

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 2024 8:30A

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 (via phone), Pat Inman (via phone) present and are hereinafter referred to by their initials.

**Absent:** none

At 8:30a the scheduled meeting of the Spooner Lake District was called to order by Chair Logan Ludwig.

Stand for the pledge of allegiance.

PI/JB motion to approve minutes of November 4<sup>nd</sup> meeting. MCU

**Treasurer's Report:**

Commissioner Hanson presented the treasurer's report. NH stated that we received \$13,836.88 for the tax levy payment. A Pines Bach bill was paid for \$1,482.36 for legal fees. The balance as of 3/2/24 is \$54,796.08. PI/EF moved to approve the financial report for audit. MCU

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. **Update on Washburn County BOA hearing 12/15/23**— EF stated that the Board of Adjustment didn't follow correct procedure at the CUP hearing. A new hearing is scheduled for April 5<sup>th</sup>. The legal representation would suggest bringing the issue to Circuit Court if the CUP is again approved. EF/NH A motion was made for the district to refer the case to Circuit Court in the event that the district loses its appeal to the BOA. MCU Discussion was had regarding the amount of legal funds available in the budget for this action.
2. **Vote on 2024 Contracts for Navigation Channels and CLP Weed Treatment**— LL lead discussion on the 2024 Contracts for navigation and weed treatment. NH/EF A motion was made to proceed with options one and two with Lake Restoration, Inc. for the 2024 navigational treatment. MCU CLP treatment might be less acreage treated this year. The board discussed whether the CLP will be surveyed this year. Will this include a partial survey of known beds or a survey to include the entire lake? EF/NH A motion was made to authorize Steve Schieffer, Ecological Integrity Service LLC, to complete a full lake survey similar to previous years. NH/JB A motion was made to approve the 2024 CLP Weed Treatment based on the results of the upcoming CLP survey. MCU PI brought up the survey of the sensitive areas, the report and the guidelines. This was completed in 2000. The district is questioning whether Steve Schieffer can complete both surveys. PI is looking to revitalize the wild rice beds on the lake. She has been in

discussion with LCO and St. Croix Tribes. LL will ask Steve Schieffer to estimate the cost of the sensitive areas survey.

3. **Discussion of possible Bylaw changes**—LL sent a copy to the board of potential bylaw changes. EF went over his comments on the changes. Clarification was made on the where and how the term 'district' should be used. Remote voting with zoom was discussed. The board does not think this is feasible. Mabi Plisky has volunteered to help with the bylaw changes. She would like to receive updates and any additional information from LL. EF/PI A motion was made to state an elector must be present at a meeting to have a qualifying vote. MCU Discussion was held regarding who is eligible to vote, Trust, LLC. ect. based on state law. Discussion will continue at the next board meeting. NH suggested preparing a document that will be shared with the membership of the current bylaws and 1-2 options for the suggested change. Discussion was had of each method of posting for meetings, annual meetings, and membership meetings. The current methods of posting meet the bylaw's requirement. All of article 12 will be eliminated.
4. **SLD Website Capabilities Discussion**—LL initiated discussion of the district website. LL would like documents available to the commission board members. NH has said that she is going to change the website software to web based so that it will not only be accessible to her own personal computer. NH will look into options for document sharing.
5. **CBCW Grant Status for 2024**— NH stated that a \$4,000 grant was awarded.

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

The APM was discussed. LL will speak with Steve Schieffer, Ecological Integrity Service LLC, about the possibility of him doing an update to the plan.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

PI/NH made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:26a. MCU