

Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Minutes

Date: April 14, 2019

Location: Crescent Town Hall

Time: 1:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was called to order by Tom Johansen at 1:00 pm. The Meeting Agenda was properly posted.
2. Roll Call: Present were Tom Johansen, Dan Butkus, Jerod Bennett, Bob Mott, and Steve Richardson. A quorum was met.
3. Approval of Agenda: Steve Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes, Dan Butkus seconded. All approved, none opposed.
4. Hearing of Delegations: No commentaries were made.
5. Approval of January 13, 2019 Meeting Minutes of Commissioners: Dan Butkus made a motion to approve the minutes, Bob Mott seconded. All approved, none opposed.
6. Treasurer's Report: Presented by Dan Butkus. The report is archived and available for review.
 - a. Financial review report from 2018: The review was completed by the Town of Crescent Clerk and has been archived and available for review. The yearly finances for 2018 were found to be in order.
7. Update and discussion of potential 2019 budget corrections for Electors: Presented by Dan Butkus. Budgetary corrections will be recommended at the July Board Meeting to be discussed and approved at the annual electors meeting.
8. Discussion on budgeting procedures for 2020: Commissioners discussed procedures for budgeting that would be necessary if the lake district applies for grants but has not yet received approval or rejection of the grant applications from the DNR.
9. Wisconsin Lakes Convention Report: Reports were given by Tom Johansen and Dan Butkus.
10. Approval of a position statement from Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District to the Department of Natural Resources regarding lake management plans and surface water grants: Steve Richardson made a motion to approve the position statement drafted by Dan Butkus, Jerod Bennett seconded the motion. Steve Richardson amended the motion to include additional recommendations from the district and to include approval of the newly drafted position statement from each commissioner prior to being sent to the DNR. Jerod Bennett seconded the amended motion. All approved, none opposed.
11. Membership in the Wisconsin Lakes Association: Steve Richardson made a motion to join the Wisconsin Lake Association for the \$250 annual fee, Bob Mott seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed. Dan Butkus abstained.
12. Discussion on the use of volunteer divers to locate EWM in the lake: Use of volunteer divers locate EWM in the lake was approved with the requirement that the divers complete volunteer forms for grant reimbursement purposes.
13. Discussion with divers
 - a. Questions or concerns: Dan Jesse and Fred Lintereur received and answered question from the commissioners.
 - b. Potential incentives to enlist new divers: Commissioners discussed potential incentives that could be used to recruit new divers to help with EWM removal.
14. President's Report: Presented by Tom Johansen. The report is archived and available for review.
15. Reports and Considerations
 - a. Oneida County Board Delegate: Bob Mott informed the commissioners about a group being formed called Northwoods Forum. He also reported on well and water topics as primary issues in the state in 2019.
 - b. Town of Crescent Board Delegate: Steve Richardson, no report.
 - c. Wisconsin Lakes Association Board Member: Dan Butkus will be attending a Lake Alice Association meeting for Q&A about forming a lake District.
 - d. Attendees of Conferences and Lake Organization Meetings: No report.
16. Petitions and Communications: None
17. Closed session to discuss negotiations on competitive contracting for divers as per the guidelines of WI SS 19.85(1)(e): A roll call vote was taken that approved going into a closed session. Return to Open Session: A roll call vote was taken that approved returning to open session.
18. Approval of diving contract amendments: Dan Butkus made a motion to increase the veteran diver's salary to \$30/hr. Steve Richardson seconded the motion. All approved none, opposed. Dan Butkus made a motion to start new divers at \$20/hr. and to include a \$500 stipend if the diver successfully completes a probationary period. In the following year, the diver's salary would be set at \$25/hr. Steve Richardson seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed. Bob Mott made a motion that each veteran diver get a thank you gift card in the value of \$50 at the end of the year. Steve Richardson seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed.
19. Future Meeting Dates: Quarterly Board Meeting 7-14-19.
20. Adjourn: Dan Butkus made a motion to adjourn at 3:15 pm, Bob Mott seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed.