

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022 9:00A

ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Jay Nordstrom, Nancy Hanson, Pat Inman, Wayne Poteet, and Ed Fischer are hereinafter referred to by their initials.

The first listed actor on a motion is the movant. The second, the second. "MCU" means the motion carried unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT: NH presented and reviewed the Treasurer's Report. She noted that, including the donations, the District has in total now spent approximately \$66,000 in attorney fees and related costs contesting the North Lake Properties CUP applications. She also noted that while several district members have commented to her that the mil rate has gone up, in fact it has been returned to a more normal rate as the membership meeting directed. PI/EF moved to receive the Treasurer's Report, subject to audit – MCU.

MINUTES: NH / JN moved to approve the board meeting minutes of Oct. 2, Nov. 2 and Dec. 10 – MCU.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

Closed session with Counsel Christa Westerberg. EF /NH moved to go into closed session to consult with counsel concerning strategy and advice regarding the North Lake Properties Inc. CUP which the District is appealing. MCU. Whereupon the described closed session convened.

At 9:30A the Board reconvened to open session and addressed the following items as indicated.

1. Clean Boats Clean Waters Program for 2022. JN reported that Mike and Kay Patterson will work along with Melanie Schreiber to whom he will reach out to operate the program. Wayne will supervise the CBCW operation. DNR will hold program training in April.
2. Weed Harvesting for 2022. JN reported that TSB (last year's harvester) and the District have a signed contract to do harvesting for 2 weeks beginning approximately July 11. TSB indicated that they cannot harvest private parcels because of the difficulty with permits. NH noted that we need to educate people as to what they can do individually. The lake is not a maintenance free lake.
3. Boat Launch fee in coordination with the Town Board. JN reported that the Town of Spooner has passed an ordinance authorizing the District to receive boat launch receipts including individual launches and season passes. The District must administer and report to the Town. Wayne volunteered to design a sticker for pass holders to display. AAA Sports applied for and was granted an exemption under the ordinance.

4. Aquatic Invasive Species Treatment for 2022. Because of date changes we do not have a curly leaf pondweed treatment grant for 2022. This will be an opportunity to learn about the value of chemical treatment for CLP by examining annual vegetation inventories. The desirability of changing the District's lake technical advisor was discussed. PH will obtain a statement from SEH as to what they would do differently and better. WP noted that the District's 2 big concerns are water quality and weed control. What should we be doing about them and how much will it cost. PI noted that the Aquatic Plant Management plan needs to be updated in 2024. Now is the time to start preparing. WP queried whether the DNR would let us use money we won't be using to treat CLP to for skimming.
5. Report on the North Camp Properties CUP appeal Ed reported that the District's appeal is scheduled to go to the County Board of Adjustment on Feb. 11 but that there are several procedural decisions which need to be made by the BOA before then. He reported that North Lake Properties can't move any dirt for their project until then.
6. Welcome YRPC (Yellow River Protection Conservancy) members for discussion on partnering for possible collaboration. Phil Sylla, Chair of YRPC, addressed the Board noting that development is the biggest threat to the Yellow River watershed which his organization is focused on protecting. He explained the vision of YRPC is to protect the river by establishing a corridor of protected properties along the river, many of which are and will be privately held. His organization seeks to establish relationships with like-minded groups along the river. Spooner Lake is viewed as the headwater of the Yellow River and therefore is part of that corridor. Because our purpose is to protect Spooner Lake, he sees the district as an organization with similar goals. He requested that our Board appoint a person to serve on his organization's board of directors.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Agenda items the next meeting: Appointment of an audit committee member. Approval of August 2021 meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Next Meeting date, not discussed.

EF / NH moved to adjourn at 10:59A—MCU.