

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2023 9:30A

SPOONER TOWN HALL

N6124 BLOOMING VALE ROAD, SPOONER, WI 54801

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent: none

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

Closed Session 9a

EF/PI moved to move to open session. MCU

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

LL called the meeting to order at 9:47a.

Stood for the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: EF/PI approved the minutes of July 30, October 6, October 8, 2022. –MCU

TREASURER REPORT:

NH gave the Treasurer's report. The current report provided is recorded through 12/31/22. The first payment of tax was received for \$9,800. Since the last meeting, an additional \$1,150 of Circuit Court donations were received. Legal fees to be paid will be paid out of the donations received to date, approximately \$36,500. The balance available for working monies is \$67,000. The financial detail shows the 2023 approved budget. EF stated that an additional donation for legal expenses will be sent within the next two weeks. EF/PI moved to submit for audit. –MCU

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Discussion of the approval of the exemption from boat launch fees for lakeshore property owners. Hanson presented the boat launch fees to the Spooner Town Board. The Spooner Town Board changed their ordinance to approve the Spooner Lake District to make changes to the fee process. NH/PI made a motion to exempt Spooner Lake property owners from paying boat launch fees on Spooner Lake. –MCU

Public Comment: Gary Frankowitz entered the meeting and asked to give a couple of updates. He stated that the Township of Spooner website has not been working properly. He also said that the town is applying for grants to repair the boat landing. He announced that there will be a meeting on January 29th, 2023 to adopt a resolution needed for the grant application. PI asked Frankowitz why the district did not receive a letter of support from the Town of Spooner that was requested to aid in the Watershed Management Plan (WMP). Frankowitz said that he did not see the request and asked

for it be sent again. Pat Inman stated that application was already complete. Frankowitz asked for any correspondence to be sent directly to his email.

2. Review of 2023 Aquatic Plant Control:

- a. 2023 Plant Control discussion. LL provided a packet of information to the board members. This contains a list of herbicides that are being recommended to be used to treat the native plant population on the lake. LL has been researching the issue with knowledgeable WDNR staff and the Washburn Department of Land Conservation. Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) would need a separate permit. CLP and the native plants are treated at two different times in the season, native plants must be treated earlier. LL stated that he is confident that if the WDNR approves the permits that the herbicides will be safe for the lake and the aquatic population. EF stated that he would prefer to have a statement from a limnologist on record. LL stated that a limnologist would not be able to test in the timeframe needed to treat this year. PI stated that when the WMP is completed, it would provide the recommendations needed for any treatment process. This plan will not be completed in time for recommendations to treat Spring of 2023. The membership voted to treat this year. NH stated that she doesn't feel that algae should be treated which would use Mizzen. Proposal 2 treatment does not include Mizzen. LL stated that he believes the east channel should be treated according to proposal 1 and treat the west channel according to proposal 2. JB stated that the algae treatments that were done in the past didn't seem affective. The Mizzen has the same active ingredient as the treatment that was done in the past. EF stated that he would prefer to wait until the district's limnologist recommended using Mizzen before applying it to the lake. Jim Bartlett was in attendance from Lake Restoration, Inc. to explain the process and the proposal. LL stated that a notice to the district members will have to be posted prior to the permitting process. NH/PI made a motion to accept option 1 for both the east and west channels under proposal 2 provided by Lake Restoration, Inc. 4 to approve. –MCU LL signed the agreement. NH stated that the CLP grant was applied for, but not yet approved. Mabi Plisky asked for a copy of the proposal from Lake Restoration, Inc. that was discussed. PI provided her with a copy.

LL stated that after discussion with the WDNR, individual home owner applications would most likely not be approved. The proposal for that process was included in the documents provided by LL. LL suggested making the membership aware of the process and cost.

- b. Algae Control: NH/EF made a motion that algae is not treated in 2023. –MCU
- c. CLP proposal: NH/EF made a motion to accept the CLP treatment proposal for 3 beds upon grant approval. –MCU

NH/JB made a motion that if the CLP grant is not approved the CLP treatment will be reevaluated to stay within the approved 2023 budget. –MCU

LL discussed the proposal from Ecological Integrity. PI said that some of the services may be provided by SEH who is working on the WMP. PI will contact SEH to discuss. PI/EF

made a motion to ask SEH to provide an estimate of the comparable services proposed to be provided by Ecological Integrity Service. –MCU PI will get that proposal.

- d. Permitting Processes & Timing for Potential Weed, Algae, & CLP Treatments: LL stated that this was previously discussed.
 - e. Skimming: NH stated that money was allocated to skimming. We are not currently on TSB's schedule for skimming. We do not currently know when or if the skimming will be needed. This item will be determined at a later date. LL asked if the money allocated for skimming could be used in a different area if not used for the intended purpose. The item should be put on a meeting agenda to formalize the change.
3. Update on Campground Litigation: EF stated that the district's brief has been filed. There will most likely be response briefs filed in early February by the applicant (Steve Austin), the zoning committee, and the Board of adjustment. The district will then file a response brief, a rebuttal brief. The court will then review and take arguments. The court will decide if there is an oral argument permitted. NH provided an update on the wastewater treatment for the campground.
4. Update on Washburn County Zebra Mussel testing: LL stated the WDNR testing that took place on Spooner Lake was negative.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

LL stated the contractor wanted to use the land owner email addresses. LL/PI made a motion to add lake owner email contact discussion to the next agenda. –MCU

EF stated that there may need to be a closed session meeting within the next 20 days to discuss insurance/legal issues. LL said that it will just need to be posted. NH then stated that a public meeting may then need to be scheduled.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mabi Plisky asked for a meeting schedule to be established for the year. LL stated that there is a draft that will soon be finalized and posted website.

EF/PI made a motion to adjourn at 11:40a. –MCU.