

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT  
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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2021 10:00A  
WASHBURN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS PAVILLION, SPOONER, WI  
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Jay Nordstrom, Nancy Hanson, Pat Inman, Ed Fischer, and Mort Dahl

**Absent:** none

Stand for the pledge of allegiance.

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Hanson presented the treasurer's report. The second tax levy was received, a total of \$18,000 for 2021. Additional grant funding will be available for the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) control. The boat launch fees collected for the year are approximately \$2500. Thank you to the Cuskey's for collecting and counting the money with the bank. \$6500 has been spent to date for Clean Boats Clean Waters (CBCW), there will be one more week of additional expenses. Three new buoy's were purchased for \$810. Lake treatment costs: Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) \$9600 spend to date and the weed harvesting was \$15,000. The legal fees paid were \$5000 for the year. There is an additional \$8,000 that was approved, but has not yet been paid. Other means will need to be determined to pay the remainder of the legal fees. Currently there is approximately \$50,000 in the bank, \$30,000 is reserved for rapid response. The mill rate for 2021 was .0058 of \$31 million.

A motion was made by Mort Dahl to accept the treasurer's report as reported. Mike Plisky seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the minutes of the May 29, 2021 meeting. A motion was made by Glen Car to approve the minutes. Nancy Hanson seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. Mort Dahl reported that the audit was completed. Dahl completed the audit. Ed Fischer moved for approval of the audit. Glen Car seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Nancy Hanson reported that we are currently on an approved extension to spend the funds of the CLP Grant. The funds will be reimbursed by 50%. There will be approximately \$6000 coming back to the district account. Mabi Plisky made a motion to approve the submission of grants for CBCW and CLP for the 2022 season. Mike Plisky seconded. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Pat Inman gave a status report of the lake watershed management plan. This plan is used extensively for multiple purposes, previously completed by Cedar Corporation. They are no longer able to complete the plans and referred the lake district to Short Elliot Hendrickson (SEH). WDNR would like the report updated every 10 years. The proposal submission was previously approved. Match dollars are requirement for the grant to complete the new plan. Through various sources that will be covered. The plan will have a land use component. A pre-proposal

was due September 2<sup>nd</sup> and submitted. As a Lake District we are preapproved for this grant. The whole proposal will be submitted November 1<sup>st</sup> and the award will happen March 2022. The grant total is \$25,000, a one third match is required. These funds are already budgeted for this purpose. Volunteers are needed. Akimi Fischer made a motion to make Pat Inman the representative for this current grant. Polly Bannic seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Mabi Plisky made a motion to approve proceeding with the necessary expenditures up to \$8,000 minus the in kind dollars associated with updating the watershed management grant with the WDNR. Nancy Hanson amended the motion up to \$10,000. Mabi Plisky accepted the amendment. Howard Hill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

4. The status of the boat launch fees were discussed. The Town of Spooner is currently handling the annual passes. The Town of Spooner will revisit this at their September meeting. Cuskey's and Plisky's are currently handling the money collected from the boat fees. Mike Plisky made a motion to continue collecting a \$5 boat launch fee. Howard Hill seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Jay Nordstrom gave a status on the 1 ft drawdown of the lake. This will occur on the 20<sup>th</sup> of September and will end on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October. Nancy Hanson had a discussion with WDNR on the drawdown related to weed control, this year because of several factors, the drawdown may have contributed to the growth of weeds. It was stated that the original proposal for drawdown was supposed to be 2-3 feet. Membership is requesting a copy of the dam construction contract from the Washburn County Highway Department. Brent Rush made a motion to continue the current process of the 1 ft drawdown. Mabi Plisky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
6. Ed Fischer discussed the decision of the zoning committee and the appeal to the board of adjustment in regards to the proposed campground. The Conditional Use Permit was denied. Approximately \$40,000 have been paid towards attorney's fees. Ed Fischer discussed approving the treasurer to accept and the board to spend donations related to opposition of the proposed campground. Ed Fischer made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to receive and the Board to expend donations for the purpose of pursuing the Lake District's February 12, 2021 decision to oppose the proposed 200 site seasonal campground for the Thompson Family Trust property now owned by Steve Austin. Income deductibility of donations may exist but determination thereof is the responsibility of the donor. Mike Plisky seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Mabi Plisky made a motion to rearrange the agenda moving number 7 to the end. Nancy Hanson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
8. Jay Nordstrom stated that the weed harvesting was completed. His recommendation is to schedule the harvest 2-3 weeks earlier. The weed harvesting is meant to create a clear channel for boat travel. Nancy Hanson discussed the options of a boat that is available to skim the top water to remove floating weeds. Nancy Hanson made a motion to continue using the weed harvester for the 2022 season, increase the acreage to 20 acres, and increase the budgeted spending to \$25,000. John Nordstrom seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
9. Nancy Hanson reviewed the proposed 2022 budget. Nancy Hanson made a motion to approve the budget with an increase to the tax levy, \$50,000 while the remainder of the budget stays as originally presented. John Nordstrom seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Ed Fischer made a motion to authorize the treasurer to pay the remaining balance of \$8,000 of legal fees. Glen Car seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

10. The agenda was rearranged to moved item 7 to the end. Election of two board members. Mort Dahl and Ed Fischer both have positions that are up for reelection. Polly Banick nominated Wayne Poteat. Mabi Plisky nominated Ed Fischer. Brent Rush nominated Logan Ludwig. The nominees introduced themselves. A vote took place. Ed Fischer and Wayne Poteat were elected to the board with the highest number of votes. They will serve a three year term ending in 2024.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Next Meeting September 8, 2021.

Ed Fischer made a motion to adjourn this meeting to 4pm September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Spooner Town Hall for ratification of actions taken today. (This is needed to comply with State notice requirements.) Seconded by Lori Johnson. Motion Carried.