

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025, 9:00A

SPOONER TOWN HALL

N6124 BLOOMING VALE ROAD

SPOONER, WI 54801

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Commissioners Joe Banick, Brad Englund, Ed Fischer, Nancy Hanson, 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 Brad Englund.

PI/EF-- A motion was made to approve the minutes of January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025. MCU

**Treasurer's Report:**

Commissioner Hanson presented the treasurer's report. Report given through 4/26/25. Grant monies are ready and submitted for CBCW. We ended the period with \$74,909.49 with ~\$30,000 held for rapid response, leaving a balance of \$44,582.40 (along with some boat launch fee monies carried over from 2024) available in working capital for 2025. EF/PI-- moved to approve and submit the financial report for audit. MCU

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

1. **WI Lakes and Rivers Conference Update**— PI provided an update of the conference on three main topics that the membership has inquired about in the past. She said that it was very beneficial. A "Lake Kit" was presented. This is a web template that can be built on continuously. NH had a zoom meeting with the same group regarding our website. She intends to work with them to build a new website for the district. Another topic discussed was "I-Lids". This is a camera program that can be set up around the lake or boat landings and that can then monitor the program for you, Environmental Sentry, LLC. PI has the information if the district decides to look into it further. EF said that the company did a presentation to the board many years ago. PI also spoke to an algae control company. It seems like a good concept using nano-bubbles. This is a chemical free process that increases oxidation production in the water. The board would be interested in them coming for a presentation when Steve Schieffer can be present in the future. PI provided literature on all the topics discussed. EF stated that the board should mark their calendars for Friday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, for the Northwest Wisconsin Lakes Conference in Hayward. PI and EF expressed interest in attending.

2. **Buoy Conversation with Lake Resident Update**— JB was contacted by AAA regarding the marker buoys. There was an inquiry from a lake owner regarding putting in more buoys. There is an extensive process that involves DNR permitting. The town also has to approve the installation. NH stated that the map at the boat landing should be available to boaters showing sand bar and rock locations in the form of a brochure. It was also suggested to post the map on the website.

3. **Open Meeting Lawsuit and North Camp Properties**— EF stated that the open meeting violation lawsuit has been dismissed per the county website. EF has asked for a signed copy of the order. All board members completed the open meeting video instructional requirement and reported back to the chairman, mid-January 2025.

EF stated that there is a hearing on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025, that will include final arguments. It is unlikely a decision will be made that day. If Spooner Lake District wins, North Camp can then request a new CUP that would be likely limited to 50 sites. The lake district will then need to make a decision if they will appeal. All permitting must be applied for by the property owner, Steve Austin. The zoning department has asked for an annual report by June on the campground. If there are any issues or concerns, they should be brought to the zoning administrator before then. EF and PI plan to attend the hearing.

4. **APM Process Update**— BE stated that the APM plan is outdated. We should hear soon as to whether the district can treat the channels. The CLP treatment will not be completed this year. Missing treatment one year will not effect state of the current CLP. The CLP grant is difficult for the district to obtain because the treatment area is so small. To apply for any grant the APM plan needs to be completed. The watershed management plan needs to be updated also. Mabi Plisky inquired on the timeline for the APM plan. BE stated that the sampling process would be completed this summer by Steve Schieffer. He will write up his report and then Cheryl Clemens will compile the sampling information by late fall 2025, early winter 2026. Plisky asked how the membership will be presented with the information that the district will not be completing the CLP treatment this year? See agenda item 6.

5. **Motion to rescind May 2025 Special Meeting motion from January 11, 2025**— BE stated that a special meeting was approved at January 11, 2025, due to the Board needing membership approval to allocate funds for APM Plan update. Subsequent timing discussions indicate that budgeting approval can happen with September 2025 annual membership meeting.

- a. Results in May 2025 meeting returning to a Board Meeting: PI/ NH moved that the board rescind that the board have a Special Membership Meeting in May and revert to a regular board meeting.

6. **May Board Meeting Agenda Items**—

- Give a report/update of the status of the lake based on the lake biologist's recommendation to include the reasoning that no CLP treatment will take place this year.

- Lawsuit report/update
- Request volunteers to work on a committee to update the APM plan. Mabi Plisky and Jeannie Bruce volunteered. BE will discuss the criteria of the volunteers with Cheryl Clemens. Provide a sign-up sheet.
- Financial update/ Treasurer's report
- Two board members' terms expire this fall
- Encourage membership to provide email addresses
- Website update- Nancy
- Absentee voting update

#### **COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS**

The next meeting will be at 9a, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025. The meeting will be held at the Ag Research Station.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

JB/BE made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:47p. MCU