

Spring Brook Watershed Lake Management District Draft Minutes
Mukwonago Town Hall
W320 S8315 Beulah Road
Monday 13 March, 2023

Call Meeting to Order: Chairman Tim Guy called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Commissioners in attendance included Guy, Dan Bell and Jim McNelly. Citizens in attendance included Paul Gruber and Katheryn Bell.

Open Forum: Paul Gruber expressed concern about people hunting on the SBWLMD ownership. He is aware that these lands are in excess of 100 yards from occupied dwellings (DNR Regulation), but was concerned about the potential for violation of the Town of Mukwonago ordinance #43 regarding discharge of firearms near subdivisions.

Correspondence: Secretary McNelly reported that he completed and returned a survey to Baird and associates (on behalf of Waukesha County) regarding SBWLMD budget and debts. McNelly also reported that he and Treasurer Pritzlaff completed and returned authorization for Waukesha County to pay residual tax levy collections to our bank account via automatic deposits. McNelly also reported that the January tax levy payment from the Town of Genesee was picked up at their hall and deposited in the Citizens bank account. McNelly also completed and returned a Bitco insurance audit.

Secretary's Report: Motion by Guy with a second by Bell to approve the 23 January minutes as drafted. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Pritzlaff was not present at the meeting, so the report will be updated for the next meeting. McNelly reported that the Genesee January tax payment was deposited at Citizens Bank and Waukesha County was authorized to make the July tax payment to Citizens Bank via automatic deposit.

Bills: Motion Guy, with a second by Bell to pay Horton insurance \$536 for Bitco's workers compensation premium. Motion passed unanimously.

Watershed and lake information, dam maintenance and future needs discussion and action:

1. **Update on Municipal Dam Grant:** McNelly reported that the Pritzlaff and Waukesha County maintenance easements with SBWLMD were finalized and filed with the waukesha County register of deeds.
2. **Open bids for approved dam maintenance:** Three bids were received. All bids were opened and examined for completeness and cost. Motion by Guy, with a second by Bell to award the bid to Liberty Outdoors as all portions of the project could be completed by this vendor and the contract price was in line with the next bid from Waukesha County Public Works, who did not bid on the completion of rodent burrows and rip rapping.
3. **Review schedule for dam maintenance:** Brushing is to be completed between June and September. Rodent burrows and rip rap are to be completed between July and September.
4. **Water quality update and general lake conditions:** McNelly reported that early ice out and poor fishing resulted in a reduction of angling activity from the Town access. Bell indicated his observations were that fishing success was above average and sizes of bluegill were also above average.
5. **Town access conditions and use:** No new information.
6. **Discuss options for water quality data collection:** Item tabled.

7. **Nuisance animal updates / invasive species information:** Nothing new reported.
8. **Fish management update and winter fishing and recreation survey update:** Due to poor response on voluntary angler surveys the past several years this survey was discontinued. Car counts at the access will be continued as a means to assess public use pressure. Bell reported that it was unlikely that fish stocking would occur in 2023 as the proper strain of northern pike is no longer available in the state hatchery system.

Legislative Update: McNelly reported that there has been a dialog about requiring lake districts to provide open records request for email lists of Lake District residents. This is currently pending.

Select Date for future meeting: Meeting date to be established in early June.

Adjournment: Motion Guy, second by Bell to adjourn at 7:40 PM. Motion approved.