

Approved Minutes

Peter Jensen, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Eagle Spring Lake Management District (ESLMD) to order at 6:32pm, and led with the pledge of allegiance. Other Commissioners in attendance were Tom Day, Chris Hinz, Ryan Hajewski, Tom Tynes, and Nancy Wilhelm. Waukesha County Representative Lance Matthews was absent. Also in attendance was Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Gina Krause.

Approval of Agenda – A Motion was made by C. Hinz to approve the July 16, 2024 agenda; second by T. Tynes, motion carried.

Approval of June 18, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

T. Day made a **Motion** to approve the June 18, 2024 minutes; second by N. Wilhelm, motion carried.

Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

- On August 13 & 14 there will be a two-day Dam Safety Training Course run in Waukesha County.
- The next Town of Eagle Board meeting will be held on June 19, 2024.
- The Eagle Spring Lake Management District's Annual Meeting will be held on August 3, 2024 at 9am. The organizational meeting will follow the annual meeting.

Public Comment – Comments included some of the following: A special thank you was given to all the Board members serving on the Board. It was said that they would like to see more audience participation being allowed and go back to a more welcoming atmosphere and showing more respect as it was in the past. The aquatic plant issues on the lake are improving and it is getting easier for the kayaks to travel around the lake. The Board was asked to consider that we are paying for both the 2024 & 2025 lake patrol in 2025 when looking at the budget for 2025. It appears we have not had any discussion/agenda items towards the lake district taking over the lake patrol in 2025. The lake safety equipment that the district owns should be readily accessible to the fire department to use in an emergency. Good comments about the lake patrol are being shared by lake residents around the lake.

Aquatic Growth Harvesting/Collecting/Chemical Treatment – Discussion

- a) AIS Survey – Discussion/Action** – If we contract with Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) (who is a government agency) we would not be required to go through the bid process for this project.
- b) Final Approval for Hiring Harvester Operator – Brady Eckert** – Due to Harvey and Steve becoming inactive, R. Hajewski made a **Motion** to hire Brady Eckert as a new harvesting operator/property caretaker; second by N. Wilhelm, motion carried.
- c) 2025 Aquatic Plant Management Plan - Discussion/Action** – We will need to get the help of Southeast Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC) to assist us in writing the Grant application for this project in combination with the AIS survey. Grant preapplication must be in by September of 2025.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CB/CW) – Discussion/Action – Waukesha County's (Noel Buscher) who staffs the boat launch on weekends is no longer staffing it 1 day during the week. The Nature Conservancy will be staffing on Fridays as planned. There was discussion of how the boat launch was being staffed 10am to 6pm on the weekends. However, it was

explained how approximately 30% of the boaters come onto the lake in the morning before 10am. Waukesha County will be asked to go back to the old 8am to 4pm.

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

Weather Station Discussion – There were no updates.

Wambold Dam/Kroll Outlet Discussion – The trim on the Kroll building is chipping off.

Surface Water Levels, Groundwater Levels, and Chloride Levels – Discussion

The results from the watershed sampling taken in May have come in and the data is in the process of being graphed. Chloride sampling in the Springs (78.4) and the exit water from Wambold Dam (30.2) did not suggest any serious problems and could be considered relatively good. Given all the rain we had, the groundwater level should be up.

Legislative/Regulatory Issues – Discussion/Action – There has been a rash of dam failures around the United States. Congress is talking about adding funding for critical infrastructure, including dams. This legislation would have an impact on us since we are an international waterway. SB4673 is drafting phase is bill requiring special districts to be recognized by local government for the purpose of federal financial assistance determinations.

Water Patrol – Discussion/Action – R. Hajewski presented the Lake Patrol report from the period of May 25, 2024 through June 30, 2024. During this time there were 390 contacts, with 4 citations, 6 written warnings, 8 verbal warnings and 10 boat safety compliance checks. There was 1 complaint about a PWC going in the wrong direction on the lake. The fireworks on June 29 were a success with no injuries or incidents to report.

Request and Review Accuracy of Waukesha County Septic Records for Eagle Spring Lake Management District – Discussion/Action – T. Day has been in contact with Skylar (Waukesha County), and she expects to have a response to T. Day's letter within a week. P. Jensen did get a response to his public records request and was directed to the website link that shows the latest pumping. Skylar warned us that some pumpers do not report holding tanks for up to a year at a time, then submit all at once.

Buoy Repairs and Purchases – Discussion/Action – There were no updates.

Employee Safety Plan Update – Discussion/Action – The safety plan was updated with revisions and sent to the state for their review.

Annual Meeting Preparations – Discussion/Action – Annual meeting materials were mailed out from the post office today and the Mukwonago Times will take care of the newspaper recordings. The posting of the election took place on July 15, 2024.

New Business

Treasurer Report – Discussion/Action - T. Tynes presented the financial report dated July 10, 2024. There were not any out of the ordinary expenses this month. Some of the credentials for Gina are now set up in the new online accounting system.

We conducted our first online training sessions, and she is now performing the routine bookkeeping activities in accordance with the new financial policy guidelines. The changes made at the June board meeting have been made to the 2025 budget and will be in the upcoming newsletter. N. Wilhelm made a **Motion** to transfer \$10,000 from Money Market into Checking to pay the bills (including commissioner salaries, barge rental, & workmen

compensation) and remaining bills left due before the next board meeting; second by C. Hinz, motion carried. The two cd accounts are maturing next month.

Wisconsin Vendor Net Statewide Procurement Contracts – Discussion – P. Jensen will be taking a training course to learn about the use Wisconsin Vendor Net (an alternative to going out to bid on a project).

Nominating Committee – Currently there are two candidates (Allen Kroll and Peter Jensen) who want to run for the upcoming available commissioner position.

Kettle Moraine Fire Department Meeting – Discussion/Action – P. Jensen took our new fire chief on a walk around and showed him where everything was kept. There was a brief discussion about who is responsible for the equipment and its repair/replacement, and access to some of the emergency equipment. Some of the residents on the lake that volunteer their boating service during emergencies may have to adapt to a new routine of who picks up what when a call comes in.

Fireworks – Discussion/Action – We had a lot of volunteers and the show went on with no incidents. We may need to get more no parking signs for 2025.

Financial Reports & Payment of Bills – Discussion/Action – T. Tynes made a **Motion** to approve paying the bills and including the two open bills; second by N. Wilhelm, motion carried.

Adjourn – At 7:19pm N. Wilhelm made a **Motion** to adjourn the meeting; second by R. Hajewski, motion carried.

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