

**Spring Lake - Lake Board Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2026**

Barber Street School
102 W. Exchange St.
Spring Lake, MI

1. **Call to Order:** 6:02pm.
2. **Roll Call:** 9 in attendance, including 1 proxy. A quorum was present.
Present - Josh Brugger, Rick Soldo (via Zoom), Michelle Hazekamp, Jim Walters, Carly Scholtz, Dave Billinghamurst, Roger Vanderstelt, Stephanie Barrett.
Proxy - Emily Grasch for Joe Bush.
3. **Additions to/Corrections to/Approval of Agenda:** Stephanie Barrett moved to approve the agenda. Carly Scholtz second. **Motion carries.**
4. **Review/Approval of Draft November 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes:** Carly Scholtz moved to approve the meeting minutes from January 28, 2026. Roger Vanderstelt second. **Motion carries.**
5. **Financial Report (Soldo/Bush):** Rick Soldo presented a report with the current revenues/expenditures and a proposed budget covering the period of 2026-2033. Ottawa County Treasurers dept. Has some concerns regarding liability of the bond regarding them providing accounting services to the board. We are pretty certain all liability falls on the board, but will consult with our legal team to be certain. Stephanie Barrett moved to accept the financial report. Jim Walters second. **Motion carries.** Jared
6. **Consultant Report (Hausler & Laughlin):** Report given by Paul Hausler - Gerad submitted an application for a permit for mechanical harvesting. ~~EAGLE says that no permit is required, however, the Army Corps are still evaluating it. The DNR is also investigating whether there will be any threats to wildlife species, etc. There will be 3 water samples and 3 plant surveys performed prior to and in between mechanical harvesting beginning next week. Phragmites treatment will take place in August/September.~~ EAGLE
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7. **Technical Committee Update Report (Soldo/Walters):** Ottawa County Conservation District is moving forward with the Water Management Plan, and hope to have it completed by fall of next year. Sara will soon start farm field studies. Our grant application is currently rated at a "4," meaning we are on the brink of grant approval determination. If approved, Rick will send the signature form electronically for the board to read prior to him and Jim signing it.
8. **Communication Committee:** The FaceBook page will only allow pictures to be posted, no comments, so Paul will help with getting picture files to upload. Carly will put an ad on the FB page for public communication committee applicants.
9. **New Business:** Invoices - The Ottawa County Conservation District sent an invoice in the amount of \$5275.00 for work on the Watershed Management Plan. Stephanie Barrett moved to approve payment of the invoice. Rick Soldo second. **Motion carries.**
10. **Board Member Comments:**
 - Emily Grasch: appreciates the work we are doing.
 - Roger Vanderstelt: has not heard any more info regarding the diesel spill in Spring Lake that he reported on in January.
 - Dave Billinghamurst: Expressed concern with the 6:00pm meeting time. Stated that we moved the time up so more of the public could attend and only 2 people showed up. Prefers the 4:00pm meeting time.
 - Carly Scholtz: Will post the meeting link on FaceBook.
 - Rick Soldo: Expressed gratitude for the work the board is doing and Carly for her work regarding communications.

11. **Public comment:** Greg Pastony
12. **Next meeting is May 27 at 4:00pm..**
13. **Adjournment:** 6:52pm.