

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
January 24, 2002

F. Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Forest Hansen, Paul Traskowski, Jim Marks, J. Bluemel, and Ralph Schopp.

ABSENT:none

EXCUSED:none.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron, Marty Johnson-DNR, and 5 citizens.

Marty Johnson from DNR was present to discuss the Mute Swan issue. The state has been attempting to control the mute swans for the past 10 years or so. Control has consisted primarily of egg coddling. A couple of year ago, an article and photo in the Milwaukee Journal let to complaints from Waterford. The Waterford-Rochester area has made it clear to DNR that they enjoy the mute swans and want to protect them, not control them. Meetings were held and petitions were submitted to DNR. In response to the concerns, the DNR re-evaluated their position and developed a new strategy. The new strategy that is going before the Natural Resource Board consists of the following:

- Eliminate mute swans on state property.
- Continue to control the population of mute swans throughout the state, except in Waterford and Rochester.
- Goal of the DNR is to ensure exotic species do not cause problems.

The DNR believes, and population increases in other regions of the country has shown that if not controlled, the mute swan population will eventually become as much of a problem as the non-migrating Canadian geese species are now. Mute swans are very damaging to native aquatic plant populations in waterbodies. They contribute high levels of nutrients from their droppings. This increased phosphorus load to the lakes contributes to algae blooms and nuisance plant levels, and increases problems with fecal coliform bacteria. Mute swans also attack and discourage native waterfowl. Some have reported that the mute swans keep the geese away, however, in most cases, the two co-exist.

No other community has stepped forward to be excluded from the control of mute swans. The Natural Resource Board will be discussing the proposed policy at their Feb 27 meeting. Although some WLMD board members said a few mute swans would be okay on the lake, too many would be a problem.

P. Traskowski moved to take a non-position on the control policy, J. Bluemel seconded, motion carried.

Marty Johnson was thanked for his time and information on this controversial subject.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with 2 spelling corrections: "barrel" and "lengthy".

J. Bluemel presented the treasurers report. J. Marks moved to accept the treasurers report, 2nd by R. Schopp, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

K. Aron has spoken with DNR about pursuing the no-drawdown policy for Wind Lake. This will be the second winter season since implementing a one-foot drawdown. DNR would like to hold a public hearing prior to the submittal of the application for the change to be sure there is full support around the lake for this policy. K. Aron indicated a newsletter would go out soliciting input and notifying everyone of a meeting in to be held in mid April to May. J. Bluemel questioned whether the board has taken a position on this. At the annual meeting and earlier board meetings, the board had full concensus about the approach. J. Bluemel moved to have the Board endorse and pursue a non-drawdown policy, 2nd by P. Traskowski, motion carried.

K. Aron reported that the December 2001 tax roll posting was done electronically this time. It has been very successful in eliminating errors in transcription and re-entry by the county.

There are two more landowners interested in stabilizing their shorelines. A fund balance is available and K. Aron is waiting for approval from DNR to use the fund balance.

F. Hansen asked about the rate which Board members' mileage is reimbursed. The WLMD policy to date has been to pay the Federal rate. After discussion, R. Schopp moved to continue to reimburse at the Federal rate, 2nd by P. Traskowski, motion carried.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
February 28, 2002

F. Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Forest Hansen, Paul Traskowski, Jim Marks, J. Bluemel, and Ralph Schopp.

ABSENT:none

EXCUSED:none.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron, 1 citizen.

R. Schopp moved, 2nd by P. Traskowski to approve the minutes with the following corrections:

In swan discussion, correct spelling of "coddling"; change "let" to "led".

"At their request" added to the 2nd para pg 2 in the discussion of the letter to the County Public Works Committee. Motion carried.

J. Bluemel presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurers report, 2nd by P. Traskowski, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

K. Aron reported that the lake level discussion is ongoing. A meeting will be set up in late April to discuss the proposed No Drawdown scenario. She has had three comments from landowners about shoreline damage so far. The DNR is suggesting that 2 scenarios be presented at the meeting in April: one to consider a no-drawdown year round, and two to consider keeping the one-foot drawdown, but wait until Nov 1 to go down. This would allow people easier use of the lake in October, still protect shoreline structures, and the hibernating species. It is believed that scenario two would be easier to permit. The newsletter will go out with the meeting date and time and the scenarios outlined in it. People will be reminded to submit all comments by the meeting so as to prevent the situation with the last permit change when no one criticized the October 1 drawdown until it happened.

There has been no further action or reaction on the Dam operation situation.

K. Aron outlined the items that will be in the April newsletter, including lake level, chemical treatment, and the website. Anyone with information to go into the newsletter should submit them within the next 2 weeks.

The website is almost complete. K. Aron provided board members with the temporary access code to review the website prior to its going on line. Anyone with comments should get them to her within the next four or five days. Some initial suggestions include a "counter" a Tri-lakes information section, and a County Emergency Government section.

K. Aron asked if anyone has seen the bald eagle on Wind Lake. The beautiful bird was seen on the north shore of the lake on February 28, 2002.

OLD BUSINESS

K. Aron reported that the Natural Resource Board approved the DNR's recommended policy for controlling mute swans. The policy includes controlling the swans with eradication as the goal across the state with the exception of the Town of Waterford and the Town of Rochester. Although Waterford residents there say they have only ever had 3 or 4 swans, they are likely contributing to the growing problem on Wind Lake. Twenty-eight mute swans were on the lake yesterday. The swans eat native plants, and if an area is over-grazed they will seek new feeding grounds, such as Wind Lake. J. Marks reported that the trumpeters have already attempted to land on Wind Lake and were immediately chased off by the mute swans.

K. Aron reported that the new rules and interpretations of the DNR on the chemical treatments may create a serious problem in compliance. A meeting will be held at the lakes conference to try to resolve the problems.

K. Aron will bring information back from the lakes conference.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Marks asked about the town's recent action on the lake ordinance. R. Schopp clarified that the change was one to correct an oversight and did not represent a philosophical change. If more controversial changes are ever proposed, R. Schopp indicated he would ask for a layover to allow the WLMD to react.

J. Marks asked if there was an ordinance on signs around the lakeshore. Problems with no trespassing signs and no hunting signs have been occurring. K. Aron will make some contacts to find out. J. Marks also indicated that he has been reading the wetland report and will want to discuss it at a later date.

J. Bluemel asked about fish stocking and indicated that he would like to observe any stocking done this year. He also asked about the carp removal. K. Aron indicated that the project is an ongoing one that is included in the budget and will continue. No action is needed for this to occur.

J. Bluemel asked to go into closed session to discuss K. Aron's compensation. Since this was not an agenda item, it will have to wait until the next meeting. K. Aron will put the item on the agenda for March.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next regular meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for March 28, 2002.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
March 28, 2002

F. Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Forest Hansen, Paul Traskowski, Jim Marks, and J. Bluemel.

ABSENT: R. Schopp

EXCUSED:none.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron, 3 citizens.

J. Marks moved, 2nd by P. Traskowski to approve the minutes with the following corrections:
correct spelling of "outlined" in third paragraph.
Motion carried.

J. Bluemel presented the treasurers report. P. Traskowski moved to accept the treasurers report, 2nd by J. Marks, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A local resident asked for information about the lake, water quality, and our lake plan.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

K. Aron presented recent email correspondence from DNR regarding the Dam operational order. The board agreed to hold a public hearing on April 25 at 6:30 to hear comments on 1- no drawdown yearround; 2-delay 1-foot drawdown until Nov. 1. DNR has indicated concerns with a no drawdown scenario. Marty Johnson and Shane Heyel will attend the meeting on the 25th to answer any questions that may come up.

K. Aron has not been able to locate any ordinances, laws, or statutes relating to signs on property.

K. Aron presented information acquired at the lakes conference in Green Bay. Information includes Zebra mussels, purple loosestrife, the new plant management ordinance and more.

The website is now up and running.

OLD BUSINESS

none.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Bluemel asked about the need for dredging in certain areas. He indicated the board should be thinking about the possibility of another project that may be needed in the future.

P. Traskowski moved to go into Closed Session to discuss compensation matters, second by J. Marks. On the vote, motion carried unanimously. Present in closed session: F. Hansen, P. Traskowski, J. Marks, J. Bluemel.

P. Traskowski moved to return to Open Session, second by J. Bluemel, motion carried. K. Aron and the others were invited to return to the meeting.

J. Bluemel moved to increase K. Aron's compensation from \$5200 to \$6500 beginning with the next fiscal year, July 1, 2002. Second by P. Traskowski, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next regular meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for April 25, 2002.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
April 25, 2002

F. Hansen called the public hearing to order at 6:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Forest Hansen, Paul Traskowski, Jim Marks, Ralph Schopp, and J. Bluemel.

ABSENT: none.

EXCUSED: none.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron, Shane Heyel, Mike Bruch, and Marty Johnson from DNR and approximately 20 citizens.

The hearing was called to hear comments on the proposal to maintain a year-round lake level, with no drawdown in winter, or to drawdown 1 foot but wait until November 1.

The following represents a summary of the testimony received at the meeting, by phone, or by email.

- D. Luhman-- prefers no drawdown, better for wildlife
- S. Andersen and M. Patrenets--prefer Nov. 1 drawdown, shoreline erosion
- D. Behlendorf--prefers Nov. 1 drawdown, boat longer.
- J. Geboy--prefer no drawdown.
- T. Ostrowski--prefer no drawdown, better for wildlife and fisheries.
- J. Denig--prefer Nov 1 drawdown, shoreline erosion.
- P. Forrestal--prefer no drawdown.
- J. Barret--either option is fine.
- E. Himes--prefer no drawdown.
- M. Resenquist--prefer no drawdown, more natural.
- J. Weber--prefer Nov 1 drawdown.
- R. Mohr--prefer Nov 1 drawdown, shoreline erosion.
- R. Metzke--prefer Nov 1 drawdown, to work on shorelines.
- R. Schneider--prefer no drawdown, wildlife.
- K. Demski--prefer no drawdown,
- C. Shrader--prefer no drawdown, wildlife, access.
- T. Wineske--prefer no drawdown.
- M. Greene-- prefer no drawdown.
- F. Hudson--prefer no drawdown.
- C. Pinkowski--prefer no drawdown.
- M. Doyle--prefer no drawdown.
- E. Kessler--prefer no drawdown.
- J. Teg--prefer no drawdown.
- M. Stridde--prefer no drawdown.

DNR indicated that there is an ecological benefit with no drawdown, and that the DNR would follow the WLMD recommendation, regardless of the choice. Both options are improvements (or the same) as what exists now. The fisheries manager has indicated that the no drawdown option is better for the fish population. The process to change the order would be the same as 2 years ago: an Environmental Assessment would be needed (although most is the same as the one from 2 yrs ago), there would be a public notice and another hearing. After that, DNR would issue the new order. WLMD will need to submit a letter of request.

A show of hands of those present indicated 19 support no drawdown, and 4 support a Nov 1 drawdown.

The board thanked DNR for attending, and thanked those who provided input on this issue.

The public hearing was closed at 7:35 pm. The regular board meeting was called to order at 7:45 pm.

R. Schopp moved, 2nd by P. Traskowski to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

J. Bluemel presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved, 2nd by P. Traskowski to accept the treasurers report, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

B. Lewitzke asked that the east side of the lake be slightly cleaned out to benefit fish and wildlife.

Another resident asked when the WLMD was going to dredge. It was explained that the residents have one more year to pay for the last dredging and that there are no specific plans to begin another project yet. It is in the discussion stage.

A resident indicated that the bay on the southeast side of the lake needs dredging. That area, like the whole east side, has a water movement path that moves the sand into areas that are dredged, and involves special planning. A resident asked about the swan policy. The DNRs statewide policy is in effect and the intention is to remove mute swans so that native species can survive.

J. Bluemel Jr. asked about charging to launch at the DNR boat launch. The board explained that the DNR owns the launch, and is responsible for operating and maintaining the site. The DNR is finalizing plans to reconstruct the launch. This will cost more than \$100,000, not a liability the WLMD wishes to assume. P. Traskowski pointed out the water is owned by the State of Wisconsin and because of the launch we are able to receive many dollars in funding for Wind Lake projects.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

K. Aron indicated she has spoken with Greg Heinrich and the carp control will take place this year when conditions warrant.

Next meeting the discussion of the new budget will begin. J. Bluemel will provide K. Aron with the current totals for the discussion.

OLD BUSINESS

none.

NEW BUSINESS

M. Greene addressed the issue of the geese cannons. He indicated he has 3 cannons around Wind Lake, that are going off only occasionally. He said the first day, they went off a lot because he did not know how to operate it. K. Aron indicated that the cannon was heard clearly in her yard, 2 miles away. There are a number of concerns about noise, nuisance, impact on other native wildlife, and the cumulative impact of everyone having one, etc. Jim Bluemel Jr. indicated that he does not want cannons going off and is concerned about the impact on other wildlife. Wind Lake is a natural resource which requires extra care and work, and is not a swimming pool. J. Bluemel indicated he is hesitant to immediately pass an ordinance on this and would like the issue to be on the agenda at the next meeting. Other board members indicated a similar desire but expressed concern about a bunch of these going off all day.

K. Aron reported that most of the buoys are on the lake, some replacement parts are needed to finish installing them. The GPS unit is working so about half of the buoys are in the correct location. Somehow the GPS unit was partially deprogrammed, so N. Aron will reprogram it.

R. Schopp moved to pursue the no-drawdown operation of the Wind Lake Dam, 2nd by P. Traskowski. J. Marks moved to amend the motion to include - if necessary to complete the process by fall, to use the expedited permit fee of \$2000 to be sure it is done on time, 2nd by R. Schopp. On the amendment, J. Marks, P. Traskowski, R. Schopp Aye, J. Bluemel, No. Motion carried 3 yes to 1 no. On the amended motion, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next regular meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for May 23, 2002.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
May 23, 2002

F. Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Forest Hansen, Paul Traskowski, Jim Marks, Ralph Schopp, and J. Bluemel.

ABSENT: none.

EXCUSED: none.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron, and 6 citizens.

The minutes were approved as printed.

J. Bluemel presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved, 2nd by P. Traskowski to accept the treasurers report, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

One resident asked about the amount of time we have lake patrol. K. Aron said that before 1999, the Town patrol logged about 200-225 hours on the three lakes. In 2001, the Town logged over 700 hours in patrol.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

The lake patrol meeting was held with Corp Hirschboeck and the lake representatives from the 3 lakes. Overall policy and patrol management was discussed. Coverage will include weekends, holidays, and randomly mornings and evenings.

OLD BUSINESS

J. Bluemel indicated that four residents had contacted him about the drawdown/no-drawdown plans. M. Andersen, G. LeGath, Mark Anderson, and Mr. Watskhe all favor the no-drawdown scenario.

The dam operating procedural change will be in place by fall 2002. However, DNR is requiring a formal permit application and the \$500 application fee for this change. Although they could have, DNR did not require this for the first change. The expedited fee of \$2000 that was approved by the board if necessary, will not be needed. J. Marks moved to approved the \$500 permit fee, second by P. Traskowski, motion carried.

The geese cannons were discussed at length. J. Bluemel read the minutes from last meeting as pertained to the cannon. It was recognized by all that cannons, lawn deterrents, flags, etc. are often temporary restraints. A landowner expressed concern about histoplasmosis from geese droppings. J. Marks indicated that federal hearings are taking place to allow the states to control geese, however, it is a couple of years away. J. Bluemel moved to table the issue indefinitely, second by R. Schopp, motion carried. K. Aron will contact DNR about rounding-up geese.

NEW BUSINESS

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next regular meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for June 27, 2002.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
June 27, 2002

F. Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Forest Hansen, Jim Marks, Ralph Schopp, and J. Bluemel.

ABSENT: none.

EXCUSED: Paul Traskowski.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron, and 7 citizens.

J. Marks moved to approve the minutes as printed, 2nd by R. Schopp, motion carried.

J. Bluemel presented the treasurers report. J. Marks moved to accept the treasurers report, 2nd by R. Schopp, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mark Buelow on N. Wind Lake Rd indicated that the NE end of Wind Lake has significantly filled in. He would like to be included in any future dredging that the WLMD may do. This initiated a discussion about timing of any future dredging projects. J. Marks stated that the residents have one more year to pay for the last dredging project and that the board discussed beginning the next projects in a year or two. J. Bluemel said the projects should be done now and that any interested residents should step forward now. K. Aron reminded the board that regardless of what the residents would like to dredge, some areas should not and could not be dredged and would not be permitted by DNR.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Another weed treatment has taken place in the area that DNR denied use of the proper chemical. This time DNR allowed the treatment. Another treatment will also take place on West Wind Lake Rd.

The dam operational order change is proceeding and should be completed by October. The permit application payment of \$500 was submitted.

The Muskego channel shoreline work is now complete. The grant has been fully used. Any future projects on the channel will need to be submitted as a new grant. The new grant application process is very lengthy, with a 16 to 18 page form.

A total of 5 swans were removed this year on Wind Lake. Although DNR came out a second time, they were unsuccessful in getting any more swans. It was pointed out that DNR will have to get much better to achieve their goal of removing all the swans.

The lake patrol report was discussed for May. The number of hours was about 200 on the lakes. In the late 1990s there were only 200 hours all summer. The buoys and proper installation were discussed. A possible solution is to 1) hire a company like Woodland Pier to install the buoys; or 2) have someone from the District go out with lake patrol to ensure they are properly placed by the town.

Because the New Business impacts the budget approval, the board agreed to discuss New Business before Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

K Aron presented information about a project to reduce or eliminate the goose problems. So far, all discussions have centered on chasing away geese and moving the problem, rather than removing them. Other than weeds, geese problems are the highest complaint from residents. The nutrients generated by geese is a serious water quality concern as well as a health concern. US Fish and Wildlife Services has a program where the geese are tested (blood tests) to be sure they are not sick or contaminated, and then the geese are rounded up. Because they return each year to the area where they learn to fly, young geese are relocated before they learn to fly. Adult geese are processed and the meat is distributed to food pantries. The cost of the program is estimated to be \$6900 the first year and \$8400 the second year. K. Aron included the funds in the proposed budget up for discussion in Old Business.

J. Bluemel indicated that this was a complete waste of funds. He thinks hunters should be allowed to shoot them all year. It was pointed out that until Federal and State law was changed, this was not a possible alternative. J. Bluemel moved to strike the funds for the USFWS program from the budget. Since no 2nd was voiced, the motion died for lack of a second.

OLD BUSINESS

The budget was reviewed. After a few modifications, the board concensus was to send the budget to the annual meeting for approval. J. Bluemel indicated his support for the budget except for the goose removal funds.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Bluemel presented two items for discussion. First, he indicated that Wind Lake is growing, has bigger homes, and needs a restaurant/lounge on the lake that residents can boat to. J. Marks and R. Schopp indicated that this would be an issue to bring before the Chamber of Commerce rather than the WLMD. J. Bluemel agreed to approach them. Second, he indicated that Wind Lake should have its own fireworks display. He checked with Tichigan and they spend about \$12,000 on fireworks, and \$1000 on a barge. R. Schopp stated he would not vote to do this, that prior years had liability problems with lawsuits. J. Marks indicated that this too could be done by the Chamber of Commerce. K. Aron was opposed to the idea of the WLMD conducting fireworks displays. Lake districts are charged by State Statute with the protection and improvement of lakes resources, not with providing entertainment. She also stated it was beyond belief that J. Bluemel wants to spend more than \$13,000 on a one night fireworks display and yet refused to spend \$6900 on controlling geese to address a serious water quality problem. J. Bluemel indicated he intends to bring the issue to the annual meeting for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. The next regular meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for July 25, 2002.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
July 25, 2002

F. Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Forest Hansen, Jim Marks, Ralph Schopp, P. Traskowski and J. Bluemel.

ABSENT: none.

EXCUSED: none.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron, and 10 citizens.

The first sentence in Info and Correspondence in the minutes was amended to read "Another weed treatment has taken place in the area that DNR *previously* denied use of the proper chemical." J. Bluemel asked that the 4th line should read "J. Bluemel said the projects should be *started* now". A paragraph break was added to begin the fireworks discussion. R. Schopp moved to approve the minutes as printed, 2nd by J. Marks, motion carried.

J. Bluemel presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurers report, 2nd by P. Traskowski, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Greg Heinrich was present and discussed the 2002 carp removal project. 8,160 lbs of carp were removed June 10 and 350 lbs were removed June 17 for a total of 8510 lbs. Many fish still had eggs. This years carp averaged 10 lbs each. He indicated that carp are jumping from more than 5 feet away from the dam and entering Big Muskego Lake.

Residents asked that weed samples be brought to the Annual Meeting.

J. Bluemel asked that DNR attend the Annual Meeting. He indicated the fish manager would be preferred. K. Aron will see who is available.

A resident asked about the buoys. The red and green markers on the south side of the island seem to be out of place. People have been seen anchored to the buoys.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

K. Aron presented the budget as it will be printed in the meeting notice. There were a couple of changes. J. Bluemel moved to accept the changes, second by J. Marks, motion carried.

K. Aron contacted two communities who have done the goose removal project. Both did the removal for two years, and have not needed to since. They had tried all the other options, but none worked. They were very satisfied with the results.

The dam operational order change is proceeding and should be completed by October.

The lake is down approximately 6 to 8 inches.

Zebra mussels are now in Wind Lake. In a single weekend, they were found around the lake in 5 different areas. Residents should use boat lifts whenever possible and should power wash their boats before going to another lake. When found, the mussels should be destroyed.

OLD BUSINESS

The discussion of dredging and the lake plan re-assessment continued. Curt Arnold indicated that the consensus of North Wind Lake Rd residents was that the area needed to be dredged but they could not afford a large dredging bill. J. Bluemel stated that Arnold should get his people to the Annual Meeting, and (Bluemel) would get his people to the meeting and DNR will see that this is their responsibility. J. Bluemel said that no one had tried to stop the damage during the Muskego rehabilitation and that he would see that those responsible would pay. When he was finished speaking, K. Aron asked the chair for the floor. She pointed out that J. Bluemel did not know what he was speaking about and did not have any facts about what took place during the Muskego rehabilitation project. She indicated that J. Bluemel had not attended a single meeting, nor provided any assistance to help stop the problems. K. Aron said that J. Bluemels comments were an insult to all the work by the board, the residents, herself, and her family who spent many hours trying to stop the problems. It was only because of all the efforts that the canal and inlet were re-dredged at State expense. She also indicated that our efforts in 1995 and 1996 were not well received by DNR when we tried to work within the system to stop the problems. Detailed evidence was collected and presented during that time. K. Aron said she hoped the board would have the guts to stand with her - she will go to court to stop any future use of pumps at the Muskego Dam.

J. Bluemel moved to contact SEWRPC to conduct the lake plan re-assessment, 2nd by J. Marks, motion carried. K. Aron will contact them for assistance with the grant application this winter and to find out the time-frame of the project.

NEW BUSINESS

The approval of articles submitted for the newsletter was on the agenda at the request of R. Schopp. He had asked to review any articles submitted for the newsletter. J. Bluemel had an article about possible fireworks on the lake. The consensus of the board was to not include the article. J. Marks moved to include the question of fireworks in the future survey of lake residents to be done as part of the lake plan re-assessment, 2nd by R. Schopp, motion carried.

J. Bluemel asked about having paid advertisements in the newsletter. K. Aron indicated that past research showed no financial benefit. Hidden costs include additional printing, costs and time needed to seek advertisers, etc. J. Marks said it may provide revenue if funds become tight.

J. Bluemel said he spoke with D. Welch about the WLMD taking control of the boat launch. The board would have to enter into a contract to lease the site. T. Blotz said they had \$113,000 to repair the site and that it would be done by next year. Further discussions are needed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm. The next regular meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for August 22, 2002.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
September 26, 2002

F. Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Forest Hansen, Jim Marks, Ralph Schopp, P. Traskowski and Richard. Mohr.

ABSENT: none.

EXCUSED: none.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron, and 2 citizens.

Richard Mohr read the Oath of Office and signed the document. R. Mohr was welcomed as new commissioner. The slate of officers was developed - F. Hansen, chair; J. Marks, vice-chair; P. Traskowski, Secy; R. Mohr, Treasurer. R. Schopp moved to elect the officers, second by P. Traskowski, motion carried.

P. Traskowski moved to approve the minutes as printed, 2nd by J. Marks, motion carried.

K. Aron presented the treasurers report, including the audit of the books since July 1. The books ending June 30 are at the accountants office for the formal audit. J. Bluemel submitted an invoice for photocopies. J. Marks moved to pay the \$8.34, R. Schopp 2nd, motion carried. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurers report, R. Mohr, 2nd, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A resident, Curt Arnold, from North Wind Lake Rd restated his complaints from an earlier meeting about conditions along the North Wind Lake Rd side of the lake. He also expressed his displeasure at the way the board functions and said that was why J. Bluemel was no longer on the board. P. Traskowski reminded him that an election was why J. Bluemel was no longer on the board. Curt emphatically told the board that he is here to see that the North Wind Lake Rd side is dredged and the the North Wind Lake residents don't have to pay for it all.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

WLMD received correspondence from the Insurance Co regarding possible coverage of the dam and boat launch operation. They stated it is unlikely they would cover these, especially if they are not owned by the WLMD. They would conduct a full engineering review and risk evaluation prior to any determination of coverage or cost of coverage. J. Marks indicated that since the lake level issue will be resolved with the new operational order, the issue of the dam operation or ownership is a mute point. J. Marks said he wants to review the boat launch issue after the renovation work has been completed. J. Marks moved to table the boat launch issue, however, after a brief discussion, he withdrew the motion.

Harbor Point Property Owners have applied to create a recreational trail through the outlots. Not much is known about the extent of the request. A shoreland contract will be needed. R. Schopp indicated it is a small area covered by the request and is primarily just to create a narrow trail through part of the 20+ acre outlot. It is to include a couple of small bridges over two channels. There are some concerns about flooding from a couple of landowners near the proposed trail. The Town tabled the request for 30 days.

OLD BUSINESS

K. Aron distributed a cost-benefit analysis sheet of costs regarding a lease of the boat launch. Costs were obtained from actual costs paid by DNR and from the State Statutes regarding legal limits on fees that can be charged. Without any insurance costs, the bottom line is in the red. J. Marks moved to table any further discussion on the boat launch lease until after renovations are complete and an evaluation under future conditions is conducted, 2nd by P. Traskowski, motion carried.

Information on the permit application process has been received. The board needs to consider what is an acceptable number of geese. Zero is not acceptable. Once that is determined, the permit application would go in after the first of the year. The board will consider a number at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

F. Hansen reported to the County Land Use Committee on the activities of the WLMD. He reports about once a quarter to the Committee.

R. Schopp discussed the Town Land Use Committee and its ongoing meetings. The plan should be in place by 2005.

R. Mohr discussed the zebra mussel problem and indicated some Ill. lakes are seeing them die off after they ate all their food source.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next regular meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for Oct 24, 2002.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
October 24, 2002

F. Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Forest Hansen, Jim Marks, P. Traskowski and Richard. Mohr.

ABSENT: none.

EXCUSED: Ralph Schopp.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron, and 1 citizens.

R. Mohr moved to approve the minutes with one correction, changing "mute" to "moot", 2nd by P. Traskowski, motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. J. Bluemel was paid for two months (July and August). He has inquired about the September check. The annual meeting election was held Sept 12 and the documents were turned over a few days later. P. Traskowski moved to pay J. Bluemel for 1/2 month (\$35), Sept 1 thru Sept 15. R. Mohr seconded, motion carried. P. Traskowski moved to accept the treasurers report, J. Marks, 2nd, motion carried.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

The dam permit was submitted to Racine County in October. DNR contacted them in late September to let them know the permit was coming and that the lake would not be lowered for the winter.

OLD BUSINESS

Prior to submitting the permit application to the Fish and Wildlife Services, the board needed to decide on the "ideal" number of geese for Wind Lake. Zero is not an option that is available. The board discussed the possibilities. There are an estimated 200+ geese on the lake. R. Mohr moved to keep between 6 and 10 geese, and indicated the numbers are considered flexible; 2nd by P. Traskowski, motion carried. The application will be submitted in 2003. K. Aron was asked to inquire if it is possible to keep juveniles rather than adults. This might extend the life of the project.

NEW BUSINESS

The Resolution for the planning grant was discussed. This resolution is needed to be included in the grant application that will be submitted for the Lake Plan Revision to be done by SEWRPC. The project cost is \$13,500. If the grant is received, the local share for the project will be \$4,050. J. Marks moved to approve the resolution, 2nd by R. Mohr, motion carried. The Lake Plan Revision will take approximately 2 years.

R. Mohr discussed the weed problem on the lake. This will be addressed by the lake plan, but additional funds were included in the 2003 weed control budget.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next regular meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for Dec 5, 2002.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management Annual Meeting
September 12, 2002

F. Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Forest Hansen, Jim Marks, Ralph Schopp, P. Traskowski and J. Bluemel.

ABSENT: none.

EXCUSED: none.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron, Doug Welch, DNR Fisheries Manager, and approximately 100 citizens.

After the Pledge of Allegiance, each of the board members were introduced.

Doug Welch gave a short presentation on the status of the fisheries in Wind Lake. Fish surveys have been done in 1981, 1990, 1994, 1995, 1997, and 2000. At least 24 species are present. There has not been much change since 1981 in the fisheries. Fish are stocked every other year. In 2002, 45,200 walleye and 1,000 northern pike were stocked. The lake will be surveyed again in 2005.

The minutes were approved as printed.

PROJECT UPDATE

Carp - Another 8500 lbs of carp were removed from the Muskego Channel. This brought the total removed in three years to 37,330 lbs of carp. Thanks to Greg Heinrich for his efforts in helping WLMD keep the carp under control.
Lake Level - After two years of a one foot drawdown, the DNR is finalizing the permit to eliminate the drawdown. The lake will remain at its full level year-round. Racine County will be able to lower the lake approximately 6 inches in spring if needed to alleviate flooding because of snow melt or rains.

Grants - Over \$1,800,000 in state, federal and private grants have been received since 1985.

Zebra Mussels - Zebra mussels have been found in five areas in Wind Lake, from 2 locations on the north shore, to the swimming island, to Breezy Point shoreline. Nothing can be done about the mussels, but boaters should thoroughly clean boats before they are taken to other lakes.

Weeds - Three treatments were done in 2002. There are still a couple of problem areas. The budget has been increased for 2003 to deal with the milfoil problems.

Canal Shoreline - Twenty-two residents took part in the project over 8 years. \$230,000 in grants assisted the landowners with their shoreline restorations. Any new shoreline work will require a new grant application.

Audit - The latest audit has been received and is available for anyone to review.

Lake Plan - The plan written in 1991 has been completed. The development of a new one will begin next year. A grant will be submitted to assist with the cost of the project, however, it is the board's intention to proceed with or without a grant. The new plan development project will include a community survey, along with a review and recommendations of possible future dredging areas, weed problems, and water quality. The project is expected to take two years to complete.

Geese Control - The WLMD is proposing to conduct a goose removal project. Geese contribute to nuisance algae problems, and health problems for residents. The program is conducted by the USDA Fish and Wildlife Service. This will be discussed in the budget hearing.

BUDGET HEARING

F. Hansen called the budget hearing to order.

P. Traskowski read the Budget Resolution 1-2002. M. Teuschler moved to approve the resolution, 2nd by N. Aron. Lengthy discussion on the goose eradication budget line took place. L. VanTassel moved to remove the \$6,900 fund line from the budget, 2nd by L. Jeske. Residents spoke both for and against the amendment. On the amendment, 37 yes (to remove funds), 43 no (to keep funds), amendment failed. The budget was approved with 7 opposing votes.

ELECTION

Jim Bluemel was nominated by the board for a second term. Richard Mohr was nominated by G. Mohr and agreed to accept the nomination. Each candidate was asked to give a short statement. Following the statements, ballots were distributed. J. Bluemel received 41 votes, Richard Mohr received 51 votes. Richard Mohr was elected for a three year term. J. Bluemel was thanked for his work the past three years.

NEXT ANNUAL MEETING

The 2003 annual meeting was set for September 18, 2003. A request was made from the audience to have a microphone at the next annual meeting so people could be better heard.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.