

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 31, 2024 9:00A

AG RESEARCH STATION

W6646 HWY 70

SPOONER, WI 54801

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

ROLL CALL:

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.

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

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

LL called the meeting to order at 9:00a.

Stood for the pledge of allegiance.

MINUTES: NH/JB to approve the board meeting minutes of September 2nd, 2023. MCU.

TREASURER REPORT:

NH gave the Treasurer's report. The full tax levy has been received. \$3000 of grant income from 2023 was also received. The 2024 grant income consisted of \$1,000 prepaid, the remainder will come when NH completes the data entry. \$270 worth of interest income. \$8,000 has been expended for CBCW with one payroll remaining. The CLP lake treatment was \$9600. SLD provided \$6,800 and as agreed with the town, the boat launch income was used and provided the remainder of \$2,800. Lake Restoration weed navigation, \$11,600 was expended. ~\$17,000 was expended for legal expenses (campground lawsuit and circuit court). Expenses for secretarial services, liability insurance, and office supplies were accounted for. Currently there is \$59,000, \$30,000 of which is in reserve for rapid response, leaving a balance available for working monies of \$29,000. PI/EF moved to approve the treasurer's report for audit. MCU Thank you to the Plisky's for collecting and counting money every week.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Report of Financial Audit— JB and LL posted a meeting of the board where they audited the records of the district. The checking balance, income documents, and receipts were examined. The audit passed. PI/ EF moved to approve the audit. MCU Open meeting laws were followed.
2. Boat Launch Program and Clean Boats /Clean Waters Program (CBCW)—NH reported. The boat launch passes sold: 20. The boat launch income has been \$2400 to benefit the weed control budget.

\$8000 in expenses have been paid for the CBCW program. Those that are not complying with the boat wash requirements are now being reported with the appropriate paperwork to the WDNR. The membership brought up the idea of having cameras at the boat launch. The membership reported that the staff at the CBCW have been very well received.

3. Discussion of Navigation Channels and Vote on Future Treatment— LL reported. There was some difficulty with the treatment this year. The days were slightly windy. One area that was planned was not treated due to not enough weeds, a good problem to have. The treatment was completed. NH /JB made a motion to approve treatment on navigation channels for 2025. MCU
4. Discussion on Curly Leaf Pondweed and Vote on Future Treatments— The Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) was treated. There are seven sensitive areas that have been identified. Only one area is large enough based on WDNR regulations to treat. NH /JB made a motion to approve the CLP treatment for 2025. MCU
5. In the fall there is an outbreak in four areas of algae bloom, the location is low traffic bay areas. Filamentous Algae is a stringy algae. When it decomposes it floats to the surface. Motor traffic cuts plants and makes them float to the surface. The Filamentous Algae created “mats” when this happened. Historically this algae was treated with copper compounds that is no longer recommended. It is naturally occurring in lakes and is a sign of excess nutrients. This algae growth will vary with different yearly parameters. LL requested membership input on the issue. He stated that they have been looking into chemical treatment. NH has also researched a skimmer product. There is a proposal to treat 21 acres (4 areas) the bay directly in front of Spooner Condo Assoc., the east side and two areas on the west side. NH reported that she is still researching skimmer rental services (Water Gator) that would be a chemical free process. The membership seemed receptive to the idea of trying it for a year. The material would need to be off loaded somewhere, where it would dry and be removed or be left to decompose. NH suggested talking to a lake biologist before making a decision to use chemical treatment on algae. JB doesn't think that the Water Gator machine is large enough to make a difference. A motion was made by Brent Rush to spend \$5000 for algae treatment and rent the Water Gator to use for five days. The motion was withdrawn. Mabi Plisky / EF made a motion to authorize the board to conduct more research on the filamentous algae and come back with a report to the membership at the spring meeting. MCU
6. Lake Drawdown Update— NH reported. The lake drawdown was 6” this last year. This drawdown is for ice heaves not weed control. Mabi Plisky /NH made a motion that the board continue with the current approved drawdown. MCU The process will start again this year approximately 9/21/24 with a 1” drawdown and during the month of October the drawdown will continue to reach the 6”.
7. Status of North Camp Litigation— EF reported. A history of the campground litigation was given to the membership. Currently the case is again with Judge Anderson. There are now three lawsuits. Constitutional due process lawsuit, a court review of the Board of Adjustment (did they make errors), and the third lawsuit- the attorney for North Camp filed a lawsuit accusing the board of conducting an illegal meeting by email or phone. No one has moved forward on the third lawsuit. The district is not paying for the lawyer for the third suit. The zoning committee has been lobbied to say express that the number of campsites should be limited to 50 sites. The waste water capacity is also being questioned. Currently this is 30 gallons per day. Discussions have been had with the State of Wisconsin. There is a temporary guideline in place of 100 gallons per day. PI explained in detail the DSPS change of the gallons per day from 30 gallons to 100 gallons in regards to park models. A

counter proposal was made after the spring meeting, this counter was left unanswered. Wetland fill is only permitted with an appropriate WDNR permit. A membership question asked how much money has been spent on the litigation to date from the Spooner Lake District budget? EF said answered slightly up words of \$50,000. A membership commented that any benefits that the campground may bring to the area have not been discussed. A member questioned how far/long the Spooner Lake District will take the litigation? The board commented that it can not be determined at this point.

8. Proposed 2025 Budget— NH reported. Proposed and actual expenses for 2024 reviewed. For 2025 expenses were kept relatively the same with a slight increase to the legal expenses. NH would like to increase the wage for the CBCW workers from \$15 to \$17 per hour. Mabi Plisky /Shirley Jackson made a motion to increase the wage from \$15 to \$17 per hour for the CBCW staff. MCU PI/JP made a motion to approve the 2025 budget. MCU
9. Absentee Voting and Election Procedures— LL reported. There is not currently absentee voting available. Individuals who own joint property in trust get two votes, other property owners get one vote, corporations receive one vote. It was requested to modify the 1987 charter to allow for absentee voting because a lot of the lake is not represented. The board is currently looking at revising the bylaws. The bylaws can be modified, but chapter 31 cannot be changed to allow for absentee voting. The membership will need to review a draft of the changes presented to them and then this be voted on at another meeting. There are 165 property owners on the lake.
10. Election of SLD Commissioners (1 Three Year Position and 1 One Year Position)— Mabi Plisky nominated EF for the three year term. A motion was made to close nominations for the three year term with a unanimous ballot for Ed Fischer. NH/Shirly Jackson MCU NH nominated Brad Englund for a one year open position on the board. A motion was made to close nominations for the open one year term with a unanimous ballot for Brad Englund. Marilyn Hill/NH MCU

Thank you to Logan Ludwig for his service to the board.
Congratulations to Howard Hill on his 98th birthday.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A motion to adjourn at 11:11a. Mabi Plisky/NH –MCU.