

# BLUE SPRING LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT MEETING MINUTES



Date: August 26, 2023  
Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Place: Aurelian Springs Park, 1121 N Blue Spring Lake Drive

## Minutes for Annual Meeting – 2023

### Certification of Compliance with Open Meeting Law

#### 9:00 A.M. Call to Order

**Welcome:** Introduction of Board Members, staff & Agenda

- New Resident Welcome, Jim and Julie Arens introduced themselves

#### Introduction of Candidates

- James Hochman and Emilia Twelmeyer were introduced as candidates for the two open Board Seats.
- No write in candidates presented themselves to be on the ballot
- Candidates provided the residents their background information and why they wanted to be on the Board.
- Questions regarding the candidates' position on fast boating hours and what seems to be unchecked construction so close to the lake shoreline
  - Emilia Twelmeyer noted that she is not running to extend fast boating hours.
  - Jim Hochman stated that he is for keeping the boating hours as they are.
- Regarding construction, permits and variances are granted by Jefferson County and not the BSL Board.

#### State of the District Report – Jim Hochman

It was a good season overall.

Sewer contract negotiations are still underway. Considering that the sewer bill is our (your) largest operating expense it is important to make sure that we get the best possible contract. Thus, the extended period of time it has taken to properly investigate the originally proposed rate from the Village was necessary. We finally received all the information we requested on costs of the new WWTP and responded to the Village on April 27th with a delivered redline version of the contract to the Village. Our redline has now sat for 4 months waiting on the Village to respond. The Village engineer and Counsel have signed off and we expect them to send their return version. We are seeking a 20 year contract term.

Boating safety - Had a great year of safe boating. We still need to think more about large wake boat during proper hours. Please stay as far away from the shore as possible Thanks!

Your participation in the process of the BSL Management District is important. We hold our meetings on line via Zoom. We encourage you to attend.

We would like to recognize the great job to the 4th of July committee did this year!

**Question:** What about jet skis going through the buoys? Some years ago the DNR granted BSL permission for boats to travel at fast speeds between the red and green buoys. This passage was not extended to jet skis. Jet skis must follow boating rules regarding speeds, and they should generate no wake 200 ft from swimmers and 100 feet from any boat.

### **Sewer Report – Greg Twelmeyer**

All is running well, volumes are ok, back up pumps were purchased to ensure we have one on hand needed.

### **Operations Report – Dick Natrop** **Wake boat impact on the lake**

This is the third year in a row of low weed harvesting. This is a good and bad situation as the milfoil is low, but we are also seeing lower native weeds.

We will be working with the DNR and other organizations to look further into what might be impacting the native weeds. It should also be noted that lake clarity was down this year as well when compared to this same time frame in the prior year.

Goose round up went well. We should not have to repeat this activity for a few years.

Compost site - Residents continue to do a great job of properly disposing of materials at the site.

ATV/UTVs - speed signs are posted, no complaints. Just a reminder that golf carts are not permitted on county roads

Fish - if you are catching carp we ask that to kill the fish and please report it to the BSL Board.

Tree cutting - In the fall, the trees on the old athletic fields will be marked and given a final count to provide to a vendor to harvest the wood. We will then work with the Jefferson County forester to help us replant.

Questions - Surprised that we have low weeds. We have them high on the north shore. We seem to be not cutting in areas above 3 feet like we used to. Ask that the Board look into this.

### **Dam Report – Brent Miller / Dick Natrop**

We are moving forward with the repair of the spillway. The Scope of Work is complete and working we will begin to obtain bids for the work. DNR still needs to approve permits. We are now falling within the window of grants and could save additional monies on the repair. We are still shooting for the fall, but might be tough to get this done yet in 2023.

Question: If the Engineer signs off on the dam, can we use that information to request to raise the

water level. Answer: Yes, once the dam spillway is completed we will have the opportunity to petition the DNR to raise the level.

### **2024 Budget and Adoption – Gerald Gerndt (Jim H)**

Budget highlights

Returning to normal assessment (ie 2021 levels)

We have enough in the “bank” to pay for the spillway repairs

Audit report not complete, but we received a draft audit report which identified no material issues

Q: Why did the cost of the audit go up so much on this years budget. \$10,000. Unknown. Will advise.

Comment from resident: Seems like a lot — might be time to work an a RFP

Motion was made to approve the budget, 2<sup>nd</sup>, no discussion, the budget passed

### **Ski Club Update – Brent Miller**

Great year, looking for the next generation of skiers. Thanks for the community support - next show is in September.

### **Fourth of July Parade – Lacey Schucht**

Great job everyone

Special thank you to the Larson’s for letting us begin the parade by their lot. With the larger turnout we may need to move to accommodate all the participants

Volunteers THANK YOU

The end of the parade route was perfect at the park, Public safety was awesome, we beat the heat, and special thank you to Katie Buda and family for the ICE CREAM.

### **Independence Day 2024 discussion of dates – Jim Hochman**

- July 4, 2024 falls on a Thursday

Feedback from residents was to hold events July 6, 2024

### **BSL Social Committee – Roger Igielski**

Look at the flyers for upcoming events. Fish Fries, plays, etc are great way to meet both legacy residents as well as new ones,

Fall events - the biggie is the upcoming event at the Fireside for Scrooge the Musical. Please send a text to Roger by Labor Day for a rough count.

### **Town Report – Rob Martens**

Highlight since the new board came on April elections

Great storm response

Little Prairie Road has a new speed limit.

Passing ordinances on engine braking and weight limits

Tight budget - cutting cost where we can. Road maintenance continues

Budget committee has begun....October

Forever Young is opening as an event center just past Rushing waters

Might be Moving to a 5 person Town Board. (Rather than 3). TBD

The current board is not in favor of annexation by the Village

### **County Report – John Kannard**

Court House should be back together by Oct,  
Zack Nagel is our new Clean Water Resource Specialist

### **Election Results Announced – Jim Hochman**

Jim Hochman and Emilia Twelmeyer elected unanimously with no write-in votes.

### **Public Comments**

\*Please state your name and Lot # when addressing the public

Comment/Q: Bonnie Miller: Fireworks - seemed short this year. Suggest a longer show.  
BSL Board will look to make changes. Will look at cost and location of the barge

Comment - thought they where just fine and much of a tradition with families and a benefit

May want to look at another vendor.

Please be careful with your “own firework” displays. Safety.

Greg T: straw poll. To confirm July 6th is the target weekend....yes

Caroline ?: Where is contact info for board ..... on the web site

### **Adjourn**