

SPOONER LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2024 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.

NH/PI A motion was made to approve the minutes of May 25th and August 31st, 2024. MCU

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Hanson presented the treasurer's report. Hanson submitted the payment request for the 2024 CBCW grant and the check for \$3000 should be coming in the next 10 days. The legal fee invoices have been minimal. The current balance is \$57,546.17 with \$30,000 reserved for rapid response to invasive species leaving a balance of \$27,546.17 available in working capital. EF/PI moved to approve the financial report for audit. MCU

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. **Discussion on financing of North Camp Inc. litigation (open session)**— Christa (Legal Counsel) reported. Two lawsuits are currently open. Due process violations with the board and committee is still open. SLD and North Camp have moved to dismiss 2022 case filed against SLD. The 2024 case has been reassigned to Judge Toland in Polk County because there was a valid request to substitute Judge Anderson. There has not been anything scheduled on this yet. The county would first need to file a record of decision of everything that happened in front of the board. The best outcome would be to win the 2022 case against the committee, this would lead to a reversal of the CUP. The waste water discharge standards have had a large impact. The DSPS website lists the committee meetings that have taken place. It is recommended that a member of the board request a meeting be scheduled.
2. **Update on Algae Prevention from WDNR**—PI reported. PI contacted Jill Sunderland. It is recommended that we create a surface water planning grant. PI has a couple of local contacts that she will contact to discuss a collaboration. PI will also discuss with Steve Schaefer, Ecological Integrity, Lake Biologist. The goal is: "What to do to keep the lake broadly healthy?" It is thought to honor the natural state of the lake and not to change it, then initiate education for the membership. How do we understand Spooner Lake and the Yellow River Watershed. It was suggested to revise the document side of the website to highlight reports, issues, and questions

to correspond more to the material the membership is looking for. EF stated that it is important to let the membership know what the purpose of the watershed management plan is. The plan has an executive summary that could be pulled out and made separate from the document for viewing. If a surface water planning grant is pursued, it should be born out of our watershed management plan. NH also suggested an email blast regarding this topic to the membership. Mabi Plisky highly recommended discussing this water planning grant with Steve Schaefer first. EF suggested a zoom session with Steve Schaefer. PI will research successful grants and report back in January.

3. **Boat Launch fees and usage of funds**—NH reported. The boat launch fees must be used for weed control. She attended the town meeting and reported the spending. They are asking for another report next month. It is recommended to send an email of the requested financial reporting to the Town of Spooner Board ahead of their meeting. It is not necessary for NH to attend and report at every meeting.
4. **Solar lights at boat launch**— The issue that was previously brought up was related to solar cameras not solar lights. It was deemed not necessary and the Town of Spooner owns the boat landing.
5. **Post treatment update from Steve Schaefer**—NH reported. The reports are not ready from Steve Schaefer. This will be discussed at another meeting.
6. **Lake Restoration 2025 Algae Treatment Estimates**—BE reported. The Lake Restoration Contract for algae treatment was passed out. This is a chemical treatment. There is not enough evidence to support the effects and longevity of the treatment. The treatment estimate will be postponed until discussion can be had with Steve Schaefer. NH suggested the idea of skimming instead of using chemical treatment. PI/NH A motion was made to discuss the Algae Treatment at the January board meeting after the board has had a discussion with Steve Schaefer. MCU EF stated that he would like to see evidence of mechanical treatment working for Algae treatment. NH stated that she would look into renting the equipment. Who will run the equipment and how much can be accomplished in what time period? The idea would be to provide some relief for the east end of the lake. Where would the waste be off loaded. NH and BE will bring additional information to the January meeting.
7. **CBCW 2024 Grant status/2025 Grant status**—NH reported. The remaining grant funds will be coming next week. The 2025 grant application was completed and submitted. The boat launch fees are not being used to pay the CBCW inspectors.
8. **Discussion on Chapter 33, absentee voting**—EF reported. It is state law that you are present to vote. Chapter 31, 33.30 Annual meeting of district: (2)(b) No absentee ballots or proxies are permitted at the annual meeting. (3) electors and property owners who attend. NH suggested putting the source location of the WI statutes Chapter 33 on the website and the newsletter. It was also suggested to put the statutes on the agenda for the Spring meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

November 1st Yellow River Conservancy, 8a-11a in Siren, Free event regarding hybrid cattails, wetland types, and immersive imaging.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

City of Spooner Moratorium on Campgrounds. Mabi Plisky will be attending the planning meetings and will report back.

The Town of Spooner has a canvas scheduled to determine who will be running for the town board.

The boat landing message board is out dated. Mabi Plisky would like permission to talk to the Spooner Town Board about using more space and including more information on the message board. The bulletin board should be made more user friendly.

A statement was made that the fishing tournament participants are not paying the launch fee or cleaning their boats before or after the tournaments.

ADJOURNMENT

NH/PI made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:07a. MCU