

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2023 9:00A

SPOONER AGRICULTURAL STATION, SPOONER, WI
SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: none

Stand for the pledge of allegiance.

PI/JB approved minutes of March 25th meeting. MCU

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Hanson presented the treasurer's report. Hanson explained a layout change in the format of the report. Received \$38,000 of \$60,000 for tax levy. Clean Boat Clean Waters grant for 2023 \$1000 advance payment. \$128 of interest. \$376 has been collected from the boat launch and the seasonal passes. Working capital of \$34,000. The remainder of the tax levy will be awarded in July. Column four and five was the approved budget for 2023. Column six and seven is a modified budget due to grants not being secured. EF/PI made a motion to approve treasurer's report. MCU

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **Status of Boat Launch and Boat Passes**—NH stated that to date 11 boat launch season passes have been sold. Lakeshore owners have been excluded from paying launch fees. Approximately 42 launch passes have been sold (72 was originally stated by NH, but was incorrect, number s/b 42). LL stated that he received an update from the Town of Spooner regarding the boat launch repairs. It is thought that this work will happen in late June. The launch may be closed for a couple of days.
2. **Status of AIS Surface Water and Watershed grants**—PI stated that we did not receive the watershed management grant. SEH assisted in writing the grant and provided a good base. PI will reapply for 2024 using the comments that were received from WDNR. NH stated that we did not receive the CLP surface water grant. WDNR comments were received to determine how the application can be made better for the future. PI will also review and update the CLP surface water grant for the next application. EF/NH made a motion to move forward with the grant applications for AIS and watershed management. MCU
3. **Update on Letter to Support the Yellow River Protection Conservancy**—PI stated that the Yellow River Protection Conservancy has been very supportive of the Spooner Lake District. A letter of support was provide by the district in their efforts.
4. **Citizen Lake Monitoring Volunteer Needed**—LL stated that Citizen Lake Monitoring Volunteer is needed. He provided information to the membership on the opportunity. The Shipman's volunteered to take this on. JB will provide them with the needed equipment.

5. **Status of Navigational Channel & Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) Chemical Treatments**—LL stated that the treatment for CLP was completed on May 15th. There are nine sensitive areas on the lake. The area that was treated will be monitored. LL provided a navigational channel map to the membership. The treatment on the channel will not occur until approximately the third week in June. The water temperature needs to reach an acceptable level. An email will be sent to the membership when a specific date is set. The buoys have been set.
6. **Status of Shoreline APM Treatment by Lake Restoration**—JB gave information on private shoreline treatments. It isn't believed that the permit will be granted by WDNR because there wasn't enough interested. A sign up sheet has been provided for muck reduction. The treatment is supposed to remove two inches of sediment a year. A permit is not required for the muck reduction treatment.
7. **Discussion on the retreat facility being constructed on the east side of Spooner Lake**—EF stated that the retreat facility has begun construction on the northeast shore of the lake. The county zoning office has stated that all permits were received, but does not require a conditional use permit. It is believed that the property is zoned RR2.
8. **Discussion on possible formation of a group interested in documenting the history of Spooner Lake**—EF asked of the membership if there is anyone interested in gathering further information.
9. **Status of the North Camp Litigation**—EF stated that the litigation has been in progress for about two years. The litigation has been completed and is being reviewed by the judge. It is anticipated that a decision will be made September 2023. Further information was discussed on the septic system requirements and who is responsible for granting the approvals. Akemi Fischer asked about the number of piers that would be put into a sensitive area of the lake. There was not any definitive information given. EF stated that the conditional use permit has been granted, the property owner can begin construction on the property.
10. **Location of Fall membership meeting**—LL was not able to reserve the fairgrounds for today's meeting. The September meeting will be also be held at the Spooner Agriculture Research Station.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A concern about fertilizers was brought up by the membership. WDNR has recommendations on fertilizer use. It is recommended to use phosphorus free fertilizer.

The membership is interested in applying for grant for fish sticks (fish cribs). There is membership interest in helping with that application.

An article was discussed regarding wake boats. This degrades the shoreline and recirculates the muck sediment. The state does not have restriction on wake boats. It is thought that the lake is too shallow for this type of boat. It is recommended to include information on boat regulations and lake etiquette in the next newsletter.

Fishing tournaments were discussed. WDNR only requires a permit for 20 or more boats. NH has not been able to find any information on schedules to be able to provide information to the membership.

The membership asked if the legal counsel will be present at the next court hearing. The commission stated counsel will most likely be present by video.

Pat Inman stated that there are many educational opportunities available, Northwest Lakes Conference will be held on June 23rd, 2023 at Spooner High School. Reimbursement is available from the Spooner Lake District with documentation.

EF/NH made motion to adjourn at 10:10a. MCU