

**LOWER SPRING LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**AUGUST 17, 2024. 10:00 AM**

**Board Members Present:** Carol Dixon, Chairperson, Jody Deichl, Secretary, Deb Bartolerio, Treasurer, Kathy Weiss, Village President, John Kannard, County Board Representative

**Attendees:** 17 attendees in addition to board members

**CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by C. Dixon at 10:02am. A warm welcome and invitation extended to all to stay for the annual picnic.

**MINUTES** – J Deichl read the minutes from the June 29<sup>th</sup> meeting. With no revisions the minutes were approved as written.

**TREASURERS REPORT** – D. Bartolerio stated again that the budget looked good but noted harvester labor has not been posted yet. She stated that there is a pending truck repair bill but was not aware of anything else. A check for the final tax payment has been received from Jefferson County. The checking account balance is \$21,806.83 and the savings account balance is \$29,194.51. The Treasurer’s report was approved as written.

**WEED HARVESTING UPDATE** – J. Molosky reported that the clutch on the truck went out and has been at S & H for the last 5 weeks. It’s been repaired and the truck will be back in commission soon. A huge “Thank you” to Blue Spring Lake and Dick Rohloff for their help in disposing of the weeds while the truck was in for repair. Joe gave the following statistics (for comparison).

2024	6/30 – 8/16	36 cutting days	142 loads	223.5 hours
2023	6/30 – 8/16	18 cutting days	34.5 loads	112.75 hours

E. Ksobiech has been cutting during his free time (in addition to N. Yarwood, our full-time harvester) which has been a huge help with weed control and floaters. Joe noted that an ad was placed for additional weed harvesting help and had one applicant who will be interviewed soon. More details to come. Joe announced that he will finish out the year as harvester coordinator but will be stepping down after the season is over. A huge thank you for all your involvement and duties. Your time and efforts were greatly appreciated. Anyone interested in the weed harvester coordinating position for next year please contact C. Dixon.

**WINTER DRAWDOWN UPDATE** – D. Wilbur and D. Bartolerio collaboratively provided an overview of the seven meetings that were held with the Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of Village Board members, Lake District members, a member of the community and a representative of the Lions Club. They noted that many issues were raised and discussed by the committee. Some takeaways from the meetings were as follows:

- Take before and after pictures of weed growth - possibly done by a drone.
- Provide more information for the community on the benefits of a drawdown and what to expect during a drawdown.
- Compile Fisheree stats on number of fish, length, weight, etc. caught over the years.
- Monitor/educate about mussels and other aquatic wildlife and how to preserve them during a drawdown.
- Educate the community on who pays for permits, chemical treatment, and maintenance of the lake.
- Plan for future weed control issues.

-It was noted that due to the timing of the pandemic and many institutions on “lock down” documented drawdown data was unable to be obtained, therefore some statistics just weren’t available.

Committee members were encouraged by the exchange of ideas and collaboration on working toward a solution. However, time is running out to accomplish a drawdown for this winter. With that being said, J. Dixon made a motion to ask the Village to approve a drawdown for the winter of 2025/2026, seconded by S. Deichl. Motion approved unanimously.

D. Wilber will present this proposal (which was also recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee) to the Village Board at their August 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**VOTE FOR SECRETARY** – J. Deichl was nominated for the upcoming open secretary position for the Lake District Board. Ballots were distributed, tallied and signed. 21 unanimous votes in favor were counted and filed. J. Deichl accepted the secretary position for another 3-year term.

**2025 PROPOSED BUDGET** – D. Bartolerio presented the 2025 proposed budget including the 2023 budget and actual costs and the 2024 budget for comparison. The actual costs for 2024 are not complete and therefore don’t give valuable data. She noted that the budget did go up due to the fish stocking fee of \$2,000. Since the drawdown will not happen this year, it was suggested the fish stocking fee be added to the truck repair column. As the truck is approaching 40 years old and failing. Discussion took place on how to move forward with aging equipment (1986 truck and harvester bought new in 1994). Questions were raised asking if the Village and Lake District could collaborate on weed dumping, possibly eliminating the need for a new truck. K. Weiss pointed out that the DPW has numerous projects already. Further discussion would need to take place. A new harvester would be much more efficient with weed control and is something we should start to save/fundraise for. C. Dixon mentioned that currently there are 50/50 grants available for the harvester. A motion was made by P. Walker and seconded by S. Deichl to move the fish stocking fee to the truck repair column for 2025 budget purposes. The 2025 budget was approved with stated revision.

**APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS** – P Zimmerman and C. Walker have tentatively agreed to audit the books. D. Bartolerio will make sure they have access and will arrange the exchange.

**OPEN FORUM** – C. Dixon reminded everyone that all bays are NO WAKE zones and the following WAKE times are allowed in the middle of the lake: Monday-Thursday 10am-4pm

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Memorial Day, July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day 10am-8pm

If anyone needs a “reminder” magnet, please contact L. Plennes. Times are also posted at the boat landing.

**NEXT MEETING** – February 8th at 10:00am at the Village Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion to adjourn was made by D. Bartolerio and seconded by P. Walker. The meeting adjourned at 10:59am.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Deichl