

EAGLE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2010

Approved Minutes

Tom Day, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Eagle Spring Lake Management District to order at 7:30 p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Nate Cobb, Matthew Thew, Jim Pasterski, Nick Wambach, Town of Eagle Representative Don Malek, and Waukesha County Representative Pam Meyer. There were two residents present.

Approval of Minutes – D. Malek made a Motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2010 meeting; second by M. Thew, motion carried.

Weed Harvesting/Collection/Chemical Treatment – Per phone conversation that Gina Krause had with Heidi Bunk (DNR), Heidi stated that she was not aware of the aquatic plant survey done in 2008 and that their guidance states every 5 years. Therefore, she does not anticipate that we will not have to do another one now; however, she will have to run it past others before giving the final decision. Day stated that the new harvester is approximately 85% finished. John Mann, M. Thew, and T. Day will be going to view the new harvester and decide upon control lever positioning.

Lake Water Level Issue – Two letters (one from District and one from John Mann) have been sent to Secretary Matt Frank (DNR). Matt Frank's office has stated that we will be receiving return correspondence in writing. The District apologizes to SEWRPC for including them in our opinion in the letter and we did not mean to cause any problems with their relationship with the DNR.

Wambold Dam Repairs – Status Report – There were no updates.

Mill Race Modifications – T. Day had contacted several people in regards to the 500 year flood compliance. Kurt Peot (Village of Mukwonago Engineer) had stated that they do not have a time frame from the DNR to complete their 500 year flood compliance. Mike Hahn (SEWRPC) has not heard if the 2008 flooding was a 500 year flood event. Eric Kuklewski (FEMA) discussed what it would take to complete a Hydrology and Hydraulic study. Dick Mace (Waukesha County Park and Planning) is currently participating in up to 4 appeals of the Floodplain Insurance Study. Mark Michaelson (Engineering Firm) offered to meet with the Board and discuss the process. All of the above persons did not feel that the insurance study numbers were realistic (too high). Dale Robertson (USGS) gave the name of Faith Fitzpatrick to contact, and Faith said based on 36 years of data, the computer models show that approximately 397 cubic feet per second would be the 500 year flood rate for the Mukwonago Dam, as compared to the Insurance Field Study showing over 2001. The Board discussed the cost to appeal the Insurance Field Study and what the cost would be to just modify the millrace to meet the 2001 cubic feet per second. The District has 3 years left to complete the 500 year flood event. The Board agreed to have Ayres Associates draft recommendations as to modification of the millrace to meet the 2001 cubic feet per second. Those plans would be submitted to Waukesha County and WDNR for their approval before we go out for bids. T. Day read from an August 5, 2008 article that stated some dams remain unchecked by the DNR, 32 dams that pose hazard, are overdue for inspection.

Public Boat Launch Storm Water Drainage – It is expected to be discussed at the Town of Eagle's March 1st meeting.

2009 Act 31 Slow-No Wake Speed Restrictions Exemption Ordinance – The Town of Eagle did not get it on their February agenda and therefore it is expected to be discussed at their March meeting.

New Business

Report on Conservation Lobby Day Issues – P. Meyer, John & Julie Mann, and T. Day attended the meeting in Madison. Kedzie and Nass's staff members asked if our lake water level issue had been resolved yet. There were 4 main issues that the League of Conservation Voters lobbied for, but 3 of the 4 did not have a bill drafted.

Report on February 13th Lakes Workshop – John Mann, P. Meyer, M. Thew, and T. Day attended the workshop. T. Day attended the invasive species and did pick up a few pointers. P. Meyer found Charlie Shong's presentation especially interesting for Pewaukee started cutting aquatic plants in the 1800's and showed all the documentation of their efforts over the years of how they attempted to control the invasive species. John Mann found it interesting that Wisconsin ranks 2nd in the nation for issuing out of state

fishing licenses. M. Thew who attended the shoreline presentation suggested the possibility of using brush bundles to help preserve the bulrushes, and help our fisheries at the same time.

Other – M. Thew presented an article that was published in the Wisconsin Outdoor News, titled DNR, Citizen Efforts are Slowly Helping Eagle Spring, Lulu.

John Mann is willing to volunteer to start doing water sampling and secchi-disc readings on the lake if John and Patti Rageth are no longer interested.

Financial Update and Payment of Bills – Motion made by J. Pasterski to approve and pay the bills; second by D. Malek, motion carried.

At 8:52pm, J. Pasterski moved to adjourn, second by D. Malek, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Krause
Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant