

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
January 23, 2020

Present: M. Bluemel, B. Rosenquist, J. Bellante, R. Mayer, K. Aron and 36 citizens were present. R. Schopp was excused.

J. Bellante called the board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: Pg 2 2nd para Sentence was incomplete, it should read training should include more than just equipment; it should include weed identification, safety, equipment, etc. The 3rd bullet should read \$110,000 instead of \$100,000. R. Mayer motioned to approve the minutes as corrected, second by M. Bluemel, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: R. Mayer gave the treasurers report. Motion by B Rosenquist to approve, second by M. Bluemel, motion carried. There are 2 more alum loan payments remaining. There are no additional alum treatment funds coming from the payments by property owners.

Information and Correspondence:

The herbicide application form will be mailed to DNR tomorrow.

A letter has been sent to ASDA to inform them that we will no longer need their services for roadside weed pickup.

Public Comments: Property owners talked about the problems getting out from Muskego Canal, the weed problems along N Wind Lake Rd and W Loomis Rd near canal, safety concerns, need for the District to own equipment, the need to apply for a grant, who would manage the program, and the difference between how it operates now compared to how it would operate if the District owned the equipment, and who would write the grant.

Old Business:

K. Aron presented the information from our contractor on his availability for 2020. The contractor has indicated that he can accommodate our request for the 5 weeks of harvesting. He has put us on the calendar. The contractor will put together an agreement to ensure that the time is ours, and what changes to the 2020 schedule would mean. It is unlikely that they will be purchasing a 2nd machine, especially if we decide to buy equipment and would no longer contract with them.

The Town has been discussing the Town disposal site. They have agreed to allow us to dispose of weeds for 2 to 3 weeks of harvesting. There are concerns about the capacity of the site. If the site becomes full, the Town is prepared to shut down our use of the site. Disposal is a long term issue that should be addressed, regardless of whether the District purchases or contracts harvesting.

M. Bluemel distributed letters regarding use of Sportsman's approval of the use of their property; the use of the property next door to the boat launch being agreeable to the adjacent landowner. He located an outdoor storage location for \$500, and an indoor storage site that would be \$1800 per year, with only an annual contract, not monthly. The County was not helpful in locating the restrictions regarding the use of the lot. He has identified a repairman who has 50 year's experience and would be happy to run the maintenance on the harvesters. He has looked at the dump but is not sure what it is that he is looking at as to the potential disposal area. He recommends applying for the grant now before Feb 1 so that we will know exactly what the costs will be. There are concerns that all the inland lake funding will be cut and that it will all go the Lake Michigan shorelines. It takes 3 to 4 months to finalize any grant. The district would have final budget numbers by the annual meeting, rather than having other informational meetings.

Concerns from the audience and the board were expressed about the lack of a final budget, how the charges would be appropriated and how the program would remain within the budget. Some believe the budget should be finalized before applying for a grant.

M. Bluemel made a motion to apply for a Recreational Boating Facilities Grant from DNR, second by B. Rosenquist. After further discussion, motion carried. M. Bluemel read the grant resolution authorizing the board's application and designating that M. Bluemel is to apply for the grant on behalf of the board; and the chairman is authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the board. Motion by M. Bluemel to approve the resolution, second by B. Rosenquist, motion carried. M. Bluemel will submit the grant application to DNR before Feb 1, and will provide copies of all paperwork to K. Aron.

New Business:

The District has received a request to consider annexing a small parcel of land along the existing District boundary along Johnson Ct. The property owner owns both parcels and wants to combine his two parcels. Because they are each in different tax districts, he has been told he cannot combine them. One solution is to attach the parcel into the WLMD and then they could be combined. There is no affect on WLMD and will not change anything for the District. Motion by M. Bluemel, second by R. Mayer to approve the attachment if the landowner decides to pursue that option. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next meeting was changed to February 20, 2019 because of board member scheduling conflicts.