

Eagle Spring Lake Management District
Regular Meeting
April 25, 2024

Approved Minutes

Peter Jensen, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Eagle Spring Lake Management District (ESLMD) to order at 6:00pm, and led with the pledge of allegiance. Other Commissioners in attendance were Tom Day, Chris Hinz (arrival at 6:03pm), Tom Tynes, Nancy Wilhelm and Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Gina Krause. Waukesha County Representative Lance Matthews and Ryan Hajewski were excused.

Approval of Agenda – A Motion was made by N. Wilhelm to approve the April 25, 2024 agenda as written with Dam Failure Analysis being covered under #25 Executive Session; second by T. Tynes, motion carried.

Approval of March Board Meeting Minutes – N. Wilhelm made a **Motion** to approve the March 19, 2024 minutes; second by C. Hinz, motion carried.

Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

- Waukesha County is offering a two-day dam safety/failure course on August 13 & 14, 2024. Dam operators will be attending.
- On May 10, 2024 Aquarius Systems will be offering a harvester safety training course.
- There will be a 4-hour online FEMA course on climate change.
- Clean Boats/Clean Waters Training Packet has been released.
- C. Hinz requested a new MS 365 folder exclusively for Gina and herself to edit the minutes in.

Public Comment – Comments included an inquiry as to why the dates for the fireworks changed from what was originally stated at last year’s annual meeting; some people plan this event a year in advance. Due to the delay in determining if we were going to have fireworks, the dates were changed from July 6 with a rain-date July 13, to June 29 with a rain-date July 6.

Aquatic Growth Harvesting/Collecting/Chemical Treatment – Discussion

State Inspection – Two state inspectors (Madison & Bayfield performed inspections on April 25, 2024 due to an employee safety complaint. There were a couple engineering issues that will be Aquarius’s issue and a sticker that will be placed near the front of harvester. They were very pleased to see how organized and safety compliant we were.

Harvesting Training Program – Tom Casey and P. Jensen will be in attendance at the Aquarius Systems harvesting training course on May 10, 2024.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CB/CW) – Discussion/Action – The CB/CW training packet has been released. The life jackets for our life jacket program are expected to arrive shortly.

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

Weather Station Discussion – There were no updates.

Wambold Dam/Kroll Outlet

Kroll Roof Leak – Discussion/Action - The three leaks in the roof on the north side of the building remain in need of repair.

Surface Water Levels, Groundwater Levels, and Chloride Levels – Discussion – With Governor Evers vetoing the bill to control road salt usage, there are no policies in place for

improving contractor use of less salt. Upon discussion with North Prairie, they don't do chloride water sampling at this time. Today we have received water sample containers for water sampling to update our past watershed study (10 sample sites) and containers to perform chloride analysis in two areas of our lake.

Legislative/Regulatory Issues – Discussion/Action - There are no updates.

Water Patrol – Discussion/Action – There are no official updates. It is anticipated that the Town of Eagle will be finalizing a contract for lake patrol (using same patrol as on Lulu Lake).

Fireworks – Discussion/Action – Contract with Spielbauer has been signed and arrangements are being finalized for the barges. Volunteers will be needed to help with various tasks in the set up and take down of the event.

Wisconsin Rivers and Lake Convention Report – Discussion – Conference was enjoyed by P. Jensen, N. Wilhelm, and Barb Pinekenstein and information learned will be covered over the next several meetings. We may want to review and consider updating our lake ordinances with the Town of Eagle. A collection of information on shoreline stabilization materials was acquired and will be shared on our website. Our lake management plan is due for an update (every 10 years) and we have discussed with Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) the anticipation of having them complete the work. Information in the report may change due to us being a flowage and not a kettle lake.

Request and Review Accuracy of Waukesha County Septic Records for Eagle Spring Lake Management District – Discussion/Action – There are a few areas of concern that remain to be verified. T. Day anticipates having a draft response letter to Waukesha County for Board review at May's meeting. It is anticipated that SEWRPC will be investigating the problems local lakes are having with septic systems.

T. Tynes was excused from the meeting at 6:45pm.

Buoy Repairs and Purchases – Discussion/Action – Buoys have been put in the water. There are a few buoys that need repair/replacement. T Day made a **Motion** to table further discussion until the May meeting; second by N. Wilhelm, motion carried.

Employee Safety Plan Update – Discussion/Action – The safety plan is currently being reviewed by our insurance underwriters (who will set our insurance rates). The state has up to 90 days to report back to us with any comments they have on our safety plan. N. Wilhem made a **Motion** to table discussion until next meeting; second by C. Hinz, motion carried.

New Business

May Newsletter Review – Advertising has allowed us to collect approximately 50% of the funding needed for our newsletter. This revenue will be put back into the general fund. N. Wilhelm made a **Motion** to approve the newsletter (with corrections) for publication; second by C. Hinz, motion carried.

Employee Handbook/HR Policy – The insurance underwriters have reviewed the policy. According to HR policy – elected officers are not employees. T. Day said that he has numerous questions on this document and would like to go through the document in greater detail. T. Day made a **Motion** to table further discussion of the HR policy until the next meeting; second by N. Wilhelm, motion carried. There will be a workshop meeting to go over the document in more detail.

Financial Reports & Payment of Bills – Discussion/Action – N. Wilhelm made a **Motion** to approve the financial report and to pay the bills; second by C. Hinz, motion carried.

Executive Session – At 7:24pm, N. Wilhelm made a motion to go into Executive Session under 19.85 1 (c) to 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 remain in Executive Session under 19.85 (1) (e) for deliberating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The Board will not reconvene into open session. Second by C. Hinz, motion carried with the votes as follows: Nancy Wilhelm – Yes, Chris Hinz – Yes, Peter Jensen - Yes, Tom Day – Yes.

At 8:14 N. Wilhelm made a **Motion** to adjourn session; motion was seconded and carried.

Adjourn – At 8:16 C. Hinz made a **Motion** to adjourn; motion was seconded and carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Hinz – Secretary
Eagle Spring Lake Management District