

Eagle Spring Lake Management District

Regular Meeting

March 21, 2023

Approved Minutes

Peter Jensen, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Eagle Spring Lake Management District (ESLMD) to order at 6:30pm, and led with the pledge of allegiance. Other Commissioners in attendance were Chris Hinz, Tom Day, John Mann, Nancy Wilhelm, and Town of Eagle Representative Don Malek, and Waukesha County Representative, Lance Matthews. Lake residents Jeff Prokop, Kathy Wambold, and Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Gina Krause were also present.

Approval of Agenda – D. Malek made a **Motion** to approve the March 21, 2023 agenda as written, second by N. Wilhelm, motion carried with T. Day opposed.

Approval of the February 28, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes – Discussion on the minutes did include J. Mann commenting how he had talked with the lake resident referred to at the last meeting being an avid user of QuickBooks. J. Mann read a brief summary of the discussion he had with her. She was a user of QuickBooks and not fond of it as she is not in favor of many accounting software programs. N. Wilhelm followed with her explanation stating she was going to say much of the same and that she mentioned this resident to Pete at a small meeting (a total separate entity meeting) and Nancy asked to have the lake resident's name removed from the minutes. John said she did not mind having her name mentioned and N. Wilhelm disagreed. P. Jensen recommended taking out the last two sentences in the QuickBooks Assistance topic. N. Wilhelm made a **Motion** to approve the February 28, 2023 minutes as amended (the last two sentences were removed from the QuickBooks Assistance topic); second by D. Malek, motion carried.

Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

- On March 15, 2023, P. Jensen attended a Flooding/Watershed Management Meeting with Michelle Hase and Erin Cox (both DNR) at Ruekert & Mielke Consulting office. It was a very good watershed management meeting.
- March 31, 2023 will be dam safety awareness day.
- P. Jensen has been invited to a School Section Lake Board meeting on April 12, 2023.
- Due to scheduling conflicts, the April ESLMD meeting has been rescheduled to take place on April 24, 2023.
- The Wisconsin Lakes Convention will take place April 19-21 in Stevens Point, WI; there will be 3 Board members in attendance.
- The helicopter fly-over and groundwater study are analyzing their data and the U.S. Geological Service anticipates to release the data by April 1, 2023.

Public Comment - There was no public comment.

Aquatic Growth Harvesting/Collecting/Chemical Treatment

- a) Meeting and Discussion with Heidi Bunk Report/Discussion** – Tom Casey and P. Jensen had a Microsoft team meeting with WDNR's Heidi Bunk regarding harvesting operations. She would like to plan a day to come out to our lake and see our harvesting operation in action and review our plans and procedures. There will be an Aquatic plant id training program in the near future (anticipated in May or June). Anyone who is interested can attend; two of our harvesting operators will be in attendance.
- b) Requirement and Updated Guidance for Weed Harvesting and Disposal/ Discussion** – WDNR's Heidi Bunk has asked to see the draft form of our updated guidance before approval.

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Clean Boats/Clean Waters Status – Discussion/Action – Gina reported that she has received one new application for the boat inspection position.

- a) **DNR Boat Launch Life Jacket Program – Discussion** – P. Jensen reported that Lance Stock from the WDNR is considering putting a loaner life jacket box at the public boat launch as they have at other lakes. It is a program that helps to assure all who are going out on the lake have a life jacket. People can borrow one for the day while they are out on the water and return it when they come back in. It also allows those interested to donate life jackets if they so wish.

Carp Initiative/Fishery Issues Discussion – There were no updates.

Weather Station and Website – The National Weather Service will be hosting a free 1½ -hour storm spotter training program on March 22 at the Mukwonago High School. Eagle weather email has been transferred to the new server.

Eagle Spring Lake Web Site & Email – Status Report – The contract has been sent in and Barb Pinekenstein has volunteered to take care of photographs and the graphic portion of the website. N. Wilhelm will get the schedule that ProActive wants to follow and get a better idea of what we will need by when and report back with that information. Gina questioned as to why we were signing a contract for \$1,700 (not \$1,400) when we agreed that \$300 of it was to be paid for with amazon points. P. Jensen explained that we were hopeful that ProActive will use \$300 worth of points towards our amazon subscription, and he moved on with the meeting.

Wambold Dam/Kroll Outlet

MSOE & DNR Class/Tour – Report/Discussion - P. Jensen stated that Michelle Hase (DNR) along with approximately 11 students from Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) were out on March 20th to discuss the hydraulic flow and modifications that have been made. They have a full 1/36 mockup of the previous Kroll site water flow. Now they are considering rebuilding this model to accommodate the changes that have taken place with our dam repair/upgrade. We are hopeful that MSOE will be able to give us our new cubic feet per second flow tables. MSOE has given us a link for a free course in swift water rescue. Both deputy dam operators will take the course.

Muskrat Removal – Report/Discussion - Muskrat trapping will resume shortly – we use live traps and contact the zoo to see if they are interested in them. Kathy Wambold commented that they are seeing beaver and muskrats over by Wambold.

Legislative/Regulatory Issues Discussion –

Position and Suggestions on Electronic Notification Bill - P. Jensen referred to the Proposed 2023 Bill, which references a proposed act to amend various chapter 33 statutes relating to authorizing email for notice of public inland lake protection and rehabilitation district board business. C. Hinz made a **Motion** for a letter to be sent out to our state legislators to suggest a revision to the pending bill regarding amendments to chapter 33, which will allow electronic website posting rather than email posting of annual meeting notices, and also present this at the Wisconsin Lakes Convention; second by N. Wilhelm, motion carried.

Septic Update – Discussion/Action – There were no updates.

CTH E Parking Updates – Discussion – There were no updates.

Newsletter Articles and Publication – Discussion/Action – The Board reviewed the newsletter and had no further changes to the newsletter. Gina will give P. Jensen the electronic files

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(publisher, pdf and excel file) of the newsletter/addresses and he will take them directly to Quick Print and have them process the newsletter.

2023 Fireworks

- a) **Contract for Barge Rental – Discussion/Action** – Summerset has graciously offered to donate 1 barge with the rental of a barge for our 4th of July firework display. D. Malek made a **Motion** to accept the contract with Summerset Marine for the rental of one barge at the cost of \$500, with the second barge being donated from Summerset; second by J. Mann, motion carried.
- b) **Contract with Spielbauer Fireworks – Discussion/Action** – The contract from Spielbauer was presented to the Board. The show is expected to be close to the show we had last year. D. Malek made a **Motion** to accept the contract as written; second by N. Wilhelm, motion carried. T. Day asked for his name to be removed from the list of contact people on the proposal.

New Business

April Meeting Date Special Honors to Don Malek for Over 40 years of Town Government Service Discussion/Action – P. Jensen gave a thank you to Don Malek for his dedicated service to the Town of Eagle, the Fire Board, and to the Eagle Spring Lake District as our Town representative for 25+ years. P. Jensen made **Motion** to thank Don Malek for his service to the Town of Eagle, and to the Eagle Spring Lake Management District as being an exemplary person representing public service to all of our residents; second by J. Mann, motion carried. D. Malek gave a brief rundown as to how he was assigned to be the Town representative for the Lake Board.

April Meeting Date – Discussion/Action – Due to scheduling conflicts, the April 18th ESLMD Board meeting has been moved to April 24, 2023 at 6:30pm.

Surplus Property Disposal – Discussion/Action

- a) **Hydraulic Lift** – Several years ago the yacht club donated monies to purchase a lift to assist in the removal of the boards from the Kroll millrace. Now that the millrace has been upgraded, we no longer need the lift. The yacht club was not interested in having it returned to them and suggested that we sell it and put the money with our fireworks fund. N. Wilhelm made a **Motion** to sell the lift for \$250 OBO; second by D. Malek, motion carried.
- b) **Pier** – The pier at the Kroll/District property is no longer a needed expense to maintain. The police, sheriff, fire department/rescue all prefer to use the public boat launch as a staging area if needed in an emergency. The Board discussed if we should sell it. T. Day made a comment that Nick Wambach put a lot of work into the pier and it should be offered to him first. J. Mann made a **Motion** to ask Nick first, and if he is not interested, then put it up for sale on Craigslist for \$500 OBO; second by N. Wilhelm, motion carried.
An email will be sent to lake residents (that we have an email address for) to let them know we have put it out on craigslist and where to find it if they are interested.

Fox River Summit – Report/Discussion – Both T. Day and J. Mann attended the Fox River Summit. They commented on a presentation given by DNR's Mike Miller on how there are issues with farms using toxins (neonicotinoids – neonics) on seeds that is washing off into rivers/streams and that is killing insects and honey bee colony collapse. They are trying to publicize the Fox River for canoeing and kayaking, etc. Lisie Kitchel (DNR), Todd Levine (Carroll University), and Jesse Weininger (DNR) gave a presentation on declining numbers of freshwater mussels in the fox river watershed. J. Mann found an exhibitor who thought they may have a better chance of getting a permit to performing electroshocking for carp, since they carry a license for electro-fishing.

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County Fire Radio System Changes – Discussion – We have been alerted by Fire Chief Kugel that all fire departments are changing their radio numbering system. We will now be Lake 33. This changeover should take place approximately mid-April. The Eagle Spring Lake Yacht Club is donating the funds to have our radios re-programmed/updated to match. All dam operators will have a radio so that they can communicate with emergency personnel.

Kettle Moraine Fire Department Dam Orientation – Discussion

- a) **Dam Operator Awareness Training Texas A&M – Report/Discussion** - The Fire Chiefs will be coming on out and get a firsthand look at how the dam operates and, in the future, will perform a swift water rescue practice. Board members will be notified when this takes place for there is expected to be an abundance of emergency equipment in the area. Anyone who is interested in taking the swift water training is to let P. Jensen know.

Fox /Mukwonago River Mitigation Planning Update – Report/Discussion – They are in the process of going over the draft of the first several chapters and making corrections. The Town of Eagle has approximately 30 homes that are in the flood plain. Seven of those residents have flood insurance. The FEMA flood maps from 2014 misidentified some of the island properties that will obviously never be flooded (believed to be a computer error).

NFIP Community Rating System Participation Exploration – Discussion – The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) community rating system. Flood insurance rates are rising, we expect the rates in our area will go up about 25-30%. Anyone who wants to sell their home and are in the flood plain has to have flood insurance. The community rating system allows you to get a discount if you are performing certain tasks. We have 17 listed properties (excluding the islands) that are in the flood plain and may qualify for a discount.

Financial Update & Payment of Bills - D. Malek made a **Motion** to pay the bills; second by C. Hinz, motion carried with T. Day opposed.

Executive Session– At 7:48pm D. Malek made a **Motion** to go into Executive Session under 19.85 (1) (g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation involving Waukesha Circuit Court Case Number 2021CV001294 in which it is or is likely to become involved. The Board will remain in closed session under 19.85 9 (c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility. The Board will not reconvene into open session; second by J. Mann. Roll call vote was called as follows:

L. Matthews – Yes, N. Wilhelm – Yes, C. Hinz – Yes, P. Jensen – Yes, J. Mann – Yes, T. Day – Yes, D. Malek – Yes.

At 8:34pm the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
John Mann
ESLMD