

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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NOVEMBER 7, 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 AM.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Mort Dahl, Pat Inman, Nancy Hanson, and Jay Nordstrom.

Absent: Commissioner Ed Fischer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Nordstrom led the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

Commissioner Hanson moved to approve the meeting minutes of September 5, 2020. Commissioner Dahl seconded. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Fischer absent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Commissioner Hanson presented and highlighted the Treasurer's Report 2020 showing the Book Balance as of November 5, 2020. Commissioner Dahl moved to receive the Treasurer's Report 2020, subject to audit. Commissioner Inman seconded. The motion carried unanimously with Commissioner Fischer absent.

BUSINESS

1. Discussion with Steve Schiffer Regarding Weed Control/APM (Aquatic Plant Management) Plan

Commissioner Nordstrom presented Steve Schiffer to the board. He has been monitoring the weeds in Spooner Lake for several years and had provided information for developing the existing APM plan. Steve provided a detailed description on the management of CLP (curly leaf pondweed), nuisance weeds and algae in Spooner Lake and comparable lakes in the region. He identified contributing factors that could cause potential issues with weed mitigation and the health of Spooner Lake. He proposed doing a survey of the weeds with the Spooner Lake district board members before the mechanical harvesting in the summer of 2021. Discussion ensued about watershed and conducting a nutrient

study to aid in protecting the future of Spooner Lake's health. There are grant opportunities available for conducting the study. This matter will be brought to the lake association members at the May 2021 meeting to determine if grant moneys should be perused for a nutrient study.

2. Contracting with Weed Harvester

Commissioner Nordstrom has been in contact with a company to conduct weed harvesting as approved during the annual meeting in September. He will continue to move forward on obtaining a contract to mechanically remove weeds in the channel to be scheduled during the last week of July 2021 or the first week of August 2021.

3. One-foot Drawdown and Dam Fixtures Update

Commissioner Nordstrom confirmed the fixtures to the dam were completed. The planned drawdown of one foot was attained.

4. Status of AIS (Aquatic Invasive Species) Grant for CLP (Curly Leaf Pond Weed)

Commissioner Hanson informed the board of an extension in the AIS grant to extend to 2021. This extension was granted due to not using the full amount in 2019 and 2020 in curly leaf pondweed remediation.

5. Letter to/from DNR regarding APM Plan Requirements

Commissioner Hanson presented an email she received from the DNR regarding the APM plan requirements in answering questions proposed by the association members during the annual membership meeting in September. In the email, Pamela Toshner suggested the mechanical harvesting trail last for at least two years before approaching the subject of chemical treatments again. There is not an acreage harvest requirement specified in the existing APM plan, but she recommends mechanically harvesting whatever areas the association is seeking to potentially chemically treat. The success/ failure of the mechanical trial will be determined using qualitative monitoring as outlined in the APM decided upon by the district, DNR, and other partners. Future chemical control of nuisance weeds will need sound scientific evidence based on detailed goals, objectives, and monitoring/ evaluation. It will be denied if there is no evidence of severe navigational impairment and efficacy of the proposed treatment is unproven.

6. Secretarial Position for 2021

Commissioner Hanson proposed placing an advertisement in the newspaper for the open position.

7. Meeting Schedule and Next Meeting Business Items

Future meeting dates will be March 20, 2021 @ 9:00 AM; May 1, 2021 @ 9:00 AM; May 29, 2021 @ 10:00 AM; August 7, 2021 @ 9:00 AM; and September 4, 2021 @ 10:00 AM.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Hanson presented the DNR's response to association member Matthew Peterson's inquiry about closure of the Mann landing. The closure was denied. The concern with the landing is that people could use the entry without being monitored for invasive species on their boats. The DNR suggested the association develop a monitoring plan.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Association member Matthew Peterson proposed an educational meeting session be offered at 8:30 AM before the May 2021 membership meeting to inform interested association members about the APM plan and the current status on aquatic plants and the relation to the health of the Spooner Lake.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dahl motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:37 AM. Second by Commissioner Hanson.

Next meeting will be March 20, 2021.

MORTON DAHL
Secretary