

Eagle Spring Lake Management District
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2024

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 Tom Day, Chris Hinz, Ryan Hajewski (arrived at 6:32pm), Tom Tynes, and Nancy Wilhelm. Waukesha County Representative Lance Matthews was excused. Also in attendance was Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Gina Krause.

Approval of Agenda – A Motion was made by N. Wilhelm to approve the May 21, 2024 agenda; second by C. Hinz, motion carried with T. Day opposed. An official request made by T. Day for closed session at next meeting to discuss T. Tynes and C. Hinz meeting with Gina.

Approval of April Board Meeting Minutes – C. Hinz made a **Motion** to approve the April 25, 2024 minutes; second by N. Wilhelm, motion carried.

Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

- Due to possible severe weather this evening, this meeting may be cut short if severe weather does develop.
- High water quality reports from the DNR have been downloaded to MS 365 for viewing.
- On June 14, 2024, Barb Pinekenstein along with P. Jensen will be hosting the annual picnic with the DNR, Wisconsin Emergency Management, National Guard, and US Corp of Engineers.

Public Comment – Comments included an appreciation of the work/time that T. Tynes has given in the installation of the new financial software and encouraged the Board to approve the financial policy he is presenting. Also, the Board was encouraged to review and approve the HR Employee Handbook and that job descriptions be created. There was expressed disappointment in the harvesting methods on the lake; hobie kayaks are getting hung up in the aquatic plants in the lake. Resident was unable to get the handbook to download and requested a copy for their ability to completely review. Resident found that the preliminary review of the Handbook was above and beyond what a small lake district needs. Fireworks and lake patrol have been a sensitive issue for some time. We need to realize what was previously done with lake patrol in the past was wrong and we need stop looking at the past and need to look at what we can do for the future.

Aquatic Growth Harvesting/Collecting/Chemical Treatment – Discussion - Tom Casey and P. Jensen attended the May 10 Aquarius Systems harvesting training course. Wind and loading limits were discussed. The state safety inspector was there. On May 14, 2024, Tom Casey and P. Jensen had a Zoom call with Heidi Bunk (WDNR). It appears Heidi may be willing to look at widening our harvesting lanes due to unique conditions we are experiencing. The goal is to get her out to the lake and give her a tour of the lake and show her our areas of concern. Chemical treatment for next year and the rotation of chemicals used was briefly discussed (it is too late in this year to perform a treatment now).

Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CB/CW) – Discussion/Action – The storage box has been installed for the CB/CW supplies. A thank you to Home Depot for donating 3 bags of leveling sand. Our Waukesha County staff member for working the boat launch is expected to start staffing June 1, 2024. P. Jensen will start the program by working himself the weekend of May 25/26.

Carp Initiative/Fishery Issues Discussion – There were two more carp tagged this past week and the carp are actively spawning. According to a DNR press release, they have stopped stocking on our lake due to the Northern Pike appear to be actively breeding in high enough counts (84%) to help sustain themselves.

Weather Station Discussion – There were no updates.

Wambold Dam/Kroll Outlet - Terra Engineering performed their normal follow-up inspection (no additional cost to the district) of the work on the Kroll Millrace Outlet. They did notice that one of the riser tubes has a tilt to it and are looking into a way to reinforce it. It is anticipated that we will clean the gates the first weekend of June.

Surface Water Levels, Groundwater Levels, and Chloride Levels – Discussion – On May 14, 2024, T. Day, John Mann, and the help of two Nature Conservancy members did a watershed sampling. This is similar to previous watershed samplings done and can be added to the ongoing study from 2004. Also collected were two Chloride samples (1 groundwater & 1 out of lake at Wambold). All samples have been sent to UW-Stevens Point lab for testing. More tests kits are expected to arrive to allow for continued testing.

Legislative/Regulatory Issues – Discussion/Action – Next year, it is expected that there will be legislation that will define what a shore is. Boating regulations are based on use of distance restriction from shore. Also expected, a Buy American Bill which may require federal government projects to use U.S. products (totally manufactured in the U.S.). AB61 was attempted to be over ridden with no success. This bill would only cover certified commercial applicators.

Water Patrol – Discussion/Action – R. Hajewski commented that at the last Town of Eagle meeting a contract was presented. The Lake District would have to pay the 2024 patrol; however, the Town will cover cost until end of year in which at that time will ask for reimbursement to be paid in January of 2025. There are some unanswered questions that the lake district needs answered before agreeing to the contract. A contract is needed between the Town of Eagle and the Lake District that spells out exactly what the lake district is paying for and the limitations. A letter requesting a formal meeting will be the district's next step.

Fireworks – Discussion/Action – We have a volunteer that will host the pyrotechnician on the night of the fireworks. We are in need of volunteers all the rest of the tasks needing to be done, i.e., putting up and take down of no-parking signs, driving the barges, cleaning off the barges after the show. Board members will attempt to solicit volunteers. The fireworks will be cancelled if we do not have volunteers. A lake resident is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year, and would like to host a firework display on New Years Eve.

Treasurer Report on Financial Procedures Implementation – Discussion/Action– T. Tynes presented the financial report. It looks as we should be able to offset the unfavorable variance in the legal expense if there are no other expense surprises. A budget workshop is needed for the Board to start preparing the 2025 proposed budget. N. Wilhelm made a **Motion** to have Anthony Hofeld perform the audit on the 2023 financial records of the district; second by T. Tynes, motion carried. A tentative date of June 4 at 6pm was set for the workshop.

- a) **Report on Financial Controls – Discussion/Action** – With the last few changes only hours old, N. Wilhelm made a **Motion** to approve the Financial Policies and Guidelines Manual; second by C. Hinz, motion carried with T. Day opposed.

Request and Review Accuracy of Waukesha County Septic Records for Eagle Spring Lake Management District – Discussion/Action – T. Day presented the Board a draft memo/letter in response to the septic report we received from Waukesha County. T. Day will meet with P. Jensen in order to accommodate what P. Jensen would like added as it relates to a reported violation.

Jack’s Bay Fecal Coliform Testing – The aroma of septic has been reported in Jacks Bay.

- a) Sample bottles are being obtained for testing for Coliform in Jacks Bay. T. Day reported as to what the coliform levels were in Jacks Bay and Springs area back in 2015. The levels were low in 2015, and DNA testing was not done at that time to determine if it was human or animal.

Buoy Repairs and Purchases – Discussion/Action – T. Day recommended to use the buoys we have to get us by for this year. This fall when we pull the buoys and clean them up would be better time to reevaluate what buoys or labels are needed for 2025.

Employee Safety Plan Update – Discussion/Action – We are waiting for the state to give us a review letter on our safety plan. We should be fully compliant as to whatever they would want for harvesting. The risk manager will review it for final approval to potentially reduce our costs.

Employee Handbook/HR Policy – A tentative date of June 4 at 6pm was set for the work session to go over the employee handbook.

New Business

2025 Budget – Discussion/Action – A few items we need to keep in mind is an update to our lake management plan, the truck lasting another year, and grants that may be available. More discussion will be done at the budget work session on June 4.

Financial Reports & Payment of Bills – Discussion/Action – N. Wilhelm made a **Motion** to approve the financial report and include the outstanding bills to Aquarius Systems, Kettle Moraine Tree Service and Von Briesen (total cost of \$4,917.61) and a transfer of \$6,000 from Money Market to checking, second by C. Hinz, motion carried.

Adjourn – At 7:51pm N. Wilhelm made a **Motion** to adjourn; motion was seconded by R. Hajewski and carried.

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