

LOWER SPRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Quarterly Meeting

6/13/2026

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

Attendees: 16 attendees in addition to board members.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 by P. Zimmermann. A thank you was extended to all for their attendance. She also mentioned the earlier meeting time seemed to be working out well.

MINUTES – With no additions or changes to the minutes from the April 25, 2026 meeting, a motion was made by D. Bartolerio and seconded by J. Kannard for approval. Minutes were approved and filed.

TREASURERS REPORT – D. Bartolerio noted that we were over budget on the herbicide fee but the interest earned on the short-term CD should make up the difference. Currently, we have received one bill for harvester hours but it is not reflected on this budget printout. She stated the budget looks good to date. Savings balance is \$11,548 and the Checking balance is \$25,834.

DRAWDOWN PLAN UPDATE – C. Dixon presented the Drawdown Plan at the June 1st Village Board Meeting. She stated it was well received by the six members present, and many questions were asked, especially by the four new trustees who had not been in office during the previous drawdown. A. Watkinson and C. Hutchinson volunteered to attend the meeting and provided in-depth answers to all questions. The board voted to accept the plan and praised it for its completeness. For additional background information, data from the aquatic plant and fish surveys were also sent so they could compare results from before and after the last drawdown. To also keep the Town Board members and Town Clerk informed, the Drawdown Plan was emailed to them in advance, along with an invitation to attend the June 1st Board meeting. Again, a thank you to A. Watkinson, C. Hutchinson, D. Wilber, D. Bartolerio, T. Gorseigner and the other committee members for all their efforts and expertise in putting the Drawdown Plan together. L. Plennes presented an article from the Enterprise regarding the Drawdown Plan for anyone wishing to review it. It was clarified that only the Drawdown Plan was approved. The drawdown itself will require separate approval.

CHEMICAL UPDATE – K. Ksobiech reported that on May 12th the previously approved areas were chemically treated. It was noted that all affected property owners were notified and appropriate signage was posted. Thanks to K. Ksobiech for her time and effort in getting this completed.

GEESE DEPREDATION UPDATE – E. Ksobiech stated he and B. McPhearson are now done for the season. They captured 12 nests and approximately 55 eggs, which is right on pace with previous years. It was noted there are about four families of geese on the lake this summer (possible transplants?), but the families seem to be smaller in number. Thank you E. Ksobiech and B. McPhearson for your efforts.

WEED HARVESTING UPDATE – S. Schneiger noted that we've spent 97 hours harvesting which produced 39 truckloads of weeds. He stated we now have a better location for dispersing the weeds. Thanks to L. Kau for

his input and help in securing this location. He also wanted to thank the many helping hands who put in the pier and helped get the harvester in the water. **YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND ARE APPRECIATED!**

JULY 4TH BOAT PARADE – Thank you to P. & C. Walker for agreeing to be the July 4th parade Marshalls. If you wish to participate, please be at the boat launch at 12:45PM. The parade will start at 1:00PM consisting of two laps around the lake. A social hour will then take place around the beach area for those that wish to anchor there. Let's see how many decorated boats we can display! In past years, there has been a judging gallery parked along Highway 59!

OPEN FORUM – A question was raised as to what we could do about all the carp in the lake? After much discussion, it was felt best to contact the DNR regarding this issue. It was also mentioned the buoys are pretty beat up and need replacing. Since this was not budgeted, we will research cost and budget for the upcoming year.

NEXT MEETING – The annual meeting/end of season picnic will be held on Saturday, August 29, 2026 at 9:00AM at the Pavilion at the beach. We will hold the annual meeting first with a breakfast/brunch to follow. Details to follow as we get closer. C. Dixon has agreed to coordinate with the help of J. Deichl. P. Zimmermann will reserve the Pavilion.

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

Respectfully submitted,

J. Deichl