

Eagle Spring Lake Management District
Regular Meeting
October 15, 2024

Approved Minutes

T. Day, 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 Chris Hinz, Allen Kroll, Tom Tynes, Nancy Wilhelm, and Waukesha County Representative Lance Matthews. Town of Eagle Representative Ryan Hajewski arrived at 6:36pm. Guest speakers Patrick Siwula (DNR), and Amanda Schmitz (Washington and Waukesha County Aquatic and Invasive Species Coordinator) were in attendance. Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Gina Krause was also present.

Patrick Siwula and Amanda Schmitz gave an informative presentation on how the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) can impact a lake. Eagle Spring Lake has approximately 30 native aquatic plant species and a good handful of invasive species in the lake. The most recent invasive aquatic plant species found in our lake is Starry Stonewort (SSW). The robust native plant populations in our lake is helpful in keeping the invasive species reduced. Further discussed were other invasive species as well as the SSW and how to identify them. Chara plants are a native version of SSW. SSW have little star shaped bulbils that helps them spread. Also mentioned were DNR response grants available for new findings of invasive species. The District is due to update its plant study in 2026. Amanda offered that she could perform an early detection survey (primarily around the shoreline of the lake). John Grams volunteered to escort Amanda around the lake in his boat within the next couple of weeks. Unfortunately, there is no easy method to rid the lake of the SSW. Multiple methods have been tried by various lakes with no set method working better than any other. Each infestation needs to be handled as its own entity. Some methods of treatment have resulted in the SSW coming back more abundant than before.

Approval of September 17, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

N. Wilhelm made a **Motion** to approve the September 17, 2024 Board meeting minutes as written; second by C. Hinz, motion carried.

Announcements and Upcoming Meetings

- The next Town of Eagle Board meeting will be held on October 16, 2024. A budget workshop will be held before the meeting (5:30pm).

Public Comment – Lake resident commented that we should discuss with the fire department as to where would be the best place to keep the defibrillator (which we purchased) if needed by rescue.

A resident requested the idea that the Board allocate funds to purchase a power washer for cleaning the harvester. Also funds to purchase a new mower so that employees don't have to use their own.

Response - We purchased a 22" electric mower a couple years ago with money the yacht club donated to the lake district and they are paid by the hour to cut the grass. In response as a solo board member; in recent years, the lake district has leaned on the yacht club to help purchase certain items for the district. It is felt that the yacht club should be using their funds

to help others in needs, rather than subsidizing the lake district. The lake district does have other avenues to collect funds for particular purchases (i.e., the levy).

Weed Harvesting/Collecting/Chemical Treatment – This past week, Doug Buer was hired and trained to operate the harvester. The harvester will be removed around the end of October, after it is used to pick up the remaining floaters in the lake.

It is expected that we will need a chemical treatment in Jack's & Pickeral Bay in the spring of 2025. In the next several months, we will discuss a treatment plan for the permit.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CB/CW) – Discussion/Action

Approval of Resolution 2024-07 CB/CW 2025 Program – The District has budgeted for a 2025 Clean Boats/Clean Water Program (CB/CW). Therefore, T. Tynes made a **Motion** to approve Resolution #2024-07 to apply for a grant to assist with funding the 2025 CB/CW program with the Chairperson being the authorized representative; second by N. Wilhelm, motion carried.

Wambold Dam/Kroll Outlet Discussion – We have been holding the lake level closer to the higher end of our permitted level. The gauge at Wambold outlet is accurate, while the one at the Kroll outlet is slightly lower. Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission will need to get the outlet gauges synchronized for us.

Mark Wambold may be interested in manning the dam outlets for the district.

There was a DNR dam inspection today (10/15/24). They restated that the trees on the property line are in need of removal (Wruck's to remove). We are awaiting the inspection report. There is not any information on Wruck's dam failure analysis (DFA). We will check to see if our next DFA could be extended until 2026.

At some point in the future, we may want to consider a revision of the 1 to 1 gear ratio on the Kroll outlet.

Legislative/Regulatory Issues – On October 9, 2024, the department of revenue announced there was 1.56 billion in shared revenue for local governments.

Water Patrol – R. Hajewski presented the lake patrol report from 2024 Labor Day weekend. There was a total of 40 contacts with 1 citation being issued, 1 written warning, 2 verbal warnings and 2 boat safety compliance checks were conducted. For further details the lake patrol reports will be available on our website at <http://www.eaglespringlake.us/district-info>.

Other Old Business – The buoys were removed from the water on September 21st.

A. Kroll has been continuing communications with those who market the pellets for muck removal and working on future steps needed (no cost permitting, etc.).

C. Hinz is starting a study with her students at Muskego High School.

A. Kroll, T. Tynes, L. Matthews, and C. Hinz will continue to work together to research this product, and will report on what they find.

Old Business Other - T. Day and T. Tynes are reviewing the insurance policy.

New Business

Reflection on Annual Meeting (draft minutes may not be available) – There was no update.

Status of Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Lead Dam Operator, Lead of Volunteer Emergency Response Group – Update of the Emergency Procedures and Notification flowcharts are needed.

Treasurer Report and Financial Update/Payment of Bills – T.Tynes presented the Treasurer's report that covered the time period of August 1 through September 30. All levy payments have been received for the year. CD's have been reissued for a 10-month period. N. Wilhelm made a **Motion** to pay the bills including the standing bill we have with Von Briesen; second by R. Hajewski, motion carried. T. Tynes made a **Motion** to change the frequency of payroll to a monthly payroll term; second by N. Wilhelm, motion carried.

Other New Business – A free online payroll time keeping system is being considered for implementation.

Executive Session: At 8:53pm T. Day moved to go into Executive Session under 19.85 (1)(g) Conferring with legal counsel for the governmental body who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted by the body with respect to litigation involving Waukesha Circuit Court Case Number 2021CV001294 in which it is or is likely to become involved. Roll call vote as follows: Lance Matthews – Yes, Nancy Wilhelm – Yes, Chris Hinz – Yes, Tom Day – Yes, Ryan Hajewski – Yes, Tom Tynes – Yes, and Allen Kroll – Yes.

At 9:08pm N. Wilhelm moved to adjourn; second by A. Kroll, motion carried and the closed session was adjourned.

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