to add the language to say the harvest would satisfy the DNR trail period and it's parameters. No second to amendment, so the amendment failed. Motion carried with two members opposed. The board will approach Steve Schiffer to monitor the state of the weeds at a cost not exceeding \$5,000.

6. Budget

Commissioner Hanson reported the dam assessment has concluded and will be \$0 on this year's taxes. The Spooner Lake Association will hope to receive \$4,000 in the continuation of the Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW) grant. The AIS control income is expected to be \$5,000. The boat launch fees were budgeted for \$1,500, but has received more than \$2,500 to date. Expenses included \$7,000 for CBCW, \$1,500 for Steve Schiffer and \$10,000 for the Curly Pond Leaf remediation, plus other miscellaneous expenses. Commissioner Hanson proposed cutting the tax levy in half from last year to be \$18,000 due to reduction of expenses for the 2020 year. The budget will be amended to reflect the \$15,000 approved to use for the harvesting for the APM and \$5,000 for Steve Schiffer's work to be done. Reserve will be at \$30,000 with the goal of reaching it to \$40,000 to be used for emergency measures such as zebra mussel control if needed in the future. The balance will be around \$45,000 after amendments. A motion to accept the budget was made by an association member. The motion was seconded by a different association member.

7. New Meeting Items

None.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

(A Commissioner may address the Board on informational items of business other than scheduled agenda items.)

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

(Members of the public may address the Board on items of business other than scheduled agenda items.)

Boat Landing improvements were suggested by association members. Fill was dumped to fill the hole by the concrete slab, but it was placed in the wrong spot. It will be pushed into the proper location this fall. Boat bumpers need to be added to the dock.

Matthew Peterson inquired about the Mann Road landing and if it could be closed during the summer to prevent invasive species from entering the lake. He will pursue with the DNR about closure or management.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hanson made motion to adjourn at 11:43 AM. Second by Commission Dahl.

Next annual meeting will be September 4, 2021.

MORTON DAHL
Secretary