

**EAGLE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
ANNUAL MEETING  
August 1, 2015**

**Approved Minutes**

Thomas Day, chairperson, called the Annual Meeting of the Eagle Spring Lake Management District to order at 9:00 am. Other Board members/employees in attendance were, John Mann, James Pasterski, Nick Wambach, Town of Eagle Representative Don Malek, Waukesha County Representative Pamela Meyer, Peter Jensen (Dam Operator/Dam Emergency Coordinator), and Gina Krause (Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant). Board member Matthew Thew was excused. There were 40 residents that attended, including those mentioned above.

T. Day opened the meeting with an introduction of the Board Members/Employees present.

There were handouts of the Annual Meeting Newsletter, Dam Operators Report (August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015), and other miscellaneous materials relating to boating/navigation regulations and reminders.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Published in the District’s July Newsletter was the August 2, 2014 minutes and therefore they were not read. Frank Schillo made a **Motion** to accept the Annual Meeting minutes of 2014 as published. Second by Robert Buss, motion carried.

*ACTIVITY REPORTS*

**Legislative Update** – There were no new updates other than what was published in the July 2015 newsletters. There were no questions.

**Dam Operations/Lake Water Level** – A handout of the Dam Operators Report from August 1, 2014 to July 31, 2015 was available. A summary of the report is as follows:  
The Dam Operator attended the annual Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Dam Safety Seminar in Eau Claire, WI and went to the Wisconsin Division of Emergency Management Conference in Milwaukee, WI. The required Emergency Action Plan was prepared and submitted to the DNR for approval. An annual update to the Inspection, Operation and Maintenance Manual was prepared and submitted to the DNR. Negotiations were held with WDNR on the required repairs to the Kroll Outlet and an extension (to 2016) on the repairs was given to allow the Lake District to apply for grant funding this fall (up to 50% of the cost of repairs). Plans and specifications for the repairs to the Kroll Outlet were received from Ayres Engineering and internally reviewed; these have been submitted to the WDNR for approval under the plan review process. Comments were submitted to the WDNR on the proposed changes to the application process for the Municipal Dam Grant Program. Minor dam inspections were performed in fall of 2014 and spring of 2015. A major inspection was completed in June of 2015 and submitted to the DNR; concrete cracking of the Wambold Dam spillway support structure was documented and will be monitored. The previously installed rip rap has held up well under high flow conditions and will also be monitored. The Lake District hosted a group of student civil engineers from Milwaukee School of Engineering at the Dams. The students are using the dams for flow studies and have created a 1/36<sup>th</sup> scale model of the Kroll Outlet in the water management laboratory for their studies. The Dam Operator coordinated with the real estate agent, surveyor, property owners, and the WDNR on the acquisition of land at the Wambold Dam to meet the DNR requirements to clarify ownership issues at the water control facilities, and will be completing the necessary dam transfer permits on this project. The “Living with Dams” publication was distributed to property owners who would be potentially impacted by an emergency at one of the Lake District’s water control facilities; distribution is made every 5 years. Per DNR requirements, a muskrat control program was begun and will be an ongoing project to maintain control of the varmints. Ongoing maintenance at both water control structures is performed on a regular basis, which includes grass cutting and vegetation control, painting, marking of Kroll Outlet vault space, posting signage, clearing and removing debris from the trash grates and control mechanisms, etc. A free supply of oil spill control materials was obtained and stored for the use in an emergency situation requiring the absorption of petroleum products on water that may pose a safety or environmental hazard. A total of 9 navigational buoys were repainted and repaired, and 2 new buoys were obtained through a grant program. Dam operations kept water levels within DNR permitted values and no precipitation events over 2 inches were experienced throughout the reporting period. On July 13, 2015, as a result of a line of severe thunderstorms, the Dam Operator performed a damage assessment around the lake and reported the findings to Waukesha Emergency Management and the National Weather Service; one homeowner

who permanently resides in Illinois was notified of damage to their lake property. Dam Operator worked with Tom Day to remove floating debris from the lake.

**District Property** – There was nothing of significance to report about the Kroll and Ski Channel properties.

**Aquatic Plant Management** - T. Day presented a map showing all various areas/dates of Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) chemical treatments (2, 4-D) from 2013-2015. All areas treated in 2015 (Jack's Bay and Pickeral Bay) had good results. Overall, the EWM growth is minimal when compared to last year. The only area that had substantial EWM growth and was not chemically treated is the Springs/Bolan area. A suction removal process was used in this area to attempt to remove the EWM; it is believed that chemical treatment in this area has been ineffective due to the greater ground water flow in this area of the lake. This year's weed mass (i.e., "floaters") has been less than in previous years; there are still plenty of healthy plants in the lake. From 1999-2015, the majority of the chemical treatments needed were in Jack's Bay (11 treatments), and Pickeral Bay (10 treatments).

**Watershed Study/Lake Restoration** – Next week, T. Day will be taking a water sample from Jack's Bay and two samples from the Springs to test for fecal/coliform analysis. UW Parkside will be taking algae sampling for analysis in Jack's Bay, the Springs, and any other reported areas of the lake. A river protection grant application will be submitted to the DNR for help in funding sampling (both up and down stream) needed to update and perform comparisons to our 2008 Nutrient Study.

**Audit** - William Koeper completed the audit for ESLMD. The audit for the period of January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 found those records to be free from material misstatement and that acceptable accounting procedures have been followed. There were no questions.

**Carp Initiative/Fishery Issues** – As of August 1st, approximately 125 carp have been captured in 2015. We will not be stocking any more fish until the next 2016 DNR comprehensive survey of fish is done and findings are analyzed.

**ELECTION OF COMMISSIONERS** – Nick Wambach's term for Commissioner has expired. The nominating committee of John Rageth, Nate Cobb, and Jeff Prokop had no contacts. After Tom Day asked for further nominations (3 calls), Tom Casey made a **Motion** to close nominations and cast a unanimous vote for Nick Wambach; second by Janet Prokop, motion carried. Verbal vote was taken with all present in favor and no opposition. Nick Wambach will be serving another three-year term.

**APPROVAL OF 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET**- T. Day presented the Proposed Budget for 2016.

Receipts: Total Levy for 2016 will remain the same as in 2015 (\$73,670). The DNR has allowed us to wait until 2016 to get the Kroll Millrace repair work done. If we get Kroll Outlet repair grant funding in 2016, we anticipate the need to borrow \$139,320 to pay for the work being done. The Millrace project grant reimbursement (50%) would not occur until all bills are paid in full; no income for grant funding is shown and there are no guarantees on getting that grant. Total budgeted receipts for 2016 are \$217,740. The estimated \$5,170 that would have to be transferred from our Lake/Land Fund to balance our receipts/expenses for 2016 may not be needed since our 2016 dam inspection has been put on hold till 2017 (due to repair work).

Expenses: Budgeted 2016; All Other Accounts: Dam Compliance Per Inspection - \$139,320 is budgeted for the work to be done on the Kroll Outlet Structure. Legal Fees - \$10,000 is budgeted for possible legal fees associated with resolving ownership of Wambold Dam Properties. Jack's Bay Restoration - We may apply for a permit. Clean Boats/Clean Waters - We expect to be taking part in a Local Clean Boats/Clean Waters Program that could increase our costs slightly. Total budgeted expenses of all accounts for 2016 are \$231,163.

Fund Accounts: As previously mentioned, in 2016 a transfer \$5,170 from the Lake/Land Fund is not expected to be needed due to no dam inspection until 2017.

Pete Jensen made a **Motion** to approve the Proposed 2016 Budget as published; second by Kent Carlson, motion carried with no opposition. Jeff Prokop made a **Motion** to approve the Levy of \$73,670; second by Greg Himebauch, motion carried with no opposition.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Jack's Bay Restoration Project** - T. Day commented that the possibility of getting a dredging permit for Jack's Bay had been looking like it was not going to happen, until Pat Galagan attended the DNR public hearing meeting on June 19, 2015, which included the topic of discussion of a possible modification of the permitting process of dredging a previously dredged waterway. This modification would allow for documented proof of previously dredged area if no proof of a permit being issued is available. This will need legislative approval that is anticipated to take place before the end of the year.

Patrick Galagan continues to put hard work and effort into this project.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Land Transfer (Wambold Dam)** - T. Day presented a slide of the Wambold Dam Proper (Land that is actually part of the Wambold Dam per DNR). There are two private property owners that own part of the dam proper and are currently also responsible for maintenance/liability of the dam. We are currently working with the two homeowners, to transfer their private land (within the dam proper) to the District, which will lessen their liability and allow us to improve our capability of maintaining the dam. The legal issue of ownership of the Wambold Bridge will need to be resolved in 2016. Greg Himebauch made a **Motion** to authorize the Board to engage in and conclude negotiations to acquire two parcels of land adjacent to the Wambold Dam spillway for a combined purchase price not to exceed \$1,100.00 in addition to any closing, filing, and administrative expenses; second by Tom Casey, motion carried. A thank you was given to Jim Kruswicki for his help with this process. A special thank you was also given to Pete for all his hard work not only on this project but all the other tasks he continues to take on.

**Discussion/Possible Action - Canoe/Kayak Launch (including non-riparian car parking) at Kroll Millrace Property** - There will be a DNR public hearing (anticipated date of 8/31/2015) in regards to the Lulu Lake/Rainbow Springs Master Plan, in which, two of the four proposals will have a canoe/kayak launch on that parcel of land off of South Shore Drive. The DNR met with Town of Eagle Chairperson Robert Kwiatkowski to discuss a canoe/kayak launch at the DNR property on South Shore, which is located between Carlson's and Wilhelm's. For various reasons, Mr. Kwiatkowski said that the Town of Eagle would not be in favor of it. At the previous Board meeting (7/21/15) the Board discussed the option of using the District Property (Kroll site) as a canoe/kayak launch site with restrictions. Per resident comments, they were not in favor of using the District Property for a public launch site. The residents were encouraged to attend the DNR public hearing.

**Other** - A lake resident inquired as to why we do not charge a fee at the public boat launch like so many other lakes do. T. Day explained that several years back we did a study on charging a fee at the launch site, which included that we would have to take over the maintenance/liability of the boat launch. The end result was that it would be a major cost to the District that would not be able to be recouped by the income from the launch site. Jim Wilhelm made a **Motion** for the District to have the Board once again review responsibilities for the public launch in relation to charging a fee for launching and DNR requirements, etc.; second by Patrick Mulrooney, motion carried.

John Mann invited residents to come to the monthly meetings and share their input and maybe even help out with various studies/projects.

A reminder was given to reverse your boat motor when going through channel to Lulu (minimum 4 second reversal required before entering Lulu).

A special thank you was given to Dam Operator and Board Members for all they do, the advice given, and efforts to keep everyone safe on the lake.

There being no further business, Tom Casey made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting at 10:52am; second by David Anschuetz, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Krause  
Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant