

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
January 23, 2003

F. Hansen called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

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

ABSENT: none.

EXCUSED: Ralph Schopp.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron.

R. Mohr indicated that he will be unable to attend the February meeting.

P. Traskowski moved to approve the minutes with one correction, changing "citizens" to "citizen", 2nd J. Marks, motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. Marks moved to accept the treasurers report, P. Traskowski, 2nd, motion carried.

#### INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Wisconsin Lakes Convention will be held in Green Bay in April. Anyone wishing to attend should let K. Aron know as soon as possible so the reduced rate can be used. R. Mohr indicated a desire to attend.

The lake planning grant application has been submitted to DNR prior to Feb 1, 2003. The grant would pay for 75% of the costs of the lake plan update. SEWRPC has been contacted to do the update. The update will include plant management, water quality, lake use and lake use impairments. The project will take 2 to 2-1/2 years to complete. The original plan was written in 1991 and recommended activities have been implemented.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The goose depredation permit will be submitted to US Fish and Wildlife this week. Once the application is reviewed WLMD will be contacted for further information on the project.

#### NEW BUSINESS

A question about the new Tichigan Lake district was asked. Although it is unclear if everything has been finalized, it appears the district creation will be successful. The board suggested sending a letter to the new district offering our expertise in lake management activities and district operations. K. Aron will draft a letter to be reviewed at the next board meeting.

F. Hansen gave a brief discussion about Roberts Rules of Order and how it pertains to the WLMD.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for Feb 27, 2003.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
March 27, 2003

Jim Marks called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Marks, P. Traskowski, R. Mohr, R. Schopp, and Joe Bellante.

ABSENT: none.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron and 2 citizens.

Jim Marks eloquently expressed the appreciation and loss felt by the board on the death of Forest Hansen. Forest Hansen served the Wind Lake community for almost 18 years. He treated the board and the residents as family. His wisdom and enthusiasm will be missed.

Joe Bellante was introduced as the new County Board representative to the WLMD. Joe will complete Forest's term.

J. Bellante moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Mohr, motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. P. Traskowski moved to accept the treasurers report, J. Bellante, 2nd, motion carried. R. Mohr will send the appropriate mileage and per diem to Forest's estate.

#### INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Wisconsin Lakes Convention will be held in Green Bay in April. R. Mohr and K. Aron will attend.

The WLMD will receive the lake planning grant that will fund the re-evaluation of the 1991 Lake Plan.

So far three people have received riprap permits. The county application will be submitted May 1.

J. Marks pointed out that the last town newsletter had the wrong meeting dates listed. The previous town newsletter was correct. The town has been contacted about the error. Future newsletters should be correct. The correct meeting notices are always posted at the Bank, DJ Custom, and Ace Hardware. The information is also on the WLMD website, [www.wlmd.org](http://www.wlmd.org).

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The process of the lake plan was discussed with the residents from North Wind Lake Rd. No work can be done until the paperwork is signed. This is a two year process to complete the plan. Any permits required for work will take another two years.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The goose depredation project was discussed. J. Bellante will contact the landowner near him and the W. Wind Lake retirement home. J. Marks will contact the landowner on the east side of the lake. Volunteers are also needed the day of the work. At least 4 people are needed.

The board reviewed the letter to go out to the Waterford Waterways Management District. They asked that the letter be sent.

#### NEW BUSINESS

J. Marks brought up the issue of the Oak Creek power plant expansion by WE Energies. Since Wind Lake has been negatively impacted by emissions from coal plants (mercury in fish), J. Marks felt the district should approach WE Energy about a partnership grant. The wetland project, over which WE Energy powerlines travel, would be an ideal candidate for financial support. Grant funds could be used for additional land acquisition for the wetland, or to fund hard construction activities to improve the quality of the wetland. J. Bellante indicated he could deliver the letter to the WE Energy representative. K. Aron will draft a letter, give to J. Marks for review, and give the final letter to J. Bellante.

J. Marks moved to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel matters, second by P. Traskowski. J. Bellante, aye, R. Schopp, aye, P. Traskowski, aye, R. Mohr, aye, J. Marks aye. Motion carried, K. Aron was present in closed session.

J. Bellante moved to return to Open Session, second by R. Mohr, motion carried. K. Aron will continue to perform the Executive Director position. The mailing address and phone number for the lake district will change. K. Aron will again contact the phone company to try to keep the same phone number. K. Aron asked about retention of historical records of the WLMD. K. Aron and J. Marks will investigate.

R. Schopp moved to confirm J. Marks as new Chairman, 2nd by J. Bellante, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for April 24, 2003.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
April 24, 2003

Jim Marks called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Marks, P. Traskowski, R. Mohr, R. Schopp.

ABSENT: J. Bellante.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron and 2 citizens.

P. Traskowski moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by R. Mohr, motion carried.

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

#### INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

R. Mohr and K. Aron attended the Wisconsin lakes convention. A number of items were presented. It is now advised that people not bleach their wells. Bleaching shorts out the pumps. It also destroys bedrock, which releases arsenic. Groundwater is a big issue. What goes on the land, ends up in our drinking water. The way to protect wellwater is to protect our land. Also, the DNR is pushing the use of natural plantings on lakeshores whenever possible.

The county application for the blanket riprap permit will be submitted May 1. about 7 have signed up to date. There was a discussion about people doing work without a permit. Only those receiving a legal DNR permit can take part in the County blanket permit.

The WLMD will receive a planning grant for the new lake planning project. K. Aron has been in contact with SEWRPC. They will begin work this summer.

We have received the contract for the chemical treatment. The permit application will be submitted soon.

There has been no contact from DNR yet on the public access rebuilding project.

K. Aron read the letter that J. Bellante delivered to WE Energies asking for support for our wetland projects.

J. Marks indicated that Thad Nation is the official spokesman for WE.

J. Marks showed the current lake level chart from the USGS website.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Curt Arnold from N Wind Lake Rd asked again about the lake planning process. Mr. Arnold was reminded that the process will take 2 years to complete, that work on the water will begin this summer, and that everyone in the district will be given ample opportunity to provide input.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The goose depredation project was discussed. J. Marks indicated that the Kesslers have agreed to use their property for the goose project. We still need the Lett's and the retirement home's permission.

Volunteers are also needed the day of the work. At least 4 people are needed.

The board discussed the conversion of records to CD. It is estimated to cost 3 cents a page. The contact J. Marks located is R. Hamilton.

#### NEW BUSINESS

J. Marks discussed a recent article in the Journal which discussed the high fatality of frogs and turtles this winter. The very deep frost, sometimes five feet deep, froze many of the hibernating critters. The timing of the lake level change on Wind Lake was very good for our frogs and turtles. The higher water level should help many survive.

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The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for May 22, 2003.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
May 22, 2003

Jim Marks called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Marks, P. Traskowski, R. Mohr, R. Schopp, and Joe Bellante.

EXCUSED: R. Mohr

ABSENT: none.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy.

R. Schopp moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by J. Bellante, motion carried.

K. Aron presented the treasurers report. P. Traskowski moved to accept the treasurers report, J. Bellante, 2nd, motion carried.

#### INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

R. Schopp indicated that Chet Kintop has been assigned as the Town representative to the lake district board.

Approx. 8 are signed up on the riprap program for this year. J. Marks suggested that the county permit fee be stated in the next newsletter so residents are aware of how much money is saved by WLMD sponsoring the work. Currently, permits cost \$220 for riprap work.

We have received the current years contract for the water quality testing from USGS.

The chemical treatment will take place within the week, weather permitting.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Thad Nation, of WE Energies was given a copy of the letter that J. Bellante delivered to Mr. Kossel, WE Energies. WLMD has not heard from them yet. If we do hear from them, J. Marks suggested that we provide them with a copy of our wetland plan. It is a significant document that represents a lot of work on behalf of the WLMD and its consultants. J. Bellante will follow up on his end.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The buoys are in. There are a couple missing and some are not in the correct locations.

The DNR is still planning to do the WL boat launch in fall 2003. However, the engineering contract has not been awarded by Department of Administration. Nothing can happen until that is done.

The geese have been spending time at G. Strzok's place in the Breezy Bay. P. Traskowski will follow up with M. Greene regarding the use his property to catch geese.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for July 24, 2003.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
June 26, 2003

Jim Marks called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Marks, R. Mohr, Chet Kintop, and Joe Bellante arrived late.

EXCUSED: P. Traskowski

ABSENT: none.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy and 10 residents.

Jim Marks welcomed Chet Kintop who has been assigned by the Town to the WLMD.

R. Mohr moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by Chet Kintop, motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. C. Kintop moved to accept the treasurers report, R. Mohr, 2nd, motion carried.

#### INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

K. Aron presented the latest water quality data from USGS. J. Marks suggested the data be added to our website.

J. Marks has heard from A. Risch who is next to the boat launch. He asked to be kept up to date on the plans, but did not leave a phone number.

John McIlvey from Long Lake discussed the purple loosestrife beetles that he is raising for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year. He inquired about placing some on Wind Lake in large areas of loosestrife. He will contact K. Aron when the beetles need to be released.

K. Aron will contact Greg Heinrich to see if any carp have been removed.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

J. Marks discussed the geese problem, and the impact they have. The non-migratory geese in the Atlantic Flyway have increased more than 14% per year. K. Aron reported that 7 adults were caught for testing; and 87 juveniles were caught and relocated to Black River Falls. The geese were captured from 5 areas around the lake, only one site was identified prior to the capture.

J. Marks inquired about the records storage. K. Aron will contact the company for information.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The harvesting was discussed. The equipment is scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup>, but weather permitting, may be on Wind Lake as early as July 10<sup>th</sup>. The Town Planning Commission approved the use of the old Transfer Site for disposal of the cut weeds. R. Mohr motioned to have two additional days of harvesting, second by C. Kintop, motion carried. C. Kintop motioned to transfer \$5,000 from the contingency account to the weed treatment account, second by R. Mohr, motion carried.

The board has received a request to return to a 1-foot drawdown during winter on Wind Lake. B. Schipp has reported shoreline erosion and wants the board to change the dam operation permit. The board asked K. Aron to contact Mr. Schipp for more information about the extent and type of damage, and to let him know that WLMD will have to wait 2 years at least before requesting a change. R. Mohr stated that he was not in favor of removing the drawdown but that he had no damage this winter. Another resident, Mr. Prileaux, indicated he had about \$200 damage to his shoreline this winter.

WLMD has not heard from WE Energies. J. Bellante spoke with Mr. Kossell but there was no reaction to the letter. The PSC hearings on the power plant will be held in September. J. Marks indicated that only 605 of the mercury in emissions is removed. This is a concern for Wind Lake, which has already been impacted by mercury.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for July 24, 2003.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
July 24, 2003

Jim Marks called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Marks, R. Mohr, C. Kintop, P. Traskowski, and Joe Bellante arrived late.

ABSENT: none.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy and 5 residents.

One change was presented to the minutesL changing 605 to 60%.

C. Kintop moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by R. Mohr, motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. P. Traskowski moved to accept the treasurers report, C. Kintop, 2nd, motion carried.

#### INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Purple loosestrife beetles were planted around Wind Lake. Thanks to John McElvy for growing the beetles. The 3<sup>rd</sup> treatment for weeds took place near Wood Island. The lily pads have been a problem, and so far, the chemicals used have not been very effective. A different chemical will be used.

Some buoys are still not in there correct location. A couple are far from where they are supposed to go. C. Kintop is working on the this.

The goose roundup took place. All juvenile birds that could be found were removed. 87 juveniles and 7 adults were removed. The juveniles were relocated to the west side of Wisconsin to a nature area. All of the blood tests on the geese came back fine. The adults will be rounded up next summer.

No carp removal took place this year. The lack of flow out of Big Muskego and the strange weather this spring and early summer created a situation were the carp did not go up the canal. Greg Heinrich is planning to do the carp removal next summer.

SEWRPC needs a boat, preferably a pontoon, and driver for 5 days, from 9 am to 3 pm, to conduct the weed treatment on the lake as part of our Lake Plan update. No one knew of one, so K. Aron will notify SEWRPC.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The resident asked a question about per diem payments to board members. Board members are paid \$35 and \$70 per month (treasurer and chair get \$70). Meeting attendance is not required for payment, since the work must be done throughout the year.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Harvesting took place. 147 harvester loads were removed. Harvesting would have been more efficient if it was done earlier in the year before the weeds get so tall. \$1230 was the final cost. The board discussed next years work and the need to secure a contract early to lock in the time we want harvesting to take place.

K. Aron contacted the record storage company. Much preparation would need to be done to determine how many documents need to be archived. This will be placed on hold for now.

#### NEW BUSINESS

WLMD has not heard from WE Energies. J. Bellante spoke with Mr. Kossell and asked for a response to our letter. The PSC hearings on the power plant will be held in September.

The board reviewed the draft budget.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for August 28, 2003.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
August 28, 2003

Jim Marks called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Marks, R. Mohr, C. Kintop, P. Traskowski.

EXCUSED: J. Bellante.

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron and 3 residents.

One change was presented to the minutes- changing the harvesting cost from \$1230 to \$12300.

R. Mohr moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by P. Traskowski, motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. C. Kintop moved to accept the treasurers report, P. Traskowski, 2nd, motion carried.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

R. Mohr informed the board that he looked at the Schipp shoreline from the lake. There were no signs of erosion.

The buoy location problem was again discussed. C. Kintop indicated that he believes the buoys are being moved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

none

OLD BUSINESS

J. Marks stated that he wants to maintain the current special charge levels and asked for the commissioners concurrence. The board agreed to support J. Marks' position at the annual meeting.

P. Traskowski moved to submit the budget as printed to the annual meeting for approval. Second by R. Mohr, motion carried. J. Marks provided photos and asked K. Aron to enlarge them and bring to the annual meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Two new lake districts have been created on Long Lake and Waubeesee Lake. Various ways the districts can work together were discussed. It was suggested that the new officers' contact information be provided on the WL website.

J. Marks provided website information on fishing tournament rules to be added to the WL site.

J. Marks presented information about a new invasive species, the quagga mussel, which is now in the Great Lakes. This mussel may be more of a problem than the zebra mussel.

The Wind Lake water level is down approx. 5 inches. Up to date information is available on the WL website.

J. Marks suggested that the board get business cards to use to respond to constituents' requests for information. He suggested having the website, meeting schedules and the district phone number on the cards. K. Aron will make some up and bring them to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for September 25, 2003.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
October 23, 2003

Jim Marks called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.  
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Marks, R. Mohr, C. Kintop,  
ABSENT: P. Traskowski  
EXCUSED: J. Bellante.  
ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron.

It was noted that there was a quorum.  
C. Kintop moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by R. Mohr, motion carried.  
R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. C. Kintop moved to accept the treasurers report, R. Mohr, 2nd, motion carried. R. Mohr indicated that the Federal mileage rate has increased to 37 1/2 cents for 2004.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

K. Aron explained the problem that was occurring with the 2003 tax roll posting. The County has changed the way they want the information, which may result in much more manual work than has been needed. She will continue to try to resolve the issue in cooperation with the Town, who is also having the same problem.

K. Aron has filed the year-end final report to the USDA, for the goose depredation permit.  
A volunteer is needed to record ice-on and ice-off dates on Wind Lake. The dates are submitted to the USGS and to a Professor in New York who is monitoring lakes across the country. R. Mohr indicated that he would be willing to take that on.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

K. Aron informed the board that the district has received a TRM grant. The TRM grants have replaced the Nonpoint Source Grant program that funded many of our efforts over the past 10 years. The new grant program requires an application packet of more than 25 pages of information, and is much more difficult to be successful. The district applied for the grant back in May, and it has taken this long to finalize the funding list. A resolution is needed stating that the district has allocated funds for the local share of the grant (25%). The resolution, 10-2302, was reviewed. C. Kintop moved to approve the resolution, second by R. Mohr, motion carried.

The board agreed to defer the vote on the election of officers until more members are present at the next meeting.

J. Marks informed the board that the proposed Pier Legislation has been pulled from consideration. There was opposition from WAL and others. Work to resolve the differences will be ongoing. J. Marks will keep track of the progress.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for December 4, 2003.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
December 4, 2003

Jim Marks called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Marks, R. Mohr, P. Traskowski, C Kintop,

EXCUSED: J. Bellante (arrived late).

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron and 2 citizens.

P. Traskowski moved to approve the minutes, 2nd by R. Mohr, motion carried.

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

#### INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

K. Aron reported that the tax roll posting has been completed. The same process that was used in 2002 was used again this year after much discussion with the County. This process is very efficient and eliminates much work for both the WLMD and the County, Hopefully the same process can be used next year.

There has been no response from the power company.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

J. Marks indicated the pier legislation is back in committee.

Mike Miller approached the board to discuss a very old, failing drain pipe on his property. Approximately 30 - 40 feet of the pipe are collapsing. The drainage comes from the north side of W Loomis Rd, and drains much of the land to the northwest. Mr Miller asked if there was a possibility of any assistance from the District to help put in a new culvert pipe. The damaged area is eroding into Wind Lake. K. Aron will investigate whether there are any grant options available. The board will consider the issue at the January meeting.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### NEW BUSINESS

P. Traskowski indicated that surveying was again being done on the Slodowski wetland property.

J. Marks has received a request to evaluate possible dredging at 8102 E Wind Lake Rd when the Lake Plan is being developed.

The board discussed the election of officers for the year. P. Traskowski moved to retain the current slate of officers, second by R. Mohr, motion carried. J. Marks-chairman, R. Mohr-treasurer, P. Traskowski-secretary.

J. Marks has received inquiries about flood insurance, who needs it, and what's involved. K. Aron will investigate putting information on the website.

The Wisconsin Lakes Convention is in April. J. Marks and R. Mohr will attend for 2 nites, 3 days. K. Aron will make reservations for J. Marks at the Conference hotel.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for January 22, 2004.