

**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Norway Town Hall

**Monday August 23, 2021
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Jim Marks, Bruce Rosenquist, and HPM John Landry. Five citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for July 26th Meeting

Motion made by Sauld to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided written and verbal report on expenses. He also mentioned that the harvester grant check was just deposited but not included in this report. Motion made by Marks to accept report as presented, seconded by Rosenquist. Motion passed 6-0.

Sauld also mentioned that he is still in contact with the accountant regarding the audits. There was brief discussion on possibly changing accountants if things don't improve.

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided information on new species of Lilly pads and mussels in the State. He also mentioned that hunting season is starting in September.

Sauld spoke on his conversation with a property owner about the lake level on Little Muskego. Muskego has received more rain than Wind Lake.

Harvesting Program Report

Landry provided information on harvesting operations. Year to date there has been a total of 148 personnel hours, 52 cutter loads, and 23400 cubic feet of lake weeds removed. He also spoke on the problem with the middle conveyor that happened today. Inland was out and it was repaired within a couple hours. He will complete additional maintenance this off season that should help alleviate some issues. Inland has been very responsive whenever we called. The plan is to cut until September 1st and then pull the harvester out for maintenance/winterizing.

Lake Police Report

Schopp contacted the person in charge of the lake police but has not any response back.

Public Comment

Citizen commented on the lack of information in the minutes and another mentioned that the minutes were a disgrace. Mayer stated that 3 plus pages of typed minutes for each meeting is more than adequate and the process is not going to change.

Citizen also questioned the opinion of the Board regarding the goose roundup. Bluemel explained that we may need a goose roundup next year based on the increasing numbers, and that the number of non-migrating geese is cyclical.

Citizen had a question on the map in the Newsletter. Bellante explained the markings on the map and the process for treatments.

Citizen commented negatively on the possible sale of the land.

Citizen had a question on the GPS on the harvester.

Old Business

Update on Chemical Treatments

Bellante provided update on the latest SSW treatment around Wood Island, the dog leg on the east end, and Breezy Bay. The results varied from location to location. He also mentioned that the regular chemical treatment in spring covered 28 acres. Bellante also mentioned recent DNR discussions on possible changes to future statewide chemical treatments.

Update on SSW Grant and Harvester Grant Reimbursement

Bluemel stated that the harvester grant check arrived but the SSW grant is still being worked on and will be completed soon. The SSW grant reimbursement will be approximately \$25,500.

Discussion and Possible Action on MOU for Transfer Site Agreement

There was brief discussion on the MOU that was approved by the Town. The consensus was that there should be a MOU for Waubeesee with similar language. Item was tabled to October meeting.

Finalize Plans for Annual Meeting

Discussion on sign-in, ballots needed, set up at 5pm. Harvester viewing will begin at 5:30, followed by ceremony and picture at 6pm.

Sauld will print address list. Mayer will provide sign-in sheets. Bluemel will provide paper and pencils for ballots. Volunteers needed for sign-in tables.

New Business

Marks mentioned the annual Lakes seminar in April at Stevens Point.

Public Comments

Citizen had question on Sandy Point Ranch lots.

Citizen had question on annual meeting sign-in process last year.

Citizen commented in favor of sale of property.

Closed Session: Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e), the Board may vote to go into closed session to receive/discuss a potential offer to purchase the western portion of District lake lot (26220 S. Wind Lake Road).

Bluemel read the closed session statement into record and entertained a motion from the Board. Motion made by Marks to go into closed session for the purpose stated, second by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion made by Sauld to go back into open session, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Open Session at 9:06 pm

Discussion and Possible Action on Offer to Purchase Portion of District Lot

Bluemel verbally presented the Offer to Purchase from Todd Flunker for western portion of District lot for \$86,000, with contingency of a WLMD lawyer review by August 31st. Rosenquist made motion to accept offer as presented after reviewed by WMLD attorney, seconded by Marks.

There was discussion on the advantage of having an attorney review and that the District has used a firm in Burlington previously.

Prior to vote, Bluemel opened the floor to Public Comments.

Flunker described his offer to the citizens present. Buyer will cover costs of survey and required permits.

Citizen questioned appraisal numbers and the value of the remaining lot.

Bluemel noted that buyer is also responsible for the well (restore or abandon) on the property and Flunker agreed.

Citizen thanked for Flunker for the offer and the benefit to the district.

Sauld mentioned that the sale helps protect the harvesting program for the District.

Bellante mentioned that while the value may increase faster than the assets gained, it is the best lot for the use of the harvesting program.

After Public Comments, Bluemel call for a roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Rosenquist, Yes; Marks, Yes; Sauld, Yes; Bellante, Yes; Mayer, Yes; Schopp. Yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

None presented.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:25

NOT APPROVED