

Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2022

Four Seasons

6:30 pm

Meeting called by: Todd Dobberstein

Note taker: Carla Osborne

Attendance: Carla Osborne, Bart DeFere, Dave Zelinger, Nitta Charnon, Jeff Brunson, Paul Seidenstricker, Jeff Puissant, Todd Dobberstein, Ron Schumacher, Zach Pedersen

Agenda: Minutes, Treasurer Report, Committee Updates, New Business, Additional Topics

Minutes

Agenda item: Meeting minutes from July 14, 2022

Conclusions:

Motion to accept the minutes by Jeff Puissant, 2nd by Dave Zelinger, motion carried.

Agenda item: Treasurer report

Presenter: Zach Pedersen

Discussion:

- Town of Washington and Village of Cecil have paid.
- Zach will send reminder to Town of Richmond.
- Higher spraying expense because had to buy chemicals this year. Used leftovers last year. Will probably have enough for next year.
- Paid lake studies invoice (NEW Hydro).
- Received buoy grant funds.
- Suggestion to separate out water level expenses from lake studies.
- Suggestion to offset allocated reserves with expenses.

Conclusions:

Motion to accept the treasurer report with the changes to separate out the water level expenses and to offset the allocated reserves with the expenses by Jeff Puissant, 2nd by Ron Schumacher, motion carried.

Agenda item: Committee Updates

Presenter: Committee Chairs

Discussion:

- Lake Quality Committee – Todd Dobberstein/Jeff Puissant
 - Will actively go after ARPA funds from county and city.
 - Will also try to get a surface water grant for a possible %50 funding.
 - New weed cutter and barge will cost approximately \$500,000 and will take 12-18 months to receive.
 - Currently have more than half of the funds to purchase.
 - Committee is making the recommendation to purchase the new weed cutter and barge.
 - Motion to allocate another \$70,000 for equipment replacement by Jeff Puissant, 2nd by Nitta Charnon, motion carried.

- Motion to create an equipment maintenance reserve fund of \$20,000 and a buoy & light replacement reserve fund of \$15,000 by Jeff Puissant, 2nd by Nitta Charnon, motion carried.
- Motor for small cutter has been repaired and should be cutting within the next week.
- Motion to keep a maximum of \$50,000 in checking and to automatically transfer extra to Lake Treatment by Nitta Charnon, 2nd by Dave Zelinger, motion carried.
- Motion to authorize Bill Monfre to order a new weed cutter and barge (spend up to \$500,000) and to authorize Karen Monfre to proceed with the surface quality grant by Jeff Puissant, 2nd by Jeff Brunson, motion carried.
- Gave a presentation on the permanent amendment for the water level via conference call with all the municipalities and sent the presentation to municipalities that did not attend the conference call. We now have all of the signatures (from all municipalities and local stakeholders) on the final letter that will go with the final application for the permanent amendment. The letter states that they are in agreement with the permanent amendment.
- The draft amendment will now be prepared and routed for comment. The formal filing will be made before the end of the year.
- Todd spoke at the Shawano Women's Club. The Shawano Women's Club donated \$50 to SAWM.
- Education and Communication Committee – Jeff Brunson
 - Jeff met with Shawano Chamber.
 - Jeff and Todd met with SCEPI to present funding and economic impact.
 - Will be getting a date to meet with the County and will be meeting with the City of Shawano in September.
 - Should try to meet 2 times per year with municipalities.
 - When meeting with the County should ask for capital money.
 - Being a member of the Chamber would give us access to local businesses. Cost is \$125.
 - Motion to become a member of the Chamber by Bart DeFere, 2nd by Ron Schumacher, motion carried.
- Fishery and Wildlife Committee – Dave Zelinger
 - DNR is having a pilot program pay up to 75% to remove a sea wall and replace with a shoreline protection barrier (specification by Army Corps of Engineers and Natural Resource Council). Have identified 3 people to possibly use this program.
 - Going to work with WAMSCO to look at streams flowing into Shawano Lake to improve habitat. Looking at the stream that crosses Shady Lane and the stream that crosses Meadow Lane.
- Bylaws Committee – Paul Seidenstricker
 - Bylaws are updated and filed.
 - Motion to disband the ad hoc Bylaw committee by Paul Seidenstricker, 2nd by Dave Zelinger, motion carried.

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Agenda item: New Business/Additional items

Presenter:

Discussion: No items

Other Information

Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jeff Puissant, 2nd by Ron Schumacher, motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.