

EAGLE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 17, 2018

Approved Minutes

Tom Day, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Eagle Spring Lake Management District (ESLMD) to order at 7:00p.m. Other Commissioners in attendance were Tom Casey, John Mann, Matthew Thew, and Town of Eagle Representative Don Malek. Waukesha County Representative Chuck Wood (County obligations) and Nick Wambach (out of town) were excused. Also present was Dam Operator/Resident Peter Jensen, Deputy Dam Operator/Resident David Anschuetz, and Lake Residents Greg Himebauch, Patrick Galagan, and Charles Kuiper.

**Approval of Minutes** – D. Malek made a **Motion** to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2018 meeting as written; second by T. Casey, motion carried with M. Thew and J. Mann abstaining due to excused absences at the last meeting.

**Weed Harvesting/Collection/Chemical Treatment** – T. Day stated that the District has been given DNR permit approval to chemically treat approximately up to 12 acres in Pickeral and Jack's Bay this spring. The treatment is to take place approximately 2 weeks before Memorial Day; all shorelines in and adjacent to the treatment area will be posted. The harvester was put in the water on April 12, 2018.

**Clean Boats/Clean Water Program** - T. Casey and Lake Resident Christopher Stachowski have expressed interest in helping with supervision of those hired to perform the surveying. In order to check boats on opening day of the fishing season, we anticipate starting the mornings of May 5th and 6th at 6:00am. There are approximately 14 new applicants and 3 employees from last year's staffing that are interested in performing the surveying/inspections at the public boat launch this year. Gina will start the interviews this week and make selections after the interviews are complete. Jerry Ziegler (The Nature Conservancy) has made a commitment that they will be able to start doing a Friday staffing at the boat launch after June 4. 2018.

**Carp Initiative/Fishery Issues** – A conservative count of 32 carp (not including the night of 4/16/18) have been captured this year.

**Weather Station and Website** – P. Jensen reported that the main weather computer had crashed and everything was switched over to the backup computer; no data was lost. U.W. Parkside has done the necessary repairs and is in the process of reloading all the programs on the main computer. The website should be up and operational later this week.

**Wambold Dam/Millrace Issues** - P. Jensen has found a possible 75% grant to fund the repairs of Kroll Millrace from the Department of Interior. Paperwork has to be completed before the end of June. Greg Himebauch has graciously offered to draft up the resolutions/policies we will need to enact as part of the requirements for this grant. Approval of these resolutions/policies will be requested at the next meeting.

**Septic Pumping Issues** - Waukesha County should be sending out required pumping notices this month.

**Status of Succession Planning/Back up Positions** - The following is where we are at with back up persons for the following positions:

- Dam Operator - Completed - We have 3 deputy dam operators. Training will resume when the weather warms up.
- Clean Boats/Clean Waters Supervisor - T. Casey has not committed to taking over for T. Day, but is willing to help out temporarily. Lake Resident Christopher Stachowski has expressed interest in helping out with both the surveying and supervision (if needed).
- Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant - We are still looking for person to help out in an emergency/when needed in future.
- Weed Harvesting - Still looking for someone to commit to taking on all the harvesting responsibilities. This includes harvesting, maintenance, record keeping, yearly reports, etc. We do have enough staffing to just perform the running of the harvester.

M. Thew and J. Mann have been assigned to evaluate any potential truck(s) for the District to buy for the harvesting operation.

- Chairperson - We are still looking for someone/Board member who is willing to take over the Chairperson position.

## **New Business**

**Mary's Bay Buoy(s)** - P. Jensen's memo (dated 3/10/18) provided us with information on the technology to modify/reposition the sensors in order to move the buoy further into Mary's Bay. A copy of this memo was also shared (via email/U.S. mail) with residents in Mary's Bay. Pat Cowle in his email (dated 4/13/18) stated he had no problem with the relocation of the buoy (per P. Jensen's memo) and expected that U.W. Parkside should pay for this move. The Board discussed the possible move of the buoy to another location in Mary's Bay along with the possible associated costs with this relocation. The following was discussed by the Board: The Board discussed the District's cost of moving the buoy versus what our other pending and necessary financial obligations are (upcoming dam repairs, replacement truck for weed harvesting, etc.). Expense to move the buoy is an estimated at \$800-\$1,000 (without labor). The collection of this data provides only a minor benefit to U.W. Parkside. They are actually helping us with this equipment (at no cost to the District), so that we may collect the data for our use. They also help by providing analysis of the data by incorporating it into their projects, rather than the Lake District hiring a consultant to do this. It is to our advantage to have the university and other educational institutions use our lake rather than some other lake. We have developed a working relationship with them, therefore allowing us to benefit from free algae/water sampling and testing, as well as temperature history. U.W. Parkside benefits by having actual data to study and incorporate into their course work. Lastly, the Board discussed the precedent that this may set for other residents who may want to have a buoy moved from in front of their home or feel it is an inconvenience to them in some way. By consensus the Board agreed that asking U.W. Parkside to fund this would not be in our best interest; they are providing a service to us. The money would be better spent on upcoming expenses, which need to be done, rather than exceeding our annual budget, and eliminate the risk of setting a precedent for others who may not like a buoy in front of their home. Due to no action taken, this agenda item will be removed from next month's agenda.

**Southern Kettle Moraine Master Plan** - T. Day encouraged everyone to send in (to DNR) their comments to the new draft Kettle Moraine Master Plan and attach what they may have submitted two years ago. The Board did discuss several areas of concern. It appears that the DNR may sell the property on South Shore Drive to a private party rather than develop it into a canoe/kayak launch site. However, if the property does not sell, it may be a launch site. The proposed campground in Rainbow Springs is not in our floodplain but the access road is in our floodplain. Any development in the floodplain would change our dam hazard rating to High Hazard; therefore, we would have to be able to meet a 1000 year flood capacity. An emergency roadway out to CTH E or Hwy J would be recommended for use in high water conditions. Comments must be submitted by April 23, 2018. T. Day will prepare a letter on behalf of the District as it relates to the above concerns. It is roughly expected that the DNR will approve the plan in June.

**Report from Attendance at Fox River Summit** - T. Casey, J. Mann, T. Day and Greg Himebauch attended the Fox River Summit held on March 23, 2018. Greg stated that it was fascinating how people from two different sides of the spectrum can all interact together favorably. T. Day stated that he was disappointed that the chloride initiative was not going to be including the groundwater testing for chloride levels.

**Discussion of Sponsorship of Eurasian Water Milfoil Dive Team at Lulu Lake This Summer** - The Nature Conservancy has asked if the Lake District would be willing to sponsor the dive team that hand pulls the Eurasian Water Milfoil from Lulu Lake. No monies are being asked for in this sponsorship. A decision will be made at our May meeting.

**Other** - T. Casey inquired as to if there is a lighting ordinance that applies to those who live on the lake. There will be more on this at future meetings.

**Financial Update and Payment of Bills – Motion** made by D. Malek to approve and pay the bills; second by T. Casey, motion carried. 1st Quarter Financial Report is as expected.

There was no closed session and therefore at 8:20 pm, D. Malek moved to adjourn, second by T. Casey, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Krause

Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant