

Possible Drawdown on Lower Spring Lake Community Session & Survey

Community Session – Attendance

- Attendance includes those who provided their name on the sign-in sheet.

Presenters (5): Patricia Cicero, Jefferson County Land and Water Conservation Department; Susan Graham, Department of Natural Resources; Laura Stremick-Thompson, Department of Natural Resources; Ted Johnson, Department of Natural Resources; Tom Reck, Little Muskego Lake

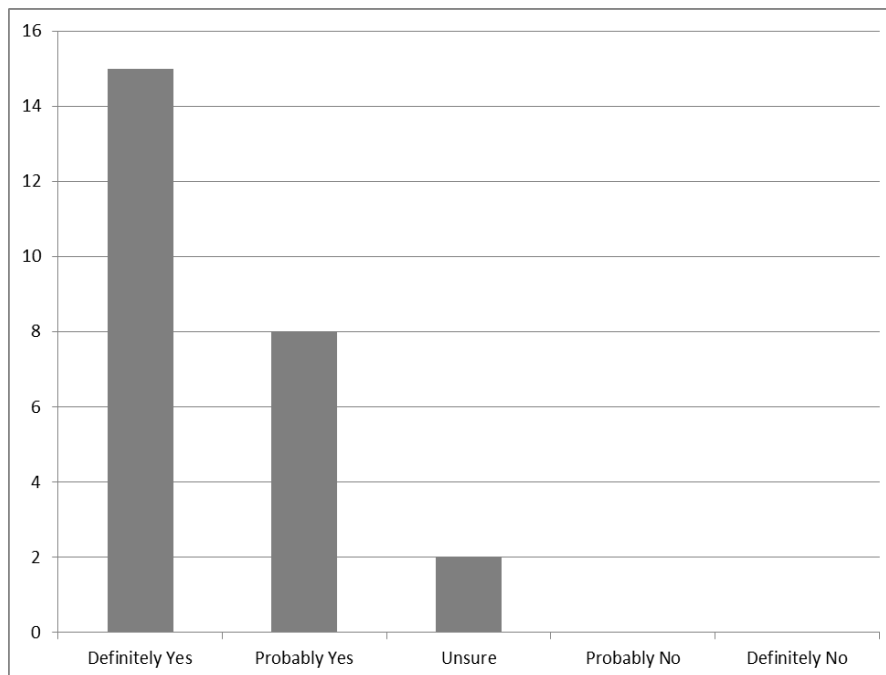
Lake District Members (19): Deb Bartolerio, Jeff Bartolerio, Vicki Bradford, Brad Casper, Michele Casper, Carol Dixon, Jim Dixon, Allen Fehrmann, Dave Henrichon, Bob Ingle, Darlene Molosky, Joe Molosky, Roger Muehlbauer, Dana Schultz, Greg Smith, Mike Temple, Bob Wielepski, Nigel Yarwood, Pat Meyer Zimmerman

Members of the Public (17): Rick Ball, Cassie Beaudoin, Mike Fischer, Jackie Gajewski, Keith Gajewski, Janice Gutkowski, Bill Isaacsen, Toni Isaacsen, Bill Lurvey, Rebecca McAllister, Dick Natrop, Julie Powell, Rick Rohloff, Tim Thayer, Dave Turner, V. S. Velma, Kathy Weiss

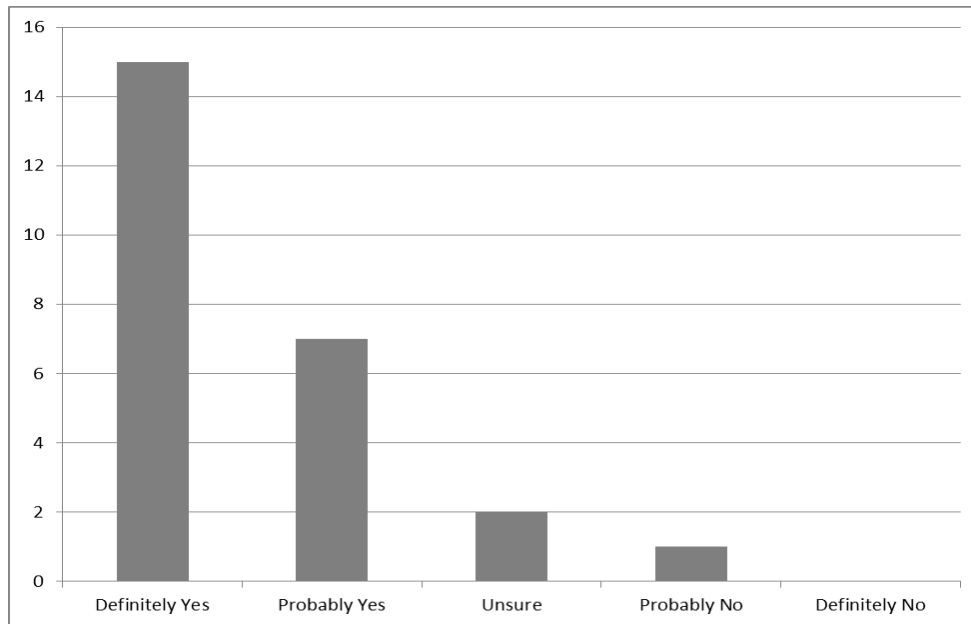
Community Session – Survey Results

Surveys Returned = 25

1. Do you think the benefits of a winter water level drawdown outweigh the disadvantages?



2. Do you think that there should be a winter water level drawdown on Lower Spring Lake?



Additional Comments or Questions and Answers:

- Our lake needs this attention.
- Does burning the sediment further reduce invasive, encourage native plants – like the prairie?
 - No.
- Cost/value seems to be positive with low risk for negative impacts.
- Thanks for the great info!
- My lake frontage (175 ft) is located in the finger bay and would be completely exposed. Beyond dredging, what would we be allowed to do regarding sediment removal?
 - To our knowledge, dredging is the only option for removal of sediment.
- Can you recommend an experienced dredging contractor in the area for consultation and pricing?
 - You can review contractors that voluntarily join the list on this website (this list is not an endorsement): <https://www.uwsp.edu/cnr-ap/UWEXLakes/Pages/organizations/lakelist/default.aspx> (Click on “Search our list of lake-related businesses” and choose “Dredging” for services offered.)
- Will the water clarity be improved by the drawdown?
 - Initially when the lake is refilled, there could be an algae bloom. If this happens it will not be a lasting event.
 - Otherwise, water clarity is not expected to change after a water level drawdown.
- Can we use the opportunity to expand our pier during drawdown?
 - Piers are regulated by the Department of Natural Resources. If you follow the DNR guidelines located in the pier planner (https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/waterways/factsheets/pier_planner_082012.pdf), a permit is not needed. Otherwise, you are required to apply for a DNR permit. For more information, please see the DNR’s website on piers: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/recreation/piers.html> and https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Waterways/recreation/pier_FAQ/pier_FAQ.html.