

Squash Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District
Annual Meeting Minutes
August 9th, 2025
Crescent Town Hall

1. Call to Order by Tom Johansen at 9:30 a.m.
2. Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes from August 10, 2024: Joe Fazio made a motion to approve, seconded by Lisa Fazio. All approved, none opposed.
3. Chairperson's Report on the status of EWM in Squash Lake: Tom Johansen provided a report on the status of harvesting EWM in the lake. Diving started the first week of June. Diving had been delayed with the boat delivery being delayed. The District currently has 10 divers, many from the County Dive Team with experience. Divers have reported large plants and groupings this year. As of August 8th, 9,400 pounds of milfoil have been harvested. At this time last year, we were around 8000 pounds. The Onterra Spring Survey Results are posted on the Web page.
4. Update on the new dive boat: A new pontoon boat was purchased from Flagship Pontoons for use as the district dive boat. The boat was custom designed to meet our diver's requirements. The divers requested special benches, tank holders and a special dive ladder to assist the divers in getting in and out of the boat. The boat received great reviews from the divers. Slominski's have allowed us to store the dive boat in a climate-controlled environment and the Tennessen's allowed us to moor the boat on their lakefront property. The old boat was initially going to be scrapped, but was sold instead.
5. Explanation of Procedures and Guidelines for Speaking and Voting: Qualified electors were given a paint stick to signify a vote for or against a motion.
6. Treasurer's Report: Dan Butkus has highlighted some of the budgetary items. The workers comp. insurer was been switched. Document storage from previous years has been electronically updated and stored. Last year's finances were reviewed by the town clerk and approved to be in order. Diver tank refills have been moved out of grant funding; the district will now have to pay this. We are going to end the year with a higher balance than initially expected. This report is archived and available upon request.
7. Discussion/Decision on the possible hiring of a consultant to support the new treasurer: Tom Johansen highlighted the multiple responsibilities of the District Treasurer. Treasurer responsibilities include – paying of all bills, collecting data for the EWM grant, writing the grant summary report, submission of forms for the tax levy, developing the proposed budget, preparing the annual financial review report, and developing the Treasurer's reports for board meetings. New treasurer will not have any opportunities for training. Tom Johansen suggested

an outside consultant be hired, with 2200 dollars as a consultation fee. Tom Johansen suggested a motion to hire a consultant at \$150 per month, including \$50 for each special tax form, and \$200 for the summary grant report. Debra Dursha made a motion to approve, seconded by Joe Fazio. 15 approved, 1 abstained.

8. Presentation and approval of Budget for 2026: Dan Butkus prepared and explained the budget. This budgetary report is archived and available upon request. Craig Olafsson made a motion to approve, Debra Durchslag seconded. 16 approved, none opposed.

9. Explanation of Lake District Board Officer Responsibilities: Tom Johansen explained the officer responsibilities

10. Election of Commissioner: Peggy Jensen was voted in as the new treasurer. 14 unanimous votes.

11. Open Discussion: Rachel Jensen asked if Board seats were paid positions. Debra Durchslag asked what the situation is with wake boats. Dan Mehring asked about distances from wake boats to other boats and shorelines.

12. Future Meeting Dates: 10/12/25, 1/11/26, 4/12/26, 7/12/26

13. Adjourn: Debra Durchslag motioned to adjourn, Terry Jensen seconded. All approved, none opposed. The meeting adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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2026 Approved Budget - Standard Detail

Line #	Line Item Description	2024 Actual	2025 Act. Jan 1 - July 13	2025 Est. (Jan-Dec)	2025 Budget	2026 Draft Budget	2026 \$	Δ 2026 vs 2025 %
1 Revenue & Cash								
2	Total Tax Levy (includes Lottery Tax Credit)	\$ 30,075	\$ 21,899	\$ 34,325	\$ 34,325	\$ 37,500	\$ 3,175	9%
3	Personal Property Tax Aid	\$ 39	\$ 60	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ 40	\$ -	0%
4	Grant Reimb EWM Control	\$ 42,345	\$ -	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,000	\$ -	0%
5	Grant Reimb AIS Mgmt Plan	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
6	Contribution from Indivi/Org	\$ 17,000	\$ -	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
7	Interest Earned (LGIP)	\$ 3,217	\$ 1,404	\$ 1,475	\$ 1,000	\$ 200	\$ (800)	-80%
8	Total Carryover (prior year)	\$ 48,711	\$ 85,084	\$ 60,008	\$ 42,505	\$ (17,503)	\$ -29%	
9 Total Revenue & Cash		\$ 141,387	\$ 108,447	\$ 145,244	\$ 119,373	\$ 104,245	\$ (15,128)	-13%
10								
11 Expenses								
13	51000 General Govt/Admin	\$ 4,535	\$ 42,818	\$ 47,574	\$ 9,490	\$ 10,590	\$ 1,100	12%
14	56000 Conserv. & Dev. Programs	\$ 5,304	\$ 1,137	\$ 2,940	\$ 2,940	\$ 3,420	\$ 480	16%
15	<i>Total 56200 A/S Boat/Equipment</i>	<i>\$ 100</i>	<i>\$ 90</i>	<i>\$ 150</i>	<i>\$ 150</i>	<i>\$ 150</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>0%</i>
16	<i>Total 56300 Nav. Buoy Markers</i>	<i>\$ 5,404</i>	<i>\$ 1,227</i>	<i>\$ 3,083</i>	<i>\$ 3,090</i>	<i>\$ 3,570</i>	<i>\$ 480</i>	<i>16%</i>
17	Total5600 Conserv. & Dev. Programs	\$ 5,404	\$ 1,227	\$ 3,083	\$ 3,090	\$ 3,570	\$ 480	
18	57000 Lake Health Programs	\$ 45,835	\$ 9,723	\$ 52,036	\$ 51,200	\$ 58,680	\$ 7,480	15%
19	<i>Total 57100 A/S Monitoring & Control</i>	<i>\$ 529</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>\$ 47</i>	<i>\$ 50</i>	<i>\$ 50</i>	<i>\$ -</i>	<i>0%</i>
20	<i>Total 57300 Water Quality Monitoring</i>	<i>\$ 46,364</i>	<i>\$ 9,723</i>	<i>\$ 52,083</i>	<i>\$ 51,250</i>	<i>\$ 58,730</i>	<i>\$ 7,480</i>	<i>15%</i>
21	Total 57000 Lake Health Programs	\$ 56,303	\$ 53,768	\$ 102,739	\$ 63,830	\$ 72,890	\$ 9,060	14%
22 Total Expenses		\$ 85,084	\$ 54,680	\$ 42,505	\$ 55,543	\$ 31,355	\$ (24,188)	-44%
23								
24 Net Revenue & Cash Less Expenses		\$ 85,084	\$ 54,680	\$ 42,505	\$ 55,543	\$ 31,355	\$ (24,188)	-44%
25								
26 Summary of Carryover to Next Year								
27	General Fund (Unrestricted)	\$ 2,110	\$ 9,505	\$ 2,115	\$ 445	\$ 3,595	\$ 3,151	709%
28	Contingency Fund (Unrestricted)	\$ 2,508	\$ 2,563	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,300	\$ -	0%
29	EWM Grant Fund ('Temporarily Restricted')	\$ 44,796	\$ 41,907	\$ 37,090	\$ 27,441	\$ 24,460	\$ (2,981)	-11%
30	Plan Grant Fund ('Temporarily Restricted')	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	n/a
31	Non-Lapsing Boat Fund (Restricted)	\$ 35,670	\$ 705	\$ -	\$ 24,358	\$ -	\$ (24,358)	-100%
32 Total Carryover		\$ 85,084	\$ 54,680	\$ 42,505	\$ 55,543	\$ 31,355	\$ (24,188)	-44%
33								
34 Total of Net Revenue & Cash Less Carryover		\$ -	\$ 0	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (0)	\$ (0)	n/a
35								
36 Long Term Liability		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 38,757	\$ 36,257	n/a
37 Fixed Asset (boat and motor)								
38 Summary of Tax Mill Rates								
39	Equalized Value within District	\$ 883,723,675				\$ 94,199,857	\$ 100,000,000	6%
40	Mil Rate	0.359				0.364	0.375	3%
41	Actual/Estimate Figure					Actual	Estimate	