

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
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SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021 9:00A  
SPOONER TOWN HALL, N6124 BLOOMING VALE ROAD, SPOONER, WI  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**ROLL CALL** and Introduce Sarah Slayton (recording secretary)

**Present:** Commissioners Jay Nordstrom, Nancy Hanson, Pat Inman, Ed Fischer (phone)

**Absent:** Mort Dahl

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Hanson presented the Treasurer's Report. The first tax installment was received in January. The March installment should be coming soon. A CBCW Grant was awarded for \$4,000 and an advance payment of \$1,000 was received.

Ed Fischer discussed the legal fees that will be upcoming. Legal fees of \$3,000 have been paid as a retainer to Christa Westerberg of Pines Bach, and \$975 was spent for the filing fee for the Board of Adjustment Appeal. The allocated funds remaining are \$2,025. Additional funds will need to be allocated towards the legal fees at the spring meeting. The quote for the fees was \$7,000. Ed Fischer received a check for \$5,000 from a non-board member, this can be used towards legal fees.

Question from audience: Are we high or low with the current balance compared to previous years?  
Nancy Hanson stated that we are on the high side.

Mabi Plisky asked Ed Fischer to explain the legal fee quote and expenditures more thoroughly.

A motion was made by Pat Inman to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ed Fischer seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

Jay Nordstrom asked to rearrange the order of the agenda to address items 6/4/5. first.

6. Jay Nordstrom stated that the CBCW inspectors are underpaid. This should be increased to \$14 per hour for Hunter Denison and \$12 per hour for the additional CBCW staff. Nancy Hanson made a motion to approve the increase in pay for Hunter Denison to \$14 per hour and the staff to \$12 per hour. Jay Nordstrom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The installation of a Port a Potty at the boat landing parking lot was discussed. This unit would cost \$140 per month. The Commission stated that the staff should have a close facility available to them and this would also benefit the public using the boat landing. The parking lot is owned by the WDNR and they will need to approve the placement. The Commission would like it to remain there for the season. The WDNR will be asked if they can fund the Port a Potty. Mabi Plisky stated that there is currently an agreement with the Spooner Golf Course for the CBCW staff to use their restroom facilities when needed. She stated that there is also a facility available at the town park. Objection was raised from neighbors to the boat landing about

having a Port a Potty that close to their property. Don Cuskey questioned whether the Port a Potty unit at the town park could be moved? The town may be required to have a Port a Potty onsite at the park. Mabi Plisky requested that the Commissioner's contact information be placed on the Port a Potty if it is placed at the landing in case of any issues.

4. Hunter Denison stated that the CBCW staff are given options for their work hours. Hunter Denison agreed to keep the boat washing supplies up to date. Mort Dahl currently has items that he will hand off in April. Jay Nordstrom will work with Hunter Denison to take over Mort Dahl's duties. The money collection needs to be addressed. Mort Dahl has been responsible for picking up the money from the lock box. Don Cuskey and his wife agreed to collect the monies and hold for the Treasurer to pick up.
5. Hunter Denison asked about season passes being available this year. Nancy Hanson stated that the only people that bought lake passes last year were lake residents. The Town of Spooner will discuss at their April 20<sup>th</sup> meeting whether they will continue or change the way the lake passes are handled. They will then send a letter to the Spooner Lake District after they discuss. 35 passes were sold last year. The application for the pass was included in the tax bills. This was only available to Spooner Lake residents or Town of Spooner residents.
1. Contracts have been signed with Lake Restoration Inc. for the Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) treatment. The spray for the CLP will happen early after ice out. The contract amount is approximately \$9,100 for ten acres. Ecological Integrity will charge up to \$3,200 for additional analysis of the CLP after ice out. Nancy Hanson made a motion to approve the two contracts. Jay Nordstrom seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
2. The estimated cost for Ecological Integrity to do further weed harvesting analysis is \$2,400. The harvest will focus on the channels. TSB Lakefront Restoration and Diving out of Chippewa Falls have given a time frame of 8/2/2021-8/11/2021 to harvest the weeds. This date was questioned. Is there a scientific reason that these weeds are being cut during this time? Steve Schieffer of Ecological Integrity will be asked for the reasoning and whether this date can be moved up. If the date is going to be moved, it will be posted on the website and discussed at the next meeting. The question was asked where the harvested weeds will be deposited? Jay Nordstrom made a motion to enter into contract with TSB Lakefront Restoration and Diving for \$15,000 for weed harvesting. Nancy Hanson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.
3. The Spooner Lake Watershed Management Plan completed in 2007 should be updated. Grants are available to help with this process and the deadline is approaching. In January it was mentioned to focus on a broader watershed management plan. Pat Inman is currently looking into contractors that would be able to take on this type of project. Ed Fischer stated that because Spooner Lake is only a part of the Yellow River Watershed, Washburn County or other partners should be approached to collaborate.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

Ed Fischer made a motion to make the May meeting a membership meeting instead of a regular board meeting. Pat Inman seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The location will be determined and announced.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Reminder to everyone, don't forget to vote on April 6<sup>th</sup> if you are a resident of the Town of Spooner.

The lake was drawn down and the water is supposed to return to the normal level by the start of fishing opener. The water was still low at the start last year. It was requested that someone on the commission make a phone call to the Highway Department to make sure that the water levels are raised on time. Mabi Plisky said that she would make a reminder for those responsible to increase the lake water level. A comment was made to revisit the drawdown at the May membership meeting.

Next Board Meeting May 1<sup>st</sup>.

May Membership Meeting May 29<sup>th</sup>.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jay Nordstrom at 10:37a. Seconded by Nancy Hanson. Motion Carried.