

Wind Lake Management District
ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING
Minutes

Tuesday September 7, 2021 at 6:30pm

Norway Town Hall

Board members present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, Racine County Representative Joe Bellante, Norway Town Representative Ralph Schopp, Commissioner Bruce Rosenquist, and Commissioner Jim Marks. Forty three citizens attended.

Call Meeting to Order - Pledge of Allegiance at 6:39pm

Introductions

Chairman Bluemel introduced the Board members.

Approve Minutes from 2020 Annual Meeting

Motion from the floor to accept minutes as presented, seconded from the floor. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Annual Meeting Project Update - A review of 2021 and present plans for 2022

Bluemel presented the highlights of 2021, including the purchase of the harvester, harvesting operations, challenges of dealing with the low lake levels. The harvesting totals included 202 hours, 59 cutter loads, 23,000 cubic feet of weeds removed.

Bellante presented information on chemical treatments, including both regular treatments and Starry Stone Wart. He reviewed the areas treated (map in the newsletter) and the level of success in each area.

Bluemel provided information on the sale of the western portion of the lake lot.

Bluemel explained that the District is required to update the Aquatic Plant Management Plan every 5 years. The District will request bids from companies next year for a 2023 to 2027 plan. The District will also apply for a grant to cover a portion of the expense.

Billing Adjustments Update

Sauld explained the process of property audit and the findings. He explained the purpose of the proposed resolution and why it is fairer to all District properties to bill each taxable property.

Budget Hearing and Approval - Resolution 1-2021

Sauld presented the budget presented in the newsletter. He explained the previous budget and the proposed budget for 2022, line by line. He recognized Jerry Kotarek for keeping our trucking fees very reasonable. Casanova's was also recognized for providing shrink wrap of the harvester at no charge.

Bluemel then read the following resolution into the record:

Resolution 1- 2021

Whereas the Board of Commissioners proposed the enclosed budget for WLMD for the year Jan 1 2022 through Dec 31 2022:

And whereas notice of Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting was provided to residents and Landowners:

And whereas the Board has proposed the annual charge be set; \$220 lakefront, \$130 canal and \$90 off lake properties:

And whereas the Board has recommended that all taxable properties in the District be charged according to those categories, including situations where one owner has multiple properties:

And whereas the Board recommends the projects presented herein:

And whereas the 1997 annual meeting gave the Board authority for short term borrowing only to cover grant reimbursements not yet received:

And whereas the 2010 Annual Meeting approved the levy of irrepealably taxes to repay state loans:

Be it further resolved that the projects included in the budget, as may be amended by this annual meeting are hereby approved:

Be it further resolved, that the 2022 Proposed Budget is hereby approved:

Be it further resolved that the 2022 Annual Meeting can be scheduled after September 8th:

Be it further resolved that the annual WLMD charges will be placed on the 2021 tax bill with no penalties:

Be it further resolved that the WLMD Board is authorized to apply for available grants:

Be it further resolved that the authorization for short term borrowing to cover grant reimbursements not yet received is continued through this budget year:

Motion made from the floor to accept the resolution as presented, second from the floor.

Public Comments:

Citizen had a question on the goose roundup. Marks explained that it is a federal program and there are requirements. Citizen also questioned the audit process and why it has been delayed.

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Citizen commented in favor of the goose roundup and spoke in favor of price increase of lake dues if needed.

Citizen had a question on the budget and wanted to make sure there was enough for harvesting. Sauld explained the changes, specifically for harvesting operations. He also questioned the Plant Management Plan and if it will be going out for bids.

Citizen questioned the budget and where the sale of the property is shown on the budget. It was explained that the sale of the property is still in progress.

Citizen had a question on the budget and the sharing of costs to haul away weeds.

Citizen requested more information on the revenue side of the budget. Sauld explained that the majority of revenue is from lake dues.

With no further public comments, Bluemel called for a voice vote on the resolution.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Election of Commissioner – Current board member Ron Mayer's term is up for re-election. Mayer accepted nomination as a current Board member. Bluemel opened it to the floor for nominations three times. With no floor nominations offered, Mayer was re-elected for another 3 years.

Discuss/Set Date and Location for 2022 Annual Meeting

Bluemel mentioned that the Board will look at options for the 2022 Annual Meeting.

New Business

Bluemel opened it to the floor for new business items.

Citizen requested better marking the buoys. Bluemel explained that the DNR has strict regulations for adding buoys and Marks explained that the Town places the buoys. The Board agrees it is an issue and will address this issue.

Citizen commended the board for their work, which was followed by applause.

Any Other Business That May Properly Come Before This Board

None presented.

Adjourn

Motion from the floor to adjourn, seconded from the floor. Motion passed on a voice vote.
Annual Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Board of Commissioners meeting was held immediately following the Annual Meeting

Mike Bluemel was re-elected Chairman.

Ron Mayer was re-elected Secretary.

Jeremy Sauld was re-elected Treasurer.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2021 at 7pm, at Norway Town Hall.

Not Approved