

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024 9:00A

SPOONER AGRICULTUAL STATION

W6646 HWY 70

SPOONER, WI 54801

SPRING DISCUSSION MEETING

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: none

At 9:00a the scheduled meeting of the Spooner Lake District was called to order by Chair Logan Ludwig.

Stand for the pledge of allegiance.

NH/PI A motion was made to approve the minutes of April 19th, 2024. MCU

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Hanson presented the treasurer's report. NH stated that the budget this year is \$60,000 of tax money, of which \$38,200 has been received. An advanced payment of \$1000 has been received from the 2024 CBCW grant. NH turned in the expenses for the 2023 CBCW grant and received \$3000. Other expenses to date have been CBCW, CLP treatment, office supplies, printing, secretarial expenses, and legal fees relating for the campground litigation. Current balance is \$61,000 of which \$30,000 has been reserved for rapid response of invasive species. Additional tax levy will be received later this summer. EF/PI moved to approve the financial report for audit. MCU

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **Report of Clean Boat/Clean Water Program**— The same three staff are working the program as last year, they have been responsive and responsible. Thank you to the Pliskys for gathering the boat launch monies. Boat launch seasonal passes sold to date: 10.
2. **Discussion on Curly Leaf Pondweed and Navigational Channel Treatments**—LL reported that bed 7 was treated for Curly Leaf Pondweed earlier this month located on the northeastern side of the lake. This was seven acres. This is the only sensitive area that the WDNR allows the district to treat at this time because of the size requirement for permitting. The area continues to be monitored. Navigational channels will be treated sometime mid June. When algae blooms the navigation slows down, it doesn't normally last more than a couple of weeks. Treatment was discussed.

3. **Lake Drawdown**— NH reported that the drawdown this last year was six inches. This turned out to be a good decision based on the little amount of snow that was received over the winter. NH discussed that a decision needs to be made to determine the drawdown for next fall (2025) as it takes 2 Fall Membership meetings and a Town Board meeting to make a change. The drawdown starts slow approximately September 15th and then increases October 1st. It will stay the same at 6”.
4. **Status of North Camp Litigation**— EF discussed the North Camp Litigation. The district recently lost at the board of adjustment. The board has authorized for the district’s legal counsel to take the issue back to court. North Camp has built approximately 50 sites advertised as overnight camping. North Camp has sent an offer to the Lake District to settle the issue. The offer was to phase the 200 sites in gradually over 4 years. The board intends to respond with all litigation to be terminated, North Camp would be limited to 50 sites with no further campgrounds or development of any kind on the property, North Camp would appropriately size the septic systems, close access on Mann Road, limit of 4 docks that are already installed not to be used commercially. PI stated that the basic reason the campground was opposed was based on a watershed study that indicated that the campground area is a sub-watershed area that is the most vulnerable. The study was signed off on by WDNR. A question was asked if the counter offer would be applied specifically to the land and not the owner. EF stated that hasn’t yet been specifically discussed. Yellow River Conservancy has expressed interest in the purchase of the property. Mabi Plisky stated that the settlement offer should include enforcement options to prevent non-compliance. Plisky also asked who would be responsible for repair of the wetland and sensitive areas if there is any damage. PI stated that the developer had to obtain a stormwater permit and a wastewater permit. LL stated that we are still in the development of the counter offer and the membership feedback will be taken into consideration and is appreciated.
5. **DSPS Memo**— EF stated that when the county agreed to 30 gallons per day per site they made a mistake that voided the CUP.
6. **Wake Boats**— LL received a communication regarding wake boats and asked the membership for feedback on the issue. The lake district does not have jurisdiction to pass an ordinance. That would need to come from the Town Board. The lake district will need determine if this is an issue that they should be proactive about.
7. **Yellow River Protection Conservancy**— PI is on the advisory board for the Yellow River Conservancy. They buy property, put easements on it and resell it. They work with land owners regarding shoreline protection. There is an executive board, and advisory boards have been developed with diversity to many different subject areas.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

NH stated that the lake biologist commented that the last winter might lead to a year of larger weed growth. The board intends to focus on and watch this issue.

LL stated that there is intention for a wild rice survey on the lake. The intention is to keep the lake as pristine and healthy as possible.

PI stated that two wild rice beds have been identified.

NH stated that zebra mussels are being identified in more and more lakes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A thank you was made to the board for the focus on weed control and the amount of funds that are designated to combat the issue.

ADJOURNMENT

PI/JB made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:18a.

MCU