

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2023 9:00A

SPOONER TOWN HALL

N6124 BLOOMING VALE ROAD

SPOONER, WI 54801

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Joe Banick, Ed Fischer, Nancy Hanson, Logan Ludwig present and are hereinafter referred to by their initials.

**Absent:** Pat Inman

Stand for the pledge of allegiance.

NH/JB motion to approve minutes of May 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. MCU

**Treasurer's Report:**

Commissioner Hanson presented the treasurer's report. The second half of the 2023 tax levy has not yet been received. Boat launch income is slightly down from last year, \$1805. \$500 was received for a circuit court donation. Clean Boats Clean Waters expenses have been \$5,000. Lake Treatment bills have been received and reflected as paid. When the budget was created it was anticipated to receive \$10,000 in grant funds for lake treatment. Those funds were not awarded. Hanson spent the \$5,000 that was previously approved for lake treatment. She stated that she will use the boat launch income to supplant the remainder needed. There was a question whether the \$10,000 remained authorized to spend on lake treatment if the grants funds were not received. EF suggested the membership make that clarification. EF/JB made a motion to approve using the boat launch money to supplant the lake treatment budgeted dollars. MCU Hanson will explain the use of the boat launch money at the annual meeting. Of the \$20,000 budgeted for legal expense, \$4,300 have been used. The donated funds of \$27,653.08 were used first for legal expenses. EF/JB moved to approve the financial report for audit. MCU

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. **Discussion of Proposed 2024 Budget**—NH explained the proposed budget. The proposed budget is currently up for discussion before the presentation of the budget at the membership meeting. Columns 1-3 are actual expenses. Columns 6-9 are proposed are the proposed budget for 2024. The tax assessment and boat launch items have been left the same. Hanson does not believe that we are active enough in our lake district to receive the Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) grant funds. Discussion will be had at the meeting to determine if we go ahead with lake treatment options if grant funds are not received. It was discussed to reduce the budgeted legal fees by \$5,000 to keep \$15,000 in the budget. There is not currently anything budgeted for civil

penalties to the district or individuals. There should be \$2,000 added to the budget to potentially cover that expense if needed. No action.

2. **Status of Boat Launch and Boat Passes**— NH stated that 19 boat passes have been sold in 2023 to date compared to 23-24 at this time in 2022. Boat launch income is \$1805 in 2023 to date and \$2081 in 2022.
3. **Review of 2023 Lake Treatments and Discussion of Future Treatments**— LL stated that the application was denied by WDNR for individuals to use chemicals via Lakeshore Restoration to clear in front of their homes. NH asked for clarification on the navigational channels to be made clearer by Ecological Solutions for 2024. She believes that the treatment went too close to the sand bar.
4. **Status of North Camp Litigation**— EF reported a new judge was assigned to the case because the former judge recused herself; the new judge will hear final arguments on September 15 and a decision will probably render a decision in 2024 as a result of the time it would take to review the extensive record on the case. EF discussed concerns about the adequacy of a septic system stating that campgrounds have morphed from a short-term experience into a long-term residence with modern conveniences like clothes washers, showers, and dish washers and the applicability of the definition of a campground. EF indicated that Washburn County officials were in the process of updating the campground ordinance. No action
5. **Discussion of Agenda Items for Fall 2023 Membership Meeting**— LL suggested approval of the minutes of September 2022, a Treasurer's report, proposed budget for 2024, lake treatment regarding the navigation channel and Curly Leaf Pondweed, North Camp Litigation update, presence of a lake expert to talk about Spooner Lake, election procedures and election of two commissioners, and reports from working groups. No action

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**