

Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2021

Four Seasons

6:31 pm

Meeting called by: Bill Monfre
Note taker: Carla Osborne
Agenda: Motion to approve the agenda by Karen Monfre, 2nd by Bart DeFere, motion carried
Note: Prayer for Gary

Minutes

Agenda item: Meeting minutes from September 9, 2021

Conclusions:

Motion to accept the minutes by Jeff Puissant, 2nd by Chuck Schreiter, motion carried.

Agenda item: Treasurer report **Presenter:** Zach Pedersen

Discussion:

- Cutting revenue coming down due to refund checks.
- Town of Washington municipality still outstanding, Bart will follow up.
- Zach would prefer sending cutting refunds to everyone who already hasn't received them.
- Motion to send refund checks to anyone who did not receive cutting by Karen Monfre, 2nd Dave Zelinger, motion carried.
- ½ of Buoy expense was reimbursed by DNR.
- Should get Clean Boats/Clean Water grant in by end of year.
- Should have expense allocations done by end of year. May expand equipment allocation to include buoys.
- Motion to allocate \$60k for water level study by Jeff Puissant, 2nd by Zach Pedersen, motion carried.

Conclusions:

Motion to approve treasurer report by Dave Zelinger, 2nd by Chuck Schreiter, motion carried.

Agenda item: Election of Officers **Presenter:**

Conclusions:

Bill Monfre nominated Todd Dobberstein for President, 2nd by Roger Kneuppel, motion carried.

Karen Monfre nominated Bill Monfre for Vice President, 2nd by Jeff Puissant, motion carried.

Bill Monfre nominated Bart DeFere to the board, 2nd by Jeff Puissant, motion carried.

Agenda item: Water Level Update **Presenter:** Jeff Puissant

Discussion:

- Eagle Creek is working with a consultant to file for the permanent exemption to operate at the higher level. SAWM asked them to get a report from 2 consultants. Eagle Creek has received a report back from one of the

consultants and is expecting to receive the report from the second consultant by the end of October. By the 1st or 2nd week of November, SAWM should be getting the details of the reports. Jeff P. will meet with David from Eagle Creek to get the details and share them with the board.

- SAWM will need to approve the anticipated expense for filing for the permanent exemption.
- Eagle Creek filed with FERC on Oct. 19th an updated operation and monitoring plan which is part of the process for the getting the approval for the permanent exemption. Jeff will forward it to the board.
- The cost sharing agreement with Eagle Creek needs to be approved by November.
- SAWM wants to be part of the approval process for expenditures for filing for the permanent exemption.
- Application for the permanent exemption needs to be filed by Nov. 15, 2023.
- The permanent exemption will be our only and last chance to permanently keep the water level at the higher level of 802.9.

Conclusions:

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Complete Cost Sharing Agreement with Eagle Creek	Jeff Puissant, Bill Monfre, board approval	November
✓ Send the Operation and Monitoring Plan to the board	Jeff Puissant	

Agenda item: Weed Cutting Options **Presenter:** Bill Monfre, Karen Monfre

Discussion:

- 2019 DNR grant was for repairing the river harvester only.
- Repairs on the lake harvester and barge were paid for by SAWM.
- Since 2019 grant was for the river harvester only it would be possible to get a grant for a new lake harvester and barge. Must keep the river unit otherwise would have to pay back the grant.
- Grants are now 50% cost sharing.
- Barge and harvester are approximately \$250k each.
- Bill met with DNR at Lake Leaders and found that chemical treatment is not planned to be eliminated by DNR. Therefore, we will not have to plan on cutting the buoy lanes and spot treatments mechanically.
- Jeff K. thinks we can get by with current equipment for 1-2 years. Need to repair motor.
- Karen Monfre presented Weed Cutting Analysis. See attachment. The analysis shows that private cutting is profitable, but it depends on the wear and tear of the equipment.
- Aquarius is not interested in buying our equipment.
- Should present cutting analysis to municipalities.

Conclusions:

Need to form a committee to make a recommendation to board on equipment and private cutting.

Agenda item: Committee Assignments **Presenter:** Bill Monfre, Todd Dobberstein

Discussion:

- Suggested committees: Finance and Administration, Education and Communication, Lake Quality, Navigation and Safety, Fishery and Wildlife
- Motion to approve committees by Karen Monfre, 2nd by Jeff Puissant, motion carried.
- Committee members (from those present at meeting):
 - Finance and Administration – Karen Monfre, Paul Seidenstricter, Nitta Charnon, Zach Pedersen
 - Education and Communication – Carla Osborne, David Schreiter, Nitta Charnon
 - Lake Quality – Dave Zelinger
 - Navigation and Safety – Jeff Knope, Bart DeFere, Jeff Puissant, Randy Baxster, Dave Enright, Bill Monfre
 - Fishery and Wildlife – Bill Monfre, Dave Enright

- Todd will send email to board members to get their committee membership preferences. After the board has been assigned to the committees, we will send out a request to the SAWM membership for ask for volunteers for committee membership.

Action items	Person responsible	Deadline
✓ Email to board for committee membership	Todd Dobberstein	
✓ Email to SAWM membership for committee membership	Todd Dobberstein, Carla Osborne	

Agenda item: Gantt Chart Development **Presenter:** Bill Monfre

Discussion:

- Navigation and Safety committee should bring recommendation to the board for equipment and weed cutting by December meeting.
- Finalize committee membership at November meeting.

Agenda item: Shawano Lake Comprehensive Lake Management Plan **Presenter:** Bill Monfre

Discussion:

- Plan has been finalized.
- Not going to have meeting with SAWM membership to go over details of plan currently.
- Education Committee should decide how to distribute plan.

Other Information

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chuck Schreiter, 2nd by Roger Knueppel , motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.