

LOWER SPRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Quarterly Meeting

4/25/2026

Board Members Present: Pat Zimmerman, Chairperson, Jody Deichl, Secretary, Deb Bartolerio, Treasurer, John Kannard, County Board Representative, Tim Gorsegner, Village Board President

Attendees: 18 attendees in addition to board members.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 by P. Zimmerman. A thank you was extended to all for their attendance.

MINUTES – The minutes from the January 24, 2026 meeting were read and approved with the revision of town for village (in reference to meeting location). Revision made and filed.

TREASURERS REPORT – D. Bartolerio noted that all damn and tax payments have been received. A harvester bill has just been submitted (and anticipated \$4,600.00), but not reflected on this budget spreadsheet. Insurance and administrative expenses are the only other expenses thus far. Budget still very much in tact. \$40,000 was placed in a short-term CD - APR of 4%. This will come due at the end of May. We also have a separate account designated for a new harvester with a balance of \$300.05, a savings account totaling \$11,547 and a checking balance of \$32,492.

WEED HARVESTING UPDATE – P. Zimmerman spoke on the above noted repairs along with a couple others noted upon inspection. S. Halbrucker and his team are able to make the noted repairs and anticipate the harvester to be in the water the first week of May. It was stated that the weeds are thick (particularly by the boat launch) but not above the water level yet. In the event the original weed deposit area does not work, we do have a temporary back up site available.

WINTER DRAWDOWN UPDATE – C Dixon explained that a committee composed of herself, D. Wilber, D. Bartolerio, T. Gorsegner, T. Smith, and M. Fischer have been working on a drawdown plan since October of 2024. A huge thank you to C. Hutchinson and A. Watkins for their field research and overall help to gather needed information. The plan will be presented to the Village Board at the June 1st meeting. The plan will be included in their board packets. Although the chances of holding a drawdown this year are minimal, it is good to have the plan ready when the need arises. C. Dixon and the committee were thanked for their many hours of work on this plan.

HARVESTER PURCHASE/DONATION UPDATE - C. Dixon stated that unfortunately we are at a standstill! The state legislature hasn't yet passed a bill to fund the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund in 2026. The deadline is June 1st. Beyond that, there is talk about using some of the budget surplus for this fund. At this point, we don't know if there will be any money in the Recreational Boating Facilities portion for our \$120,000 grant request. And if there is, it's quite possible that our project may not be selected this year.

For the other half of the equipment cost, we're hoping to sell our old harvester and trailer for about \$20,000 and to apply at least \$30,000 in savings, leaving \$70,000 in funds to raise. \$300 has been donated by local businesses and \$5,000 has been pledged by the Lion's Club if we get the Recreational outing Facilities grant. Standard

Process decided not to contribute to our project due to other priorities at this time. We will look at additional funding options once we know more about whether we can obtain the RBF grant. Of course, any donations to the cause are greatly appreciated and tax deductible! It was noted that there was no price increase in the anticipated model of harvester we are looking at.

CHEMICAL UPDATE 2026 PROPOSED BUDGET – K. Ksobiech noted that the chemical application has been submitted and approved. The DNR will then survey the areas requested and determine which areas will be approved for treatment when the water temp is a bit warmer. Treatment is usually applied sometime late May. Updates will be provided at the next meeting. Thank you for your time and efforts K. Ksobiech.

GEESE DEPREDATION UPDATE – E. Ksobiech stated he and B. McPHEARSON have been out about 4 weeks now. They've captured 12 nests and approximately 53 eggs, which is right on pace with previous years. He stated there are about 5-6 families and they seem to be getting trickier as they are moving around. He will continue the search as the weather allows. Thank you E. Ksobiech and B. McPhearson for your efforts.

OPEN FORUM – It was asked again if we were looking on the open surplus for a truck as there are some very nice ones available. The issue is, if the truck has air brakes a CDL license is required for operation and our harvester operators are not CDL certified. A discussion took place on possibly looking for a trailer that would be capable of dumping weeds, eliminating the need for the dump truck. B. McPhearson offered to check out pricing and report back at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING – Saturday, June 13, 2026 at 9:00AM at the Village Hall.

A Motion to adjourn was made by D. Bartolerio and seconded by J. Deichl. Meeting adjourned at 9:38

Respectfully submitted,

J. Deichl