

Eagle Spring Lake Management District
Regular Meeting
September 21, 2021
Approved Minutes

Peter Jensen, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Eagle Spring Lake Management District (ESLMD) to order at 6:32 Other Commissioners in attendance were Tom Casey, Tom Day, John Mann, Nancy Wilhelm, Town of Eagle Representative Don Malek, and Waukesha County Representative Chris Mommaerts. Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Gina Krause, Lake residents Nick Wambach and Greg Himebauch were also present.

Approval of the July 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes – To allow time to review the tape from the July 20 meeting. D. Malek made a motion to table the approval of the July 20, 2021 minutes until the next meeting in October, seconded by N. Wilhelm, motion carried.

Approval of the August 7, 2021 Organizational Meeting Minutes – T. Day made a Motion to approve the August 7, 2021 Organizational meeting minutes as written; second by J. Mann, motion carried.

Approval of the August 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes – D. Malek made a Motion to approve the August 17, 2021 meeting minutes as corrected; second by J. Mann, motion carried.

Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

- P. Jensen notified the Board that he will not be available (out of town September 25 & 26).
- The Mukwonago River Initiative will be holding a virtual meeting on September 29 from 9:00 – 10:00am.

Public Comment – Lake resident Nick Wambach commented on the shorelines which have been loading up with weeds, and how it made no difference if the winds were coming out of the northwest or southwest. He has observed harvesting out in the center of the lake. He feels we should not cut in the middle of the lake. A response to this comment was given under the topic Weed Harvesting Other.

Old Business:

Weed Harvesting/Collecting/Chemical Treatment

Aquatic Plant Survey – The surveying is done and the project is assumed to be on track.

Requirement for Updated Guidance for Weed Harvesting and Disposal Discussion – T. Casey continues to work on the Guidance Manual for Weed Harvesting. He estimates a completion date of January 2022.

Tire Replace and Repair Discussion – The shore conveyor was repaired by Aquarius Systems and is in working order. Aquarius did include in the repair work an auto greasing hose at no charge to us. The shore conveyor also had a flat tire. A special thank you to lake resident Mark Krause for his assistance in the repair. Due to a stone getting caught up in the harvester various repairs (8 cutting blades, new drive bar, etc.) were done on the harvester. Upon repair completion, Eric (mechanic from Aquarius Systems) along with T. Casey went over the harvester and assessed a number of repairs/maintenance that they anticipate will be needed in the near future. Possible future repairs needed are as follows:

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- New horizontal cutting bar
- New bearings for the right paddle wheel
- Special fitting in order for us to drain fluid ourselves.
- Various other maintenance/repairs

It is anticipated the harvester will be removed from the lake during the 2nd week of October.

New locks have been installed on the truck.

Harvesting Other - T. Casey explained that a major patch of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) has been growing in the middle of the lake (size of football fields). Due to this, a large pile of EWM has gathered in the middle of the lake, which is why the harvester has been out there. T. Day commented that he has seen this happen before and a chemical treatment was used to get it under control.

T. Casey mentioned that we are in need of a new lawn mower. He anticipates needing to spend \$350-\$360 for a new one. The Eagle Spring Lake Yacht Club has donated \$1,000 to the Lake District to purchase a new lawn mower.

Carp Initiative/Fisheries Issues – T. Day reported a total of 131 carp captured this year.

Odor Control Issue Discussion – The Board briefly discussed Johns changes to the dumpster emptying schedule; which may have contributed to the odor issue. Also discussed was the possibility of changing the dumping service company if necessary.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters Program

Staffing Performance Discussion – The staffing at the public boat launch is done for the year.

Approval of Resolution 2021-07 Participation in 2022 Clean Boats/Clean Waters Program

Grant funding application for the 2022 CB/CW Program has to be submitted by December 1, 2021.

N. Wilhelm made a Motion to approve Resolution 2021-07 for our participation and apply for funding in the 2022 Clean Boats/Clean Waters Program; second by D. Malek, motion carried.

Weather Station and Website

Discussion and Action on new Lake District Web Site Host – N. Wilhelm explained that she continues to make headway with Wisconsin Lakes and their ability to handle retention of all of our emails. Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) has developed a program that we currently use for existing website linked emails.

Discussion/Action on Dry Hydrant Repair – A special thank you to Pat McGuire for his assistance by diving down to the dry hydrant pipe and assessing the situation under the water. He found a hole, and crack through the pipe (located near the hub where the pipe comes out of the dirt on the bottom of the lake. Also noted is that the flush valve is horizontal and it should be vertical. There were no zebra mussels present inside the pipe. Recommendations from folks at the Great Lakes would be to replace the bad section of pipe and secure with a structural clamp (used

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for water mains), and install a new strainer. No permits from the DNR are needed if it is just a repair. Lake resident Matt Thew (believed to have experience with this type of work) will also be asked for his opinion of the repair. Repair work is anticipated to be done before the lake would freeze over. The dry hydrant was originally put in with a 50-50 funding between the Town of Eagle and the Lake District. Board also discussed the possible need to mark this pipe to prevent future damage. The fire department will be contacted as to if they feel there remains a need for a dry hydrant.

Wambold Dam/Kroll Outlet Issues: The weather remains dry; current water level is 9.15. We are releasing minimal amounts of water at both outlets. We continue to be in a drought. Long range forecasts show more of the same. The Mukwonago USGS Service gauge did a record all-time low of 9.07.

Septic Pumping Issues – C. Mommaerts briefly updated us on a resolution to the septic problems.

Contract with Waukesha County for Septic Report Discussion & Possible Action – There is no contract from Waukesha County to discuss.

Parking Along County Road E Update/Culvert Crossing Guardrail – C. Mommaerts continues to compile information in regards to safety issues observed on CTH E.

Status of Succession Planning/Back up Positions – The Board was presented an updated copy of the Task Divisions and Duties. The Board was asked to go through these tasks, and if they cannot or will not be in charge of what is assigned to them, or would like to be in charge of a particular task; they are to contact Gina. To allow the Board to go through these tasks better, D. Malek made a Motion to table this discussion until the October Board meeting; second by T. Casey, motion carried.

Proposed Workload Distribution Discussion – Discussion of Duties & Responsibilities - There were no updates.

Legislative Update – There may be a few legislative changes to Chapter 33 to better fit lake districts. The bill still is in need of a sponsor to go through congress.

Water Patrol Discussion - D. Malek presented the patrol report of September 15, 2021. This report covers August 17, 2021 through September 13, 2021. There were 85 hours of patrol time, consisting of 70.5 hours on the water, 14.5 hours of administrative duties. There was a total of 17 boat stops with 3 citations, 17 written warnings, and 7 verbal warnings. There were 8 vessels assisted. During this period there were complaints of slow-no-wake violations in Jacks Bay, and people swimming too far from shore. The Town of Eagle has also been asked to consider a two-step pay raise for each of the officers.

Rescue/Near Drowning Response Discussion – On September 9, an alert response went out to our emergency response group. All 4 rescue pontoon boats were on site within 7.5 minutes. Rescue was dispatched to come to the aid of a capsized kayak and near drowning by the entrance to the Lulu channel. The person was rescued by two other boats in the area who came to their aid. The person was taken to boat launch and transported to Waukesha Memorial

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Hospital. The person in the kayak was not wearing a life jacket. A job well done to those who came to aid of this person and all other responders.

Job Descriptions for Commissioners and Officers – This topic was tabled to the October meeting.

Storm Damage Update – Scott Kugel (Town of Eagle Emergency Manager) quickly wrote up a report and submitted it to Wisconsin Emergency Management. Wisconsin Emergency Management has given us approval to access funds. This did not give approval for individual funding but did allow for emergency response costs related to the storm damage. There is a tree by the Kroll Property line that is in need of removal.

Action on Hourly Pay for Weed Harvesting Operators – Consistent with the closed session at the September Board Meeting, T. Day made a Motion to increase the rate of pay from \$9 & \$10 per hour to a \$12.50/ hour for all harvesters (retroactive as of August 17, 2021); second by D. Malek, motion carried.

Other – T. Day commented that he had a conversation with Richard Awve, and he did not agree to the change of the placement of the fence in the bid specs. He also pointed out where the utility line is and T. Day does not see it being in the way of either fence position. P. Jensen stated he will talk with Mr. Awve about this.

New Business

Financial Update/Payment of Bills – Upon discussion of the bills, it was noted that the Collins bill on the report is not a duplicate billing ; it was approved as an extra to pay last month but was not on last month's report. Therefore, it is shown on this month's report. N. Wilhelm moved to approve payment of the bills second by D. Malek, motion carried.

Adjourn At 7:56pm D. Malek moved to adjourn; second by N. Wilhelm, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Mann
ESLMD Secretary