

## **Squash Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**July 13th, 2025**

#### **Crescent Town Hall Meeting**

1. Meeting called to order by Tom Johansen
2. Roll Call: Tom Johansen, Dan Butkus, Linnaea Newman, and Peggy Jensen. The meeting was properly posted. Jack Bertram arrived after the approval of the prior meeting minutes. There was a quorum present. Others in attendance: Marj Mehring and Russ Tennesen
3. Approval of the Agenda: Linnea Newman made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Dan Butkus. All approved, none opposed.
4. Hearing of Delegations: N/A
5. Approval of Meeting Minutes from April 27, 2025: Linnaea Newman made a motion to approve, seconded by Peggy Jensen. All approved, none opposed
6. Treasures Report by Dan Butkus: The treasures report will be filed, archived, and available upon request.
7. Discussion/decision on budgetary line-item transfers: Linnaea Newman made a motion to allow the treasurer to make line-item transfers for purchases up to 1500 dollars until the October Commissioners meeting for materials and equipment to outfit the new dive boat. Peggy Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed.
8. Update on the spring lake survey for EWM: 25 priority areas were identified by Onterra as part of the EWM removal grant. Red areas are highest priority, yellow areas are second, and lastly green areas. The amount of milfoil is high but similar to other lakes in the area.
9. Update on summer diving: 3800 lbs. of milfoil were harvested in the first 10 days. We currently have 10 divers and the new boat is greatly assisting with harvesting. The new boat can hold up to 7 divers. Veteran divers are helping train our new divers.
10. Update on buoy placement: the rock shoal buoy was placed on Memorial Day and will be removed on Veterans Day. The loon nest buoy was placed and removed after the nest was unsuccessful.
11. Update on new dive boat: The boat was done when promised but motor rigging held up the final delivery. Flagship pontoons did a great job with the boat, and divers are very happy with the new vessel. The ladder is extremely helpful for getting in and out of the boat. Extra dive tank holders were purchased to keep tanks secure on the boat. The boat is rated for 18 people, so it can easily accommodate the weight of the extra milfoil.
12. Discussion on a new lake district treasurer: the Treasurer's position involves a lot of accounting work, many details, and time-sensitive work. Dan Butkus stated that Lake Nokomis used an outside accounting service to provide financial reports for the district at \$150 per month. An outside bookkeeping or accounting consultant would help the new Treasurer transition into the position. Tom Johansen reported that an outside consultant would be a very worthwhile investment.
13. Discussion/decision to employ a consultant to support new treasurer: Peggy Jensen made a motion to include an agenda item at the annual meeting to discuss and decide if the Lake District should hire a consultant to train and support the new treasurer, seconded by Linnaea Newman. All approved, none opposed.
14. Discussion/decision on the Annual Electors' Meeting Agenda: The proposed agenda was presented by Tom Johansen. Peggy Jensen made a motion to approve, seconded by Linnaea Newman. All approved, none opposed.
15. Discussion/decision on the 2026 proposed District budget: Dan Butkus presented the proposed budget for 2026. Linnaea Newman made a motion to raise the cost for mooring the boat to \$600, seconded by Peggy Jensen. All approved, none opposed. Linnaea Newman made a motion to approve the proposed budget with amended changes, seconded by Peggy Jensen. All approved, none opposed.

16. Discussion/decision for district mailing to electors: Dan Butkus made a motion to approve the letter that was presented, seconded by Peggy Jensen. All approved, none opposed.
17. Commissioner responsibilities: responsibilities were discussed and will be described at the Annual Electors Meeting
18. President's Report: a member of the Oneida County Dive Team has expressed interest in joining the dive team. Russ Tennessen agreed to allow the mooring of the dive boat in front of his lake home. The old dive boat will be removed from Dan Butkus' garage soon.
19. Reports and Considerations
  - a. Oneida County Board Delegate: Comprehensive land use plan was discussed
  - b. Wisconsin Lakes Association Board Member: an existing board member will take over Dan Butkus' chair position but he will continue to serve on the Board of Directors working toward the approval of Chapter 33 revisions by the State Legislature. A lobbyist has been hired to support these revisions.
20. Petitions and Communications: Concerns from electors were forwarded about EWM, a rope swing, and the poor condition of the boat launch.
21. Adjourn: Dan Butkus made a motion to adjourn, Peggy Jensen seconded the motion, all approved.