

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

Norway Town Hall – Lower Level

**Tuesday February 22, 2022
7:00 pm**

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

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

With Chairman Bluemel attending remotely, Mayer chaired the meeting.

Approve Minutes for January 25th Meeting

Motion made by Marks to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Sauld.
Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided written and verbal reports for the previous period. Motion made by Bellante to accept the report as presented, seconded by Schopp.
Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

One citizen questioned why Mayer was running the meeting. There was brief discussion on procedure for when the Chairperson is not available.

Another citizen made a suggestion for a tree vendor if needed for District lot.

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned that DNR may be getting additional funds for grants.

Sauld also contacted the accountant again on remaining audits but received no response.

Old Business

Update on Sale of Western Portion of District Lot

Mayer stated that the approval process is proceeding through the County for the lot line adjustment and variance. The WLMD Attorney still needs to review the easement language but the closing could happen soon.

Discussion and Possible Action on Wisconsin Lakes Conference

There was discussion on the Conference and associated costs. Marks is considering attending in-person and stated that costs for travel, hotel, and conference fees could total \$600. Mayer mentioned that he might attend virtually which is \$50 per day. Sauld made a motion that up to two Board members could attend, with expenses to not exceed \$600 each, seconded by Rosenquist. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Non-Cashed Checks from Refund

Sauld provided information on 3 checks totaling \$660 from the 2020 refund that were not cashed in over a year. After a brief discussion, Schopp made a motion to reclaim the funds, seconded by Rosenquist. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on HPM Job Description

Mayer presented proposed change to the HPM job description to allow for salary increases. After brief discussion, Sauld made a motion to approve the HPM job description as amended, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Renewal of Employment Agency

Sauld contacted On-Site and they offered to maintain services at the same price. Motion made by Schopp to renew with On-Site Services, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Renewal of Trucking Contract

Mayer presented the bid from Kotarek Trucking which was for the same rate as last year. Sauld made a motion to renew the contract with Kotarek, seconded by Bellante. There was follow-up discussion to allow for additional compensation if fuel prices spike. Sauld amended his motion to still renew the contract with Kotarek but to also allow the Board to provide additional compensation if diesel fuel goes above \$5 per gallon, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Setting Dates for Roadside Pickup

There was brief discussion on pickup dates, including the Monday before and after the holiday weekends of July 4th and Labor Day. Suggestion made by Sauld to add August 15th, the Monday before the fireworks weekend. Mayer will set dates and place article on website and in the spring newsletter.

Discussion and Possible Action on Chemical Treatment Permit

Bellante provided information on the proposed chemical treatments and permit process. There was also a brief discussion on DNR meeting today regarding chemical and mechanical treatments. After review of the proposal, Schopp made a motion to approve the contract with Marine Biochem for annual permit process, regular chemical treatments, and SSW treatments for a total not to exceed \$15,000, with any additional funds requiring further Board Approval, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Salary Increase for Operator MS

Mayer presented the case to increase hourly rate for Operator MS in order to retain his services. There was discussion on the benefit of experienced Operators and how all salaries have changed in the past year. Sauld made a motion to increase the hourly rate for MS to \$20, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Recruitment of New Operators

There was discussion on recruitment process, with the consensus to advertise on our website and in the spring newsletter. HPM Landry will interview candidates and submit his selections at the May meeting for Board approval. Bluemel was also contacted by a local person that is interested and could be a good fit.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Bellante provided information on the process of surveying the lake for a 5 year plan and a RFP from Fox Wolf Water Shed Alliance as a point of reference.

There was also brief discussion on the grant process and possibility of applying for an extension. Board consensus was to look into extension process.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2012 hrs