

Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Meeting of Electors
August 8, 2026
Crescent Town Hall
9:30am

1. Call to Order - Tom Johansen called the meeting to order at 9:30 am. The meeting was posted correctly and a quorum was present.
2. Approval of Minutes -Tom Johansen asked for a motion to approve meeting minutes. Craig Olafsson made a motion to approve, Marj Mehring seconded All approved, none opposed. Item passes.
3. Chairperson's report on status of EWM Control: We currently have 15 divers; divers are on the lake every day.
 - A. Onterra Spring Survey - multiple areas on the lake were identified as priority areas from Onterra. Divers hit all priority areas first and follow with secondary areas. Mild winters and warm summers are contributing to large harvest amounts. The entire lake was harvested this year. 12,000 pounds have been harvested as of this date. Diving will continue through mid-September this year.
 - B. There were 2 educational buoys placed this year; one loon nesting area buoy and one rock shoal buoy.
 - C. Divers have suggested the purchase of a dive tank trailer. There are 40 tanks for diving which need to be taken to Pine Lake fire department to be filled. The trailer would not be a Lake District expense as the Lake Association would cover the cost. The only cost for the Lake District would be the liability insurance which would be minimal.
4. Explanation of Procedures and Guidelines for speaking and voting was given by Tom Johansen.
5. Treasurer's Report -The Treasurer's report was given by Peggy Jensen. It will be archived and available upon request. The 2025 Lake District financial records were reviewed by the Town Clerk of Crescent and were reported to be accurate.
6. Discussion/Decision on whether to pursue a new EWM Removal Grant: The current DNR Grant ends at the end of this year. Onterra has agreed to write the grant at no cost. Deb Straus made a motion to pursue a new EWM removal grant with the DNR, seconded by Craig Olafsson. All approved, none opposed. Motion carries.
7. Budget Presentation/Approval- Budget approval: Peggy Jensen presented the proposed budget. Deb Straus made a motion that the budget be amended to increase air tank refills to \$3000. Mark Mortensen seconded. All approved, none opposed. 13 votes. Janet Appling made motion to approve the presented budget with the amendment to increase it for air tank refills. Marj Mehring seconded. All approved, none opposed. 13 votes.
8. Explanation of Lake District Board Officer responsibilities: presented by Tom Johansen
9. Election of Commissioner - Tom Johansen was the only candidate on the ballot. 13 votes for Tom Johansen were tallied.
10. Open Discussion – Mark Mortensen asked for a boat landing update. Tom Johansen suggested reaching out to the town board to express concerns over safety. Mark asked about excessive salt and sand on Bay Road.