

**BLUE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
Board of Commissioners Meeting
August 2, 2021 7:00 PM
Virtual Meeting**



Topic: Blue Spring Lake Board Meeting
Time: Aug 2, 2021 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

MINUTES (unofficial, not voted on by Board)

Certification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law

Call to Order (Quorum 4) – Present for the meeting were Jim Hochman, Paul Cannestra, Greg Bauer, Dick Natrop, Weenonah Brattset, Walt Christensen and Staci Griffiths. Marisa Ulman was also in attendance from the County and Neal Pease, a resident was in attendance.

Public Comments

There were no public comments

Secretary's Report – Paul Cannestra

A motion was made to approve the agenda for August 2, 2021 Board Meeting by Paul Cannestra, 2nd by Dick Natrop and approve.

A motion was made to approve the minutes from June 19, 2021 Board Meeting by Paul Cannestra, 2nd by Dick Natrop and approved.

Dam Report - Jim Olson (was not present)

Jim Olson is doing a great job at keeping the dam. He is keeping it free of leaves and debris and maintaining the water level where it should be.

Operations Report - Dick Natrop

A shelter covering the control box by the pump house is complete. Steve Davis contacted Dick Natrop regarding problems with the buoys at the point breaking away. Residents need to be reminded that there is no tying up to the lake buoys.

A question regarding whether lakes have been successful at limiting boat motor sizes was brought up. Blue Spring Lake had talked about it a couple of years ago, but did not move forward on it.

Sewer Report – Greg Twelmeyer (was not present)

Current report as of July 31, 2021 – will be reported on at a later time as Greg was not present.

Town Report – Weenonah Brattset

Any update on Public Nuisance Ordinance – the County PNO is more enforceable than the Town's at this point. If residents have issues, they need to contact the County. The ordinance to reference is 98-46 and can be seen on the Jefferson County website. One example to consider is a tree that has been down in the lake off of the peninsula. Jim Hochman will look into what can be done for removal requirements.

All of the new fire signs have been drilled and are ready to be distributed and mounted. The town is looking for more volunteers to install the signs.

Miscellaneous Town information: the road repair on South Shore Drive was completed, the Town is looking at road repairs on Tamarack Rd., Hwy 106 to CI has been resurfaced and is about complete. 106 from CI to Fort Atkinson will be resurfaced in 2022.

County Report – Walt Christensen

Marisa Ulman has assumed the job for water resources management position. The County finance committee starts budget planning work the 2nd week of September. District maps will be redrawn based on the census. This doesn't effect the lake districts and towns will be asked for input.

Treasurer's Report - Greg Bauer

Audit report update – Staci has turned in everything to the auditors. We may not have the audit report in time for the annual meeting. Audit group has everything they needs and we have not heard of any discrepancies.

Annual Budget Proposal for 2022

Greg Bauer presented the annual budget proposal. Proposal of the Board would be to not increase fees at this time and use the Sewer Reserve fund to make up any differences in actual costs vs fees collected. Proposal was to initiate a statement where once the reserve reaches a certain level, the Board would decide if a fee increase or tax levy increase should or should not be enacted.

New Business

Annual Meeting Planning: the Board recommends Saturday, July 2 to be the fireworks and parade for the Independence Day events. The proposed rain date for the fireworks is July 3. The annual meeting was discussed. Dick Natrop's position and Roger Iglieski's position on the board are up for reelection. Roger will not be running. Dick Natrop will run for reelection which leaves one remaining position to be filled.

Jim H had wanted the board to consider a grant to support payment of a boat inspector at the launch. This would have been in conjunction with Lower Spring Lake, but Lower Spring Lake decided not to pursue the grant so we will not pursue it at this time either.

Adjourn: 8:40 pm