

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, August 22, 2023
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Jim Marks, and Jeremy Sauld. Excused: Secretary Mike Bluemel. HPM Pat Fitzgerald was present along with two other citizens.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for July 25th Meeting

-A brief discussion on the minutes. Flunker noted that a correction is needed under "Discussion and Possible Action on 2024 Resolution". Flunker motioned to correct \$166,700.00 to reflect \$166,680.00 and \$181,775.00 to \$181,755.00, Seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

-Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of July 25th to August 21st. Motion by Bellante to accept the report as presented, seconded by Schopp. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

-A citizen commented that shortly after last month's meeting, they found a dead swan on the shoreline of their property. The homeowner contacted the DNR and was told they could dispose of it and that the DNR would not need to come to assess as it was only one swan. The homeowner also noted that they observed a fishing lure that they believe may have injured the bird's stomach.

-A citizen inquired regarding the lake level and asked at what point the dam is opened. Marks noted that the dam is opened when the water level is 2" above the spillway.

Information and Correspondence

-Marks noted that the DNR budget for this year is 1.22 billion. Marks would like to see the WLMD pursue additional grants. Sauld asked Marks to obtain a list of possible grants and bring it to the next monthly meeting.

- Marks noted that it is estimated that 50% of Wisconsin water contains PFA contamination. PFA contamination is a concern regarding drinking water. Additional information was provided on PFA contamination.
- Marks noted there was recently an accident near the Wind Lake boat launch that involved a pontoon boat and a fishing boat. One person was thrown into the water, but no injuries were reported.
- Marks noted he believes there is money proposed in the DNR budget for dredging projects. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Sauld asked Marks to look into the criteria required to pursue/qualify for DNR money for dredging projects and report at the next meeting.
- Marks noted there is a Phragmites infestation in the spawning grounds near Sandy Point and East Wind Lake Rd. Additional info on Phragmites and how they affect fish spawning areas provided.

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

- Schopp noted that there are no new updates at this time.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

- Mayer noted that he spoke to the owner of Onterra. They have our information but are overwhelmed at the moment. Mayer noted that Onterra hopes to have a proposal for us after the first of the year.
- Mayer noted that he spoke to Solitude as they have a company/division that does alum treatments. Solitude is going to work on providing a ballpark cost regarding a future alum treatment based on the previous alum treatment numbers.

Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

- Mayer noted there are no new updates at this time.

Update on Chemical Treatments and APMP

- Bellante noted that he spoke to the contractor today. The aquatic plant survey is approximately 90% complete but will not be done until the end of the year. There are a few areas the contractor cannot access at this time due to the low water level. Per the contractor, there is very little evidence of Starry Stonewort near Breezy Bay and the Dog Leg along the east shoreline. However, near Wood Island, Starry Stonewort is again near the top of the water. At this time, the contractor does not recommend additional chemical treatments in the area near Wood Island as the water level is continuing to come down. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

-Bellante then complimented the weed-cutting crew's work this summer noting that he is proud of how good the lake looks. Bellante notes that he believes many areas that were unusable/navigable due to weed growth in past years look great this year.

Update on Buoy Locations

-Marks noted that the Police Chief called him back, and they discussed the Wind Lake buoy locations. Marks noted that during their conversation, the question of whether or not the current coordinates in the town ordinance are correct or not. A short conversation amongst the board followed. No consensus reached at this time. No action taken at this time.

Update on Harvesting Operations

-HPM Patrick Fitzgerald provided a verbal update on harvesting operations through weekending 8/9/23. 2023 labor hours thus far break down as follows: 333 total labor hours (214.5 hours cutting, 59 hours boat maintenance, 30.5 property maintenance, and 29 hours training). 56.5 barge loads of weeds have been removed, which is approximately 25,424 cubic feet of weeds. Additionally, Patrick noted that the weed-cutting hotline has been working well and requests that homeowners continue to call with requests.

-Plan to remove/winterize the harvester in the middle of September.

New Business

Review of Annual Meeting Process/Assignments

-Mayer noted that the meeting room reserved for the annual meeting has been booked until 6 pm for a blood draw the same day as the annual meeting and asked that board members show up a little early to help set up chairs.

-Mayer requested volunteers to assist with meeting sign-in.

Adjourn

Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 7:56 pm, second by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0.

Note: The annual meeting will be held at Norway Town Hall on September 7th, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held on Tuesday, September 26th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting dates are subject to change. Consult **WLMD.org** for the latest information.