Eagle Spring Lake Management District
Approved Minutes
August 2, 2025 Annual Meeting

1. **Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag –** Tom Day, chairperson called the Annual Meeting of the Eagle Spring Lake Management District to order at 9:03am and led with the pledge of allegiance. Commissioners/employee were introduced and present as follows: Tom Day (Chairperson), John Mann (Secretary), David Voves (Commissioner), Pam Meyer (Treasurer), Town of Eagle Representative Ryan Hajewski, and Gina Krause Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant. Waukesha County Representative was absent due to Waukesha County not assigning a representative to the board. Commissioner Sam Awve was excused.

   There were a total of 46 residents in attendance.

2. **Approval of the August 3, 2024 Minutes –** Mary Donovan made a **Motion** to approve the August 3, 2024 minutes as written in the July 2025 Newsletter; second by Tom Casey, motion carried.

3. **Activity Reports**

   a) **Dam Operations/Lake Water Level –** The DNR requires us to operate the dams with water levels from 9.4 to 9.7 (a 3.6" range) if going by the current gauge at the Wambold Dam. In previous years we attempted to keep lake water levels at approximately 9.6. Last year to present, we have been trying to average a water level closer to 9.7. The Kroll and Wambold Dam was inspected on 10/15/2024. The response from the WDNR as to what they want us to do is to: 1. continue to monitor concrete deterioration at Wambold and create a repair plan and schedule. 2. Submit an updated Emergency Action Plan by December 31, 2025. 3. Submit an updated inspection Operation and Maintenance Plan by December 31, 2025.

      The July 30, 2025 letter from the WDNR, approved Wruck's Dam Failure Analysis. The WDNR has change our current dam hazard rating (now a significant hazard) to a high hazard dam. With all the construction and improvements that were made to Kroll, it does not make sense as to why we are high hazard now. We are considering working with a consultant to determine the validity of a high hazard dam change being made.

   b) **District Properties –** There were no discussions/questions on the district properties.

   c) **Aquatic Plant (AP) Management**

      - AP Harvesting/Collecting – We had a few minor problems with the harvester early this year and were able to get back harvesting in June. The harvester is now having running issues and we will be working toward a repair/solution to the problem. Eelgrass is a native plant and help keeps the invasive plants from taking over after Eelgrass goes to seed. They will then float to the surface and we will attempt to keep up with collecting floaters as needed.

      - Chemical Treatments – We performed chemical treatments in both Jack's Bay and Pickeral Bay this spring. Preliminary results show that Pickeral Bay may have been successful however, it appears Eurasian Water Milfoil is already coming back in Jack's Bay. It is anticipated we will need a chemical treatment in a few areas of the lake in spring of 2026. Lake residents from Pickeral Bay have reported that the Starry Stonewort(SSW) is back and more abundant than last year (the area of SSW is 3 times the size it was last year).

d) **Audit-** The Board is looking into getting a more comprehensive audit done. Once an audit is performed, we will put the results of the audit on our website. A special thank you was given to Anthony Hofeld and Bill Koeper for previous year's review of our books.

e) **Carp Initiative/Fishery Issues –** It is unknown if any new carp were tagged this spring.

4. **Election of Commissioners –** The meeting was turned over to John Mann for the nominations of commissioners. John Mann announced that we have two open commissioner seats this year. Tom Day's 3-year term has come to an end and John Mann's 4-month term (the remainder of resigned commissioner Chris Hinz's term) has also come to an end. Tom Day and Dave Byrnes were interested in running in the election for new 3-year terms. John Mann followed with 3 calls for nominations from the floor. Mary Donovan made a **Motion** to close the nominations; second by Janet Prokop, motion carried. Dave Byrnes gave a brief synopsis of himself. Ballots were cast and collected and counted by the nominating committee. Comments/inquiries from the members as to what took place when the 5 commissioners resigned from the Board. T. Day explained as to what took place and how the four elected commissioners walked out of closed session one by one at the March 18, 2025 meeting. Over the next couple of days, the written resignations came in one by one, including the resignation from the County representative (who was not in attendance at the March meeting). Further explanation was given that at the April 17, 2025 meeting appointments to replace the resigned Board members took place with John Mann being first. The appointments were for the time left of each Board member appointment. Members were directed to the April 17, 2025 minutes for the exact time frame of each appointment. It was further explained that Chapter 33 states that the replacements are to be appointed by the Chairperson with approval from the Board.

   Election results were as follows: David Byrnes and Tom Day will serve a 3-year term as commissioners. Tom Day announced that he would like to step down as Chairperson with another commissioner in that seat.

5. **Approval of 2026 Budget and Financial**

   The 2026 proposed budget was gone through with slides of each portion of the budget. It shows an anticipated revenue of a plant survey grant. This is the 1st time in six years that the levy has not increased. Various expenses were explained and ended with no other questions from the members in attendance. All resolutions were gone through and explained one by one with the votes cast as follows:

   a) **Approval of Res. 2025-01 Budget 2006 –** Anthony Hofeld made a **Motion** to approve Resolution 2025-01 to adopt the 2026 Budget; second by Nick Wambach, motion carried unanimously.

   b) **Approval of Res. 2025-02 Levy 2026-** Anthony Hofeld made a **Motion** to approve Resolution 2025-02 to adopt the tax levy budget ($138,979); second by Mary Donovan, motion carried unanimously.

   c) **Approval of Res. 2025-03 Conflict of Interest Wavier-** Thomas Casey made a **Motion** to approve resolution 2025-03 Conflict of Interest Waiver; second by Greg Himebauch, motion carried unanimously.

   d) **Approval of Res. 2025-04 Bypass Bidding Requirements on Fireworks Display –** Anthony Hofeld made a **Motion** to approve resolution 2025-04 Bypass Bidding Requirements for Fireworks Display; second by Mary Donovan, motion carried unanimously.

   e) **Approval of Res. 2025-05 Emergency Line of Credit –** Thomas Casey made a **Motion** to approve Resolution 2025-05 for Emergency Line of Credit ($200,000);

second by Anthony Hofeld, motion carried unanimously.

6. **New Business**

   a) **Ordinance Restricting Certain Artificial Wake Enhancement –** There was discussion of the new ordinance which would prohibit artificial wake enhancement on Eagle Spring Lake. Anthony Hofeld made a **Motion** to approve the recommendation of this ordinance to the Town of Eagle to be added to the current ordinances on Eagle Spring Lake; second by Pam Meyer, motion carried with 45 in favor and 1 opposed.

   b) **Other –** Concerned that our signage at the public boat launch is on the backside of the kiosk (not facing where the boats launch) and boats may be launching without reading our ordinances and boat traffic direction or even knowing that they are there to read. The DNR has been reluctant to allowing us to use a forward-facing side of the kiosk.

   A special thank you was given to present and past commissioners.

   We are attempting to get the fireworks display to take place on July 4, 2026, if we are not able to get that date, it was requested that we attempt to get the Saturday before the 4th of July (June 27, 2026).

7. **Adjourn -** At 10:50am Mary Donovan made a **Motion** to adjourn; second by Todd Thuemling, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Krause
Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant