

Spring Brook Watershed Lake Management District

Approved Minutes

Monday 6:30 PM on 7 February, 2022,

Mukwonago Town Hall W320 S8315 Beulah Rd, Mukwonago, Wisconsin 53149

6:30 PM Call Meeting to Order: Commissioners in attendance include Peter Topczewski, Dan Bell, Bruce Pritzlaff and Jim McNelly. Chairman Guy absent due to another urgent commitment. Citizens in attendance included Kathryn McNelly – Bell. Commissioner McNelly made a motion to have Commissioner Topczewski serve as interim chair for this meeting. Dan second the motion, which was unanimously approved. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

Open Forum: No comments

Correspondence: Secretary McNelly reported that he initiated the winter creel survey on 1 Jan 22 and provided an informational write up on the previous year's ice fishing pressure, harvests and fish management activity. Secretary McNelly reported that Stormwater Solutions Engineering sent a contract confirmation and requested a retainer fee, which was returned to them to initiate the required dam inspection field work. Treasurer Pritzlaff provided a brief update on Horton Insurance's stance on volunteer coverage for Workers Comp. Bruce will follow up with an insurance representative to clarify if volunteer insurance coverage could be purchased under a separate policy and if it is affordable

Secretary's Report:

- Review and approve the Secretary's report for the 6 December, 2021 meeting. Motion Topczewski and second by Bell to approved draft minutes as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Review Treasurer's report and tax levy receipts. Treasurer Pritzlaff provided a report on the last completed bank statements. This reported dated 12/31/21 show that total SBWLMD assets are \$46323.72 which included \$4.61 interest earned since the last secretary's report.
- Review interest earning options for SBWLMD assets. Interest rates continue to be low. No changes recommended at this time.
- Take action on bills. Treasurer Pritzlaff reported that the Workers Compensation insurance premium is due on 1 March and the invoice was not received. Bruce indicated that Horton estimated that the premium might be similar to last year at \$536. He called our Horton agent to request more information on WC coverage for volunteers and did not receive any clear input regarding insurance options or premiums. Peter Topczewski made a motion to pay up to \$550 for workers comp insurance for the period 1 March 22 thru 1 March 23 pending receipt of an acceptable invoice. The motion was second by McNelly and unanimously approved.

Define roles of ad hoc committees/Chairs for dam maintenance, educational outreach, water quality and recreation and fisheries. Commissioners reviewed the draft letter with no changes and directed the secretary to mail them to the ad hoc chairs.

Watershed and lake information, dam maintenance and future needs discussion:

- Dam failure analysis and secondary spillway calculation (using FEMA data) – update. Nothing new.

- Update on engineering evaluation of the 10 year inspection. McNelly reported that the engineer from SSE will be out to perform the initial inspection on Thursday 10 February McNelly asked if any commissioners wished to observe as a quorum would require a public notice. None were available.
- Dam maintenance activities – evaluate options for primary spill way signage – enclosure and brushing activities and rip rap repairs for eroded areas. – no new updates – awaiting inspection from SSE.
- Review and approve draft emergency action plan. Commissioners reviewed the draft EAP and IOM and directed McNelly to list Bruce Pritzlaff as partial owner and Kathryn McNelly-Bell as emergency dam contact and proceed with submission of these documents to the DNR. Ad hoc chair McNelly-Bell indicated that the maintenance grant cycle requires these documents to rate well and that she is prepared to submit the grant application as soon as SSE completes the prioritization of maintenance activities.
- Water quality update and general lake conditions. Nothing new.
- Motorized vehicle usage on dam and on the lake. Motion was made by Topczewski to table this item in order to get additional input on the topic.
- Discuss options and develop a plan to perform lake water quality data collection. McNelly reported that he sent a text to the Mukwonago High School science department chair asking if there was any interest cooperating on a water quality study for Willow Springs Lake. No reply received as of the meeting.
- Nuisance animal update and invasive species observations and management. Nothing new.
- Fish management update and winter ice fishing and recreation survey. Bell reported that DNR Fish Biologist Ben Heussner indicated that the spring 2021 electro-fishing survey has been backlogged and would be completed as time allow. Heussner indicated Willow Springs Lake was stocked with northern pike in autumn 2021. No detail on size of the fish or the numbers stocked was available.

Legislative Update – Town/County/State:

- Discuss SB 802 – direction to legislators. McNelly reported that SBWLMD partnered with Waukesha County to acquire the dam and the south shore from a private owner and the County used Stewardship grants to acquire their green space. This proposed Senate bill could allow the County to sell their green space. While the County has not shown any interest in a sale the use of the south shore for private homes and road development could detract from the lake view scape and due to steep slopes potential create run-off and pollution issues for the lake. Commissioners discussed this and directed the Secretary to write a letter objecting to this legislation due to potential impacts on the lake and loss of public recreation opportunities.

Select dates for future meetings: Motion McNelly to hold a virtual meeting on 21 February 22 at 6:30PM to address the dam grant application and the required submittals. Motion was second by Topczewski and unanimously approved.

Adjournment: Motion by McNelly to adjourn. Motion was second by Topczewski and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.