

Eagle Spring Lake Management District  
Regular Meeting  
February 17, 2026

**Approved Minutes**

Dave Voves, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Eagle Spring Lake Management District (ESLMD) to order at 6:30pm, and led with the pledge of allegiance. The other Commissioners in attendance were Sam Awve, Dave Byrnes, Tom Day, Pam Meyer, and Town of Eagle Representative Ryan Hajewski. Waukesha County representative remains absent since Waukesha County has not appointed a representative. Also in attendance were 4 lake residents, and Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant Gina Krause.

**Approval of the January 20, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes** - T. Day made a **Motion** to approve the January 20, 2026 board meeting minutes as amended; second by Sam Awve, motion carried.

**Annual Meeting 08/02/2025 Minutes Review** – The minutes were reviewed and by consensus the Board agreed that the minutes are ready to be presented to the members of the district for approval by the members at the Annual Meeting to be held on August 1, 2026. The minutes will be posted on the website for viewing.

**Announcements and Upcoming Meetings:**

- The next Town of Eagle Board meeting will be held on February 18, 2026.
- The Fox River Summit will be held on March 12, 2026.
- The Wisconsin Lakes & Rivers Convention will be held April 15-17.

**Public Comment** – There was no public comment.

**Weed Harvesting/Collecting/Chemical Treatment:**

**Chemical Treatment Update** – The chemical treatment permit application has been submitted to the DNR and we are awaiting approval. We tentatively want to treat Jack's Bay and South Shore mid-April on a Monday or Tuesday (weather permitting and sufficient weed growth). Signs will be posted 2-3 days before treatment in areas within/adjacent to treatment areas.

**Harvesting Operators Update** – A special thank you to Colleen Voves who designed the Help Wanted Flyers for posting. Job opening for harvesting operators have been displayed in most gas stations, banks, stores, etc., in the surrounding areas of Eagle, Mukwonago, Palmyra, East Troy, etc. We currently have 3 candidates that have shown interest in the position. T. Day and D. Voves will be doing the interviews and bringing the results of those interviews back to the board for approval or disapproval.

**Clean Boats/Clean Waters (CB/CW)** – We are awaiting a contract from Waukesha County for the 2026 CB/CW use of county hired interns. We are hopeful The Nature Conservancy will once again supply an inspector at the boat launch on Fridays.

**Lake Patrol** – D. Byrnes and Rob Lewis are continuing to go through the lake patrol contract and working on recouping a working relationship with the Town of Troy and patrol officers. Recouping a working relationship with the Town of Troy and those who are doing the actual patrol work is of major importance.

**Boat Launch Signage** – The DNR's Lance Stock was contacted and was open to discussion of possible changes of signage at the launch site. The board discussed various options.

**Fireworks** – We are awaiting our contract from Spielbauer and gathering volunteers to help out the day of the event.

**Audit** – There were no updates.

**Dam Failure Analysis (DFA) and Dam Hazard Rating Assignment Update** – The DNR has given their approval of the district performing a five-year flow study. A reduced flow (from a 2300 cfs rate) could give us a reduced flood shadow, hazard rating, and could reduce required flow capacity needed. By consensus, the board agreed to move forward with the flow study.

**Priorities Review** – There were no updates.

**Action on Hourly Pay for Gina Krause** – R. Hajewski made a **Motion** to increase Gina Krause's wage by \$2.25/ hour, effective March 1, 2026; second by S. Awve, motion carried unanimously.

#### **New Business**

**Newsletter Preparations** – The Board briefly discussed the upcoming April newsletter and what they would like to see in it. The Board reviewed the Spring newsletter and agreed to send it out early (March rather than April).

**Private Roads** – There are no updates. Subject will be removed from agenda.

**Other** – Due to room availability, our April 21, 2026 meeting will be moved to April 23, 2026.

#### **New Business**

**Discussion Regarding the Termination of Our Contract with the Law Firm Von Briesen & Roper S.C.** – The Board thoroughly discussed our current relationship with attorney Kraig Byron and a current engagement letter with another attorney. T. Day made a **Motion** to immediately terminate our business relationship with Von Briesen & Roper S.C.; second by P. Meyer, motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Financial Documents (including Transaction Journal)** - T. Day made a **Motion** to approve the financial documents (including the Transaction Journal) as presented; second by S. Awve, motion carried.

**Executive Session:** At 10:23pm T. Day made a **Motion** to go into Executive Session under 19.85 1(e) Deliberating or negotiating the purchasing of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. The Board will not reconvene into open session. D. Voves second the motion, and motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: Pam Meyer - Yes, Sam Awve – Yes, David Byrnes – Yes, David Voves – Yes, Tom Day – Yes, Ryan Hajewski – Yes.

**Adjourn** – At 11:26pm the meeting adjourned and did not go back into open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Krause

Bookkeeper/Administrative Assistant