

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2022 9:00A

WASHBURN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

SPOONER, WI 54801

**ROLL CALL:**

Commissioners Ed Fischer, Nancy Hanson, Pat Inman, Logan Ludwig present and are hereinafter referred to by their initials.

Absent: Jay Nordstrom

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

EF/LL nominated NH to run the meeting. --MCU

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

NH called the meeting to order at 9:00a.

Stood for the pledge of allegiance.

**MINUTES:** LL/PI moved to approve the board meeting minutes of September 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. – MCU.

**TREASURER REPORT:**

NH gave the Treasurer's report. All tax levy funds were received. Final grant payment on AIS treatment was received. Boat Launch funds received \$2,543.55. Camp ground legal fees donations received \$11,000, Campground Circuit Court Donations received \$31,101. CBCW expenses \$5,373. Lake treatment & harvest \$22,500. \$72,448.32 in the bank, \$30,000 reserved for rapid response, \$31,101 reserved for Circuit Court Fees payable from Donations. \$11,347.32 is the available working balance. PI/Jeanie Bruce moved to approved the report. MCU

**BUSINESS ITEMS:**

1. Accomplishments were broken out in the newsletter that all members should have received.
2. EF gave the results of the financial audit. He and LL were tasked to examine the books. EF reported that the books are in good order.
3. NH gave a status report for the CLP and CBCW grant applications. Pre-applications have been submitted.
4. PI gave a status report on the watershed management plan. Pre-proposal is due this month. The proposal is on track to meet the grant deadline.
5. LL reported on the Score the Shore & Healthy Lakes Grant application. Everyone should have received a mailing with the survey. The Lake District would like to use this as an educational tool for the Lake District Members. There are resources included that he would like to encourage the Lake District Members to visit and read that are recommended as best practices for a healthy lake. There are currently eight lake associations in WI participating.

6. Approximately 25 seasonal boat launch passes were purchased, \$2,500. Lake property owners were not asked to pay for the pass. These collected monies are to be used in addition to the budgeted funds for weed control.
7. NH discussed an inspector pay increase for CBCW. Other districts were contacted and we currently pay \$12 while they are paying \$15. Mark Schultz/Mike Plisky made a motion to increase the inspector pay for CBCW to \$15 per hour. --MCU
8. NH discussed the drawdown. She reported that the drawdown was approximately 14 inches last year, 12 inches was requested. The membership discussed the drawdown possibility of being reduced to 6 inches. Membership discussed the pros and cons of the drawdown and the timeline that it should take place. The drawn down cannot be changed every year. Mike Plisky made a motion to keep the one foot drawdown. Gary Cuskey seconded. 16 approved, 34 opposed. Motion did not pass. Brent Rush made a motion to change the drawn down to 9 inches. Nancy Robinson seconded. 19 approved, 30 opposed. Motion did not pass. Paul Leader made a motion to change the drawn down to 6 inches. Glen Carr seconded. 39 approved, 4 opposed. Motion carried. The town board would need to approve the change.
9. NH reported on the 2022 harvest. Cutting begins at Mann Road Landing. You may see the wheels not turning, this is because the harvester is on destination to a new place or is full of weeds. The harvester reported that it appeared that his hydraulic lines were cut. There is no proof of the act. Membership discussed using herbicides on the weed growth. A motion was made by Polly Banick to stop harvesting. Gary Cuskey seconded. Motion passed by majority. The harvester can be hired to skim only. NH made a motion to hire the harvester for skimming purposes only not to exceed \$7,500, plus boat launch income of \$2,500 on the lake in 2023. Bill Goesh seconded. Motion passed by majority. Gary Cuskey made a motion to apply for DNR permits to use herbicides to treat the navigation weeds with a cost not to exceed \$15,000 that would need to be subject to DNR approval according to the APM plan. Glan Carr seconded. Motion passed by majority.
10. Status of campground litigation was updated to the membership by EF. A permit was obtained to build a 200 unit campground. The zoning committee approved their last application. The Spooner Lake District has approved funds over the last two years to fight the litigation. The concern for the Lake District is to protect the lake. The fundraising campaign was successful. EF made a motion to designate \$10,000 from undesignated funds to the legal fees SLD line item for 2022. David Cooperrider seconded. Discussion. 40 approved, 18 opposed. Motion passed. EF made a motion to have the Spooner Lake District go on record to urge the county to support the moratorium. Marilyn Hill seconded. 34 approved, 11 opposed. Motion passed.
11. NH went over the proposed budget. Budget copies were provided to the membership in attendance and posted. Mabi Plisky made a motion to approve the budget for 2023 subject to the modifications that were approved by the membership at today's meeting. Jeanie Bruce seconded. --MCU
12. Logan Ludwig was nominated by Nancy Hanson to fill the open board position. Jeanie Bruce seconded. Jay Nordstrom's term is up. A motion was made by Gary Cuskey to nominate Joe Banick to fill the open position. Howard Hill seconded. --MCU  
Thank you to Jay Nordstrom for the time that he has served.

## **COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Gary Cuskey made a motion to adjourn at 11:40a. Second by Keith Johnson. --MCU.