

Eagle Spring Lake Management District
Regular Meeting
June 15, 2021

Approved Minutes

Peter Jensen, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Eagle Spring Lake Management District (ESLMD) to order at 6:30pm. 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 was excused. Lake residents Nick Wambach and Greg Himebauch were also present.

Approval of Agenda –D. Malek made a **Motion** to approve the June 15, 2021 agenda as written, seconded by N. Wilhelm; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes – D. Malek made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2021 meeting as written, seconded by N. Wilhelm; motion carried.

Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

- The Eagle Fire Department held an exercise on June 14, simulating a boat fire and water rescue. Several residents, including G. Himebauch, D. Brugger, N. Wilhelm, and P. Jensen were present.
- We are now #3311 on the Eagle Fire Department emergency system and new radios on the Waukesha County emergency frequency will be issued to volunteers, etc. This allows for just one radio that will communicate with Eagle Fire, Waukesha County, and the sheriff's department.
- P. Jensen has been in contact with Sara Windjue, Leadership and Capacity Development Specialist, UW Stevens Point Lakes Extension. She is working on a guide for lake districts to use for their organizational structure.
- There is a Town Board meeting on June 16, 2021.

Public Comment – G. Himebauch was told by an Eagle Fire Department member that the dry hydrant at the Kroll site needed to be flushed. P. Jensen will check with the fire chief.

Old Business:

Weed Harvesting/Collecting/Chemical Treatment – T. Day had nothing to report.

Aquatic Plant Survey – It is expected to start the first week of August.

Harvesting Operators Discussion and Hiring Action – Steve Hamilton has been trained and the recommendation is to hire him as one of our harvester operators. T. Day made a **Motion** to hire Steve Hamilton as a harvesting operator; second by D. Malek, motion carried. Discussion ensued on a reliable system to pay the operators.

Carp Initiative/Fisheries Issues – T. Day reported that on June 2nd two carp were tagged. The dumpster count is 86. Water temperature may become a concern if heat continues because Northern Pike will not survive temperatures much above 90 degrees.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters Program

Staffing Update Discussion and Hiring Action – T. Day reported that TNC is staffing on Fridays, paid through their grant. A discussion followed regarding the impatient, crappy attitude of people launching, noise issues from boats playing loud music at night, speeding at night, etc. J. Mann commented that he had participated in the last Wisconsin Lakes webinar, discussing "Managing Recreation on Lakes". The most frequent issue brought up by the lake residents participating was the potential damage done by wake boats, especially on shallow lakes. T. Casey stated that those boats will only come on to our lake once because they need at least 17 feet of depth to create the desired wake.

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Weather Station and Website – A new anemometer has been installed to measure wind speed. Rain fall levels are well below average (We are roughly at 50% of normal.) but we have successfully maintained adequate flow through the dam and we are slightly above minimum lake level at 9.55 with the last rainfall. If people are considering modifying their piers they should be aware that a permit may be needed.

Wambold Dam/Kroll Outlet Issues

Construction & Engineering Update Discussion - P. Jensen commented that our engineering manager completed their survey and are looking to see if they can speed things up and project that they will have bid documents ready by the annual meeting. Rip-rap is called for at the Wambold site and T. Day expressed concern about the risk it creates for turtles.

Septic Pumping Issues – C. Mommaerts reported that she had a conversation with County Chairman Paul Decker, who was unaware of our issues. She asked him to follow up with Dale Shaver. We are at the threshold of the level of blue/green algae that becomes a concern. P. Jensen is planning to contact the county health department to follow up. J. Mann reported that he got a secchi disc reading of 4.25 feet after the recent rain which improved water clarity.

Parking Along County Road E Update/Culvert Crossing Guardrail – C. Mommaerts reported that she is not getting much cooperation with the no parking signs on Hwy E. D. Malek reported that he received a complaint on Saturday afternoon about the parking on Hwy E and, upon investigating found “a total disaster”. Traffic was backed up on both sides of the road for about five to ten minutes due to a person trying to park his vehicle and trailer. It appears to D. Malek that there is no enforcement of parking regulations. This topic is on the town’s agenda for the next meeting, when the new DNR warden will be present. P. Jensen commented that we now have two wardens for our area. J. Mann commented that several years ago he had numerous communications with DNR people responsible for boat launches and was told that we had parking for the minimum number of watercraft that the lake could accommodate and would therefore not support our efforts to control parking on Hwy E. Further conversation ensued about authorizing our lake patrol officers to address on-land issues such as parking.

Status of Succession Planning/Back up Positions – There were no updates.

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

Legislative Update – There were no updates.

Fireworks Update

Support boat for shooting crew update - We still remain in need of someone to volunteer to be the escort boat/host for the pyrotechnicians on the night of the fireworks (June 26). Discussion ensued about how to make this happen.

Clean-up and barge drivers update – T. Day still plans to take out/return the barges to their destination. P. Jensen said that he had barge cleanup taken care of.

Barge Acquisition and Status – The donation of one barge with the rental of the second barge has been obtained from Summerset Marine.

P. Jensen will put up no-parking signs on Hwy E prior to the fireworks display.

Lake Water Patrol – D. Malek reviewed the patrol report of June 16, 2021. This appears to be the start of a very busy season, with 64 hours of patrol time, consisting of 41 hours on the water, 20 hours of administrative duties, and three hours of exempt time spent on search and rescues which the DNR does

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not reimburse. P. Jensen plans to investigate what other lakes are doing with respect to search and rescue.

Modified Conditional Use Permit Update – P. Jensen reported that Waukesha County Parks and Land Use approved our modification request to our conditional use permit to allow the truck on the district property year-round but with the stipulation that we add plantings to shield the truck from view. The DNR objects to any plantings tall enough to do so and P. Jensen will follow up with the county to address this dilemma.

Other – There were no other topics of discussion.

Annual Meeting Preparations Discussion -

- **Budget Review** – Some modifications including the loan amount for dam repair and the cost of the dam failure analysis were made. This budget can be amended at the annual meeting, if necessary. Motion to submit this budget to the annual meeting was made by D. Malek, second by N. Wilhelm – motion approved.
- **Newsletter timeline** – A couple of minor changes to the rough draft were made, including the addition of our new International Standard Serial Number. A motion to approve was made by J. Mann, second by D. Malek – motion approved.
- **Appointment of Nominating Committee** – The chair appoints Greg Himebauch, Cheryl Grams, and Jeff Prokop.
- **Other annual Meeting Preparations** – the meeting will be inside this year.

Other – Our zone 6 emergency response designation has become “Eagle Spring Lake Alert Sense”.

Financial Update/Payment of Bills – T. Day pointed out that the John’s Disposal bill was incorrect and will be resubmitted. He also discussed the Collins Engineering bill and asked that some detail be provided and that it be voted on separately. T. Day moved to approve payment of the bills with the John’s and the Collins bill being removed, second by D. Malek, motion carried. Motion to approve Collins Engineering statement by P. Jensen, second by C. Mommaerts; motion carried with T. Day opposing.

Adjourn At 7:50pm D. Malek moved to go into executive session from which the meeting will not reconvene into open session; second by N. Wilhelm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
John R. Mann
ESLMD Secretary