

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
January 26, 2006

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

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

EXCUSED: R. Mohr

ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron. Atty Chris Jaekels, and 2 citizens.

J. Bellante moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Kintop, motion carried. K. Aron presented the treasurers report. P. Traskowski moved to accept the treasurers report, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Kintop, motion carried.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Racine County Lakes Alliance meeting will be held January 30, 2006 at the Norway Town Hall. The SE Lakes Conference will be held February 18, 2006. Because K. Aron was involved in the planning for the conference, the Wind Lake Management District is listed as a conference sponsor. WE Energies will be conducting power line work through the Muskego Dam rd property. J. Marks suggested that photos be taken prior to the work to ensure restoration is conducted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A resident asked about dredging plans. He indicated that the passage between Wood Island and the mainland was almost impassable. The lake was down 1 to 1-1/2 feet because of the drought. Dredging plans are included in the management plan update being done by SEWRPC.

OLD BUSINESS

Atty Chris Jaekels was present to discuss the legal summary prepared by K. Aron. He indicated that it provided a good background on what took place. C. Jaekels presented his background and method of approaching projects such as this. He also discussed the issue of jurisdiction and likelihood of success. J. Bellante moved to hire C. Jaekels to make preliminary investigations and issue a report on issues related to this case, not to exceed \$1,000 (\$200 per hour). Motion seconded by C. Kintop, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Marks raised the question of stormceptors for the Wind Lake Boat Launch to filter runoff. C. Kintop has more information for other companies that make similar products. The issue will be added to next months agenda.

A resident asked about private dredging. Anyone can seek a dredging permit on their own, but often cost prevents projects from moving forward.

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for March 23, 2006.

**Minutes**  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
February 23, 2006

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: J. Marks, P. Traskowski, C. Kintop J. Bellante  
ALSO PRESENT: Kathy Aron. and 1 citizen.

P. Traskowski moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Bellante, motion carried. R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. C. Kintop moved to accept the treasurers report, second by P. Traskowski, motion carried.

**INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Racine County Lakes Alliance meeting on January 30, 2006 was discussed. The primary topic of the meeting involved the use of phosphorus-free fertilizer and community steps to ban the use of the fertilizer. The SE Lakes Conference was held February 18, 2006. J. Marks, R. Mohr and K Aron attended the conference. Sessions included discussions on Groundwater problems in SE Wisconsin, aquifer replenishment, land use, dredging, aquatic plant management, Big Muskego project, and others.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Atty Chris Jaekles was not present because he has not yet finished making contacts with the appropriate people. He provided a summary of issues to date and will plan to attend the next meeting.

There was no discussion about the lake plan. The draft has not been received from SEWRPC as of the meeting.

The harvesting contract has been received. A 25% deposit must accompany the signed contract. The board felt the contract was a good "insurance policy" so that the district can manage nuisance conditions if they exist. R. Mohr moved to approve the contract, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Traskowski, motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The board discussed StormCeptors and similar catch basins. Possible locations include the boat launch, and the 26000 block of W Loomis Rd. C. Kintop has been discussing the uses with suppliers. Information gathering will continue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for April 27, 2006.

**Minutes**  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
March 23, 2006

J. Marks moved to go into closed session per 19.85(1)(g), 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Mohr, J. Marks, aye, R. Mohr, aye, P. Traskowski, aye, J. Bellante, aye. K. Aron, C. Jaeckles, atty, and N. O'Reilly, engineer, were present during the closed session. Motion approved.

R. Mohr moved to return to open session, 2<sup>nd</sup> by P. Traskowski, J. Marks, aye, R. Mohr, aye, P. Traskowski, aye, J. Bellante, aye. Motion carried. The board returned to open session at 8 pm.

Jim Marks called the regular board meeting to order at 8:00 pm.

P. Traskowski moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Bellante, motion carried. R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. J. Bellante moved to accept the treasurers report, second by P. Traskowski, motion carried.

**INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

1/2 ice was off the lake on Feb 5, 2006 and re-froze on February 28, 2006. Complete ice off date was March 14, 2006.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no discussion about the lake plan. The draft has not been received from SEWRPC as of the meeting. The question was asked as to who actually approved the plan, the entire district, or the board. K. Aron will check.

No further information was available regarding the catch basins.

**NEW BUSINESS**

K. Aron will check on the availability of no-phosphorus fertilizer. Wind Lake Ace Hardware will have some available.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for April 27, 2006.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
April 27, 2006

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, P. Traskowski, C. Kintop, K. Aron,

Excused: J. Bellante

Also Present: H. Hopkins-DNR, and 8 representatives from the Norway Dover Drainage District

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

P. Traskowski moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Mohr, motion carried. R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. P. Traskowski moved to accept the treasurers report, second by C. Kintop, motion carried.

#### INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

The newsletter will be going out soon with the chemical treatment notice, goose roundup information, and phosphorus free fertilizer information.

There has been no contact from the Town Lake Patrol supervisor yet. J. Marks asked K. Aron to follow up and let him know when the meeting will be held.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Heidi Hopkins – DNR Water Reg and Zoning, addressed the board about the Wind Lake Dam. Norway Dover Drainage District representatives were present to discuss their concerns about problems they believe are caused by the Dam operation. In 2000, WLMD met with DNR officials to discuss eliminating the winter drawdown on the lake. Fisheries, wildlife, and water resources staff of DNR all strongly supported the elimination of the drawdown. The drawdown had been in place for many years, supposedly to prevent winter shoreline damage. However, the drawdown affected fish spawning, hibernating frogs, turtles, salamanders, etc, and did not seem to be stopping the shore damage. Concerns about lack of water in summer prompted the investigation. After WLMD submitted a permit application to DNR, a “staged” permit was issued. The drawdown was reduced from 2 feet to 1 foot for a period of 2 years. Then an evaluation was to take place to see if shoreline damage increased, decreased, or remained the same. Because problems dropped, in 2003 the winter drawdown was eliminated. Since then, shoreline damage has been almost completely eliminated. Only very a couple of reports of very minor damage has occurred since 2003.

The request from the Drainage District was to consider returning to the winter drawdown. They stated that the small window (2 inches over and 2 inches under the dam sill) is too small to prevent downstream flooding. They want the lake to be able to provide more storage for storms. The representatives stated they have many years of records of the dam operation and that they can correlate the opening of the dam to the flooding in the canals and fields downstream.

J. Marks pointed out that the time frame that we are discussing is very small, Nov 1 to April 1. The WLMD board was willing to review their data, along with the lake stage date, to see if in fact there is a new problem caused by the lack of a drawdown.

The Drainage District agreed to provide the data.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no discussion about the lake plan. The draft has not been received from SEWRPC as of the meeting. The question was asked as to who actually approved the plan, the entire district, or the board. K. Aron will check.

No further information was available regarding the catch basins. DNR is developing standards. No permits will be issued until the standards are in place.

Buoys are in, but some are not in the right place.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
May 25, 2006

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, P. Traskowski, C. Kintop, J. Bellante, K. Aron,  
Also Present: 2 citizens

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

J. Bellante moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Mohr, motion carried. R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. P. Traskowski moved to accept the treasurers report, second by C. Kintop, motion carried.

**INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The quarterly County Lake meeting will be held July 31, at the Norway Town Hall. J. Marks asked that the Minnesota phosphorus law be brought to the meeting for review. He also asked that a notice about the phosphorus-free fertilizer be included on the agenda for the June meeting.

The Town Lake Patrol office met with J. Marks, K. Aron, and B. Konowalski (Waubeesee) to discuss the 2006 boating season. The patrol will emphasize safety. The state law about launching with weeds on boat trailers was discussed. They will make the patrol aware of the law.

The canal shoreline project is moving forward. Approx 6 landowners have submitted permit applications to DNR and Racine County. Once permits are issued, WLMD will issue a grant for the work.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no discussion about the lake plan. The draft has not been received from SEWRPC as of the meeting.

There is no change in the status of the catch basins. DNR is developing standards. No permits will be issued until the standards are in place.

**NEW BUSINESS**

J. Marks discussed purchasing a newer, smaller GPS unit for the town patrol. R. Mohr moved to spend approx \$175 on the unit to give to the patrol, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Bellante, motion carried.

The current budget was reviewed as part of the upcoming annual meeting discussion. Costs continue to rise, and income has remained constant since 1993. The board discussed the budget items, including weed treatment, and changing the amount charged per landowner. K. Aron will bring more information to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for July 27, 2006.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
June 22, 2006

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, P. Traskowski, J. Bellante, K. Aron,  
Absent: C. Kintop  
Also Present: 8 citizens

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

J. Bellante moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Mohr, motion carried. R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. J. Bellante moved to accept the treasurers report, second by J. Marks, motion carried.

#### INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

The quarterly County Lake meeting will be held July 31, at the Norway Town Hall.

J. Marks will check with Sportsmans to be sure everything is straightened out for harvesting. The harvester will be contacted to send the invoice for harvesting so it can be paid in 06 budget year.

No word yet on Big Muskego grant.

No contact yet from Drainage District on the dam and lake level.

No word on ownership/responsibility for dam wing walls.

Lake Patrol report for May was reviewed. Some buoys are still missing or are in the wrong place.

The boat launch was discussed, including the odor from the dumpster.

The smaller GPS unit has been purchased for the town lake patrol.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

A number of residents attended to discuss the weed problem near their piers. They informed the board that there is a thick bed of milfoil just outside their pier that is making access very difficult. The chemical applicator will be contacted to treat the area.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no discussion about the lake plan. The draft has not been received from SEWRPC as of the meeting.

There is no change in the status of the catch basins. DNR is developing standards. No permits will be issued until the standards are in place.

The current budget was reviewed as part of the upcoming annual meeting discussion. Costs continue to rise, and income has remained constant since 1993. The board discussed the budget items, including weed treatment, and changing the amount charged per landowner. Three different options were discussed for annual special charges. The year end budget numbers will be available at the July meeting. Board members will be prepared to finalize the budget recommendations at the July meeting.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The meeting adjourned at 9 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for July 27, 2006.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
July 27, 2006

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, P. Traskowski, K. Aron,  
Absent: J. Bellante  
Also Present: 8 citizens

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

R Mohr moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by C. Kintop, motion carried. R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. P. Traskowski moved to accept the treasurers report, second by C. Kintop, motion carried.

**INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The quarterly County Lake meeting will be held July 31, at the Norway Town Hall.

Big Muskego did not receive the lake protection grant. They may apply for a smaller, planning grant in August.

J. Schweitzer would be willing to discuss using his property for retention basins to protect Wind Lake. No contact yet from Drainage District on the dam and lake level.

No word on ownership/responsibility for dam wing walls.

Lake Patrol report for June was reviewed. Some buoys are still in the wrong place.

Four project agreements have been signed and one more is out for the Muskego canal.

There is a log in the canal, but that is the responsibility of the landowner.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> harvesting has been completed, but the bill has not yet been received.

A shoreline algae treatment is needed, K. Aron will contact the applicator.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A number of residents attended to their shoreline areas. Some feel a harvester is needed on the lake full time. Another thought a donation box should be placed at the boat launch.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no discussion about the lake plan. The draft has not been received from SEWRPC as of the meeting.

There is no change in the status of the catch basins. DNR is developing standards. No permits will be issued until the standards are in place.

The current budget was reviewed as part of the upcoming annual meeting discussion. The year end budget numbers were reviewed. The board will proposed going to the 100-75-50 billing for 2006-2007 year. Other changes were incorporated including increasing the per diem and the Exec Director payments. P.

Traskowski moved to submit the budget as revised to the annual meeting, second by R. Mohr, motion carried. K. Aron will put together info showing costs on different lakes. Other information for the annual meeting to include project descriptions, website lake level printout and info on goose lawn spray.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for August 24, 2006.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
Aug 24, 2006

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, P. Traskowski, J. Bellante, K. Aron,  
Absent: C. Kintop  
Also Present: 3 citizens

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

J. Bellante moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Mohr, motion carried. R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. P. Traskowski moved to accept the treasurers report, second by J. Bellante, motion carried.

**INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The quarterly County Lake meeting will be held Oct 30, at the Norway Town Hall.  
Big Muskego did not receive the lake protection grant. They have applied for a smaller, planning grant.  
The Big Muskego annual meeting is coming up on Monday Aug 28 at Muskego City Hall.  
No contact yet from Drainage District on the dam and lake level.  
No word on ownership/responsibility for dam wing walls.  
Lake Patrol report for July was reviewed.  
Five projects are underway in the canal. The district may need to borrow money to cover costs until the DNR reimbursements are received.  
Chemical treatment will take place early in spring since new studies are showing good results with less chemical on early treatments.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Weeds and problem areas were discussed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The board reviewed a table of recommendations from SEWRPC on the lake plan revisions. K. Aron will contact SEWRPC with the changes needed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Greg Heinrich was present to discuss the 2006 carp removal project. Approx 2600 lbs of carp were removed from the canal and buried in a farm field. The average size carp was 12 lbs and about 24 inches. The numbers of carp removed have been dropping over the years.

A discussion about the length of piers at the Schad's condo site was focused on the lack of water depth because of short piers. At the board direction, K. Aron will send a letter supporting the longer piers to help protect the near shore zone.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for August 24, 2006.

**Minutes**  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
Sept 14, 2006

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, P. Traskowski, J. Bellante, C. Kintop, K. Aron,

Also Present: 4 citizens

Jim Marks called the board meeting to order at 8:50 pm immediately following the Annual Meeting.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. J. Bellante moved to accept the treasurers report, second by JC. Kintop, motion carried.

P. Traskowski moved to retain the current slate of officers on the board, second by C. Kintop, motion carried. The officers are: Jim Marks, Chairman; Richard Mohr, Treasurer; Paul Traskowski Secretary.

**INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Lake Patrol report for August was reviewed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for Oct 26, 2006.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
Oct 26, 2006

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, P. Traskowski, C. Kintop, K. Aron,  
Excused: J. Bellante

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

P. Traskowski moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Mohr, motion carried. R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. P. Traskowski moved to accept the treasurers report, second by C. Kintop, motion carried.

#### INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

The quarterly County Lake meeting will be held Oct 30, at the Norway Town Hall.

Big Muskego did not receive any grants in this latest round of applications. It is unknown what they will do. No contact yet from Drainage District on the dam and lake level.

The new DNR Dam Engineer for Racine County is Tonya Meyer. She has indicated that an inspection of the facility will be done by summer 2007. the dam is a high hazard dam.

Lake Patrol report for July was reviewed.

The grant reimbursement for the canal shoreline project has been received and the loan has been paid off. Hearings are being held by DNR concerning fishing tournaments. J. Marks will keep the board posted on the progress of the rules.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Weeds and problem areas were discussed.

#### OLD BUSINESS

No further word on the lake plan development. WLMD has received a grant extension since it is unlikely that the project will be completed by Dec 31.

Runoff areas were discussed. K. Aron will bring copies of the Stormwater mngt plan for the board to review.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for Nov 30, 2006.

**Minutes**  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
Nov 30, 2006

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, P. Traskowski, C. Kintop, J. Bellante, K. Aron, 1 citizen

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

J. Bellante moved to approve the minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Mohr, motion carried. R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. P. Traskowski moved to accept the treasurers report, second by J. Bellante, motion carried.

**INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The quarterly County Lake meeting was held Oct 30, at the Norway Town Hall. A primary topic of discussion was the phosphorus-free fertilizer ordinances. The Town of Burlington has passed an ordinance, and the Town of Dover will consider one in December.

The tax roll posting for this year was \$22,501, similar to last years' posting. Approx 27% of the Town property value is within the Wind Lake Management District.

J. Marks has been investigating enforcement of the law preventing the launching of trailers with weeds attached. Only 1 citation was issued state wide. There seems to be little interest in the enforcement locally. Big Muskego did not receive any grants in this latest round of applications. It is unknown what they will do. No contact yet from Drainage District on the dam and lake level. J. Marks spoke with Tonya Meyer, the DNR dam engineer for Racine County. She will conduct a dam inspection in 2007 and will send us the report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The resident expressed his thanks for the boards efforts on the lake There was a short discussion about the level of Town assistance the WLMD receives.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No further word on the lake plan development. WLMD has received a grant extension since it is unlikely that the project will be completed by Dec 31.

The stormwater plan for Wind lake was reviewed. Board Members were given copies to look at prior to the next meeting.

The discussion of Big Muskego and their efforts to design and construct a retention basin took place. Our engineer has been asked to assist Muskego in the planning efforts. However, WLMD needs to protect our interests in case further legal action is necessary. K. Aron will check with Neal O'Reilly about the situation and possible solutions.

**NEW BUSINESS**

J. Marks spoke with a Senior VP of Ducks Unlimited about doing a wetland assessment for Wind Lake. J. Marks moved to have DU conduct an assessment, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Mohr, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for Nov 30, 2006.

Phosphorus free fertilizer is being sold at Wind Lake Ace hardware for \$9.50 a bag. The next County Association meeting will be held July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Norway Town Hall.

#### NEW BUSINESS

J. Marks and R. Mohr attended the Wisconsin Lakes Convention in Green Bay and brought back information on many topics relevant to Wind Lake.

J. Marks attended sessions on:

- Clean Boats Clean Waters – protecting lakes from invasive species

- Lake Leaders – information on managing the district operations

- Town Government in Lake Protection - >70% of the value of most towns are on the lakes

- Blue Green Algae problems – new methods of treating and preventing toxic releases

- Who's Who in Lakes – contact info and jurisdictions for DNR, UWEX, etc.

- Role of Fish Stocking

- Pier Rules – the myriad of proposals, rules, and what the status is

- Jet Ski regulation – can they be regulated by hours

R. Mohr attended sessions on:

- Recreational Use and Carrying Capacity on Lakes – what can the lakes hold and how to manage

- Navigating Wisc Water Law – various levels of permitting for lake-related projects

- Ground Water – problem in Wisconsin and what are the solutions

- Bugs – their value and roles. Bug zappers don't kill mosquitos, they kill the good guys

- Recreational Boating and Buoy Ordinances – what's new in the regulations, and options for local regs

- Wisconsin Conservation Congress – their role is Wisconsin government

K. Aron indicated that no one has asked to take part in the County blanket rip rap permit. The problem is that the DNR permit is taking longer to get. Yet there are some canal property owners trying to get their permits through the system. R. Mohr moved to reimburse Wind Lake property owners for their County rip rap permit for this year, second by P. Traskowski, motion carried.

P. Traskowski moved to approve the chemical treatment contract for 2006, second by R. Mohr, motion carried.

K. Aron will submit a request to the Town to ask to use the transfer site for the weed harvesting program.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for May 25, 2006.