

Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Commissioners Quarterly Meeting

Meeting Structure: Virtual Using Zoom

May 17, 2020

Time: 1:00 p.m.

1. Meeting called to order at 1:01 p.m. by Tom Johansen. The meeting was properly posted.
2. Roll Call: Jerod Bennett, Tom Johansen, Dan Butkus, Steve Richardson, and Bob Mott were present from the board. Kathy Tournour, and Russ Tenneson were present from the Squash lake Association. Bob Thome also attended. A quorum was met.
3. Approval of Agenda: Bob Mott made a motion to approve the agenda and Steve Richardson seconded the motion. All approved none opposed.
4. Hearing of Delegations. No comments or reports were presented.
5. Approval of January 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes. Steve Richardson made a motion to approve the minutes and Dan Butkus seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed.
6. Status of the Squash Lake Association petition: Kathy Turner (Lake Association President) presented information about the petition. They have 19 signatures as of May 17, 2020 and need 42 signatures to get it on the district's meeting agenda. Their deadline to gather petitions is end of June 2020.
7. Treasurer's Report by Dan Butkus: The report is archived and available for review.
8. Acceptance of Financial Review for 2019 done by Tracy Hartman from the Town of Crescent: Dan Butkus made a motion to approve the Financial Review and Steve Richardson seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed.
9. Update on District Grants by Dan Butkus.
 - a. Report on EWM Control Grant 2019
 - b. Expanded and extended ACEI Grant
 - c. Reapplication for an EWM Grant
 - d. Update on the Aquatic Plant Management Plan
 - e. Update on Meander Survey of Loon Bay Wetlands
10. Review of preseason discussion with divers by Tom Johansen.
 - a. Summer dive team: We have all divers returning and a new part time diver on contract.
 - b. Equipment needs: Most equipment needs were filled last fall. New ropes were purchased this spring.
 - c. Social distancing: Divers will be practicing social distancing. A second boat will be used to facilitate this process.
 - d. Recruitment of new divers: A new diver is interested in diving during the 2021 season.
11. Resolution to detach parcel CR 252-4 brought forward by Treasurer: Dan Butkus made a motion to approve the resolution to detach said parcel and Bob Mott seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Jerod Bennett-Yes, Dan Butkus-Yes, Bob Mott-Yes, Steve Richardson-abstained, Tom Johansen-Yes. Motion passes.
12. Wisconsin Lakes Convention Report by Dan Butkus. Report is archived for review.
13. Spring Letter to Electors: Steve Richardson made a motion to approve the Spring Letter to Electors drafted by Tom Johansen and Jerod Bennett seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed.
14. President's Report by Tom Johansen: Tom Johansen suggested that the July be held using Zoom. We will discuss at the Commissioners meeting in July how we will conduct the Electors Meeting scheduled for August. We may contact an attorney to discuss how to handle the Electors Meeting if the State and or County does not provide proper guidance. Boat landing surveillance has been suspended until the DNR gives approval to proceed.
15. Reports and Considerations
 - a. Oneida County Board Delegate: Bob Mott reported on spearing that took place on Pelican Lake, a Mining update in Oneida County, and an update on the well contamination in Rhineland.
 - b. Town of Crescent Board Delegate by Steve Richardson: no report
 - c. Wisconsin Lakes Association Board Member: Dan Butkus provided updates on holding lake district meetings that meet statutory requirements under COVID19 safety protocols. WLA is working on revisions to Chapter 33.
16. Petitions and Communications: We received notification from our Insurance Company that they will not cover, under general liability, anyone who gets infected with COVID19 at any meeting. Lake Nokomis asked for information about Lake District forms and regulations. Dan Butkus provided this information.
17. Future Meeting Dates: Quarterly Board Meeting July 12, 2020. Annual Meeting is August 8, 2020.
18. Steve Richardson made a motion to adjourn at 2:26 p.m. and Dan Butkus seconded the motion. All approved, none opposed.