

LOWER SPRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT
2ND QUARTER MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2024 10:00 AM

Board Members Present: Carol Dixon, Chairperson, Jody Deichl, Secretary, Deb Bartolerio, Treasurer, John Kannard, County Board Representative

Attendees: 15 attendees in addition to board members

The meeting was called to order by C. Dixon at 10:02AM. A warm welcome and thank you was extended to all for their attendance.

MINUTES – After review, the minutes from the February 3, 2024 meeting were approved as written.

TREASURERS REPORT – D. Bartolerio noted that so far we are in great shape budget-wise, as we've only had two minor invoices submitted so far. She did state she was able to transfer \$11,606 to savings. This was the contribution from the Town and Village and the leftover amount from the 2023 budget. Treasurers report was filed.

CHEMICAL TREATMENT REPORT – K. Ksobiech was unable to attend so C. Dixon read her report. The application for chemical treatment was submitted on 3/14/24 and approved on 4/5/24. Weedar 64 & Aquathol K could be used in areas #2 & 3, but the permit allows only Tribune to be sprayed in areas #1, 5 & 6 all of which depends on spring survey results. (See attached map.) The cost of the permit was \$170. Notification will be distributed once the dates for application have been set.

WEED HARVESTING UPDATE – J. Mololsky reported that he has received both conveyor beltings and they will be installed prior to the harvester going into the water. An ad for the harvester operator position was posted and we had one applicant. An interview was conducted by C. Dixon and J. Molosky and N. Yarwood was hired. Our previous operator has agreed to help out with training, and D. Bartolerio will check to see what requirements need to be met prior to his start date.

GEESE DEPREDAATION UPDATE – E. Ksobiech was unable to attend but C. Dixon shared his report that the search for nests had already begun. 27 Eggs had been recovered and 5 new nests found. He will continue the hunt and give a full report at the next meeting. We appreciate Ed's efforts as the weather has not been the most cooperative.

WINTER DRAWDOWN UPDATE – Our Aquatic Plant Management plan states, "Optimizing the harvesting program and leveraging winter water drawdowns will be the best tools to keep EWM near target levels in the lake. Spot herbicide treatments can also be utilized for especially problematic areas that are unable to be harvested when permitted." Even though the winter was mild, the '19-'20 drawdown still showed that it effectively reduced EWM on up to 63 acres of our lake. Based on survey evidence, almost all our lake district members continue to support a winter drawdown. So, we'll again request a drawdown for next winter at the Village Board meeting on Monday, May 20th at 6PM. Members are encouraged to attend and to speak about the benefits of a drawdown from their perspectives. D. Schultz, D. Bartolerio and J. Molosky have already volunteered to do so. A. Watkinson and C. Hutchinson will also attend as resources.

OPEN FORUM – A comment was made that the gates must be closed – after all the rain we’ve had it was nice to see the lake back up to the higher level.

C. Dixon noted that there shouldn’t be any issue with the dredging permit extension, and NOAA has predicted a much colder winter in 2025.

NEXT MEETING – June 29 at 10:00AM

ADJOURNMENT – A motion to adjourn was made by D. Bartolerio and seconded by J. Kannard.
Meeting adjourned at 10:46AM.