

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday January 24, 2023
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Mike Bluemel County Rep Joe Bellante, Jeremy Sauld, and Jim Marks. Town Rep Ralph Schopp was excused. Harvester Operator Pat Fitzgerald and five other citizens attended.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for December 6th Meeting

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

Treasurers Report

Flunker first provided written and verbal reports for the fiscal year ending 12/31/22. Income for FY 2022 totaled \$140,630.00 and expenses for FY 2022 totaled \$68,057.70, resulting in FY 2022 ending with a \$72,572.30 surplus of income over expenses. The district ended FY 2022 \$82,702.00 under budgeted expenses. Flunker then presented written and verbal reports for the fiscal period 1/1/23 to 1/23/23. Motion made by Sauld to accept the financial reports as presented, seconded by Bellante.
Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

Citizen commented that if a Facebook page is created it should be kept public and not require users to have their own Facebook login to view it. The same citizen commented that they would like to see the previous board member who was recently not reelected continue attending monthly meetings.

Citizen commented that they are new to the area but that they feel the weeds in the area near their property were bad last year. The citizen requested more information on weed harvesting in the area in front of their property. Weed harvester operator Pat Fitzgerald addressed the citizen's concern stating that he is familiar with the area referenced and that the problem is that the lake is too shallow for the harvester to cut the weeds in that area. The same citizen then inquired about rumors regarding the dam on Wind Lake being opened during the summer to lower the water level. Mayer addressed the citizen's concerns noting that Racine County operates the dam. The issue the last few summers has been the lack of rain combined with water evaporating

from the lake resulting in lower lake levels. Mayer encouraged citizens who are hearing rumors that the dam is open to drive by the dam and see for themselves that it is not open when water levels are down.

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned that a citizen had contacted him regarding not receiving a yearly WLMD charge on his property tax bill after combining three lots together. Flunker noted that he would investigate.

Marks mentioned that PFA contamination is again making headlines in the state. The DNR is doing a 3-year study which includes random testing of some private wells. Marks noted that testing a well costs approximately \$600.

Marks mentioned that Adam Payne has accepted the position of Secretary with Wisconsin DNR.

Marks mentioned that ice fishermen are reporting above-average weed growth. Marks noted that this could change dramatically in the next three weeks depending upon ice out.

Marks mentioned that Delavan Lake Systems hired a Grant Writer/Operations Manager to write grants at a salary of \$83,000/year.

At this time, Marks requested a tax-exempt form for lodging to attend a spring convention.

Mayer confirmed that he signed the annual agreement for USGS Monitoring. The cost to WLMD is \$12,000/year.

Mayer confirmed that he has received the paperwork documenting WLMD's 1-year extension of the Aquatic Plant Management Plan. A copy of the plan will need to be kept on the harvester while it is operating in 2023.

Mayer confirmed that he renewed the contract with Marine BioChemist for the chemical treatment permit process. The cost is approximately \$1,600.00

Bluemel mentioned that a citizen had reached out to him questioning whether their property is located within the lake district boundaries. Bluemel directed the citizen where to find the map showing the WLMD boundaries and has not received any additional correspondence.

Old Business

Update on Aquatic Plant Management Plan

Mayer noted the contract with Marine Biochemists has been signed and Marine Biochemists is moving forward with creating the next 5-year plan.

Discussion and Possible Action on the NSD Lift Station #5 Project

Mayer presented on behalf of Schopp noting that there is no new information available at this time.

Discussion and Possible Action on District Mail Slot at Town Hall

Mayer noted that he went to the last Norway Town Meeting to request a mail slot at the Town of Norway. The town has approved the request. The current PO Box will expire in the next two to three months. Going forward

New mailing address:

Norway Town Hall

Attn: Wind Lake Management District

6419 Heg Park Rd

Wind Lake, WI 53185

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Removal of Transfer Site Weeds

Mayer noted that he spoke to Scott at the town and some of the old, decomposed weeds need to be hauled out of the town dump site soon. Mayer mentioned that he would like to try to have the weeds hauled out in the next month or so. The board acknowledged that further discussion will be required to determine how to split the cost of removing decomposed weeds between WLMD and Waubesa. At this time, Bluemel made a motion to authorize spending up to \$3,000.00 for the removal of old decomposed weeds from the town dump site. Motion seconded by Flunker. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

Mayer noted the Waterford Waterway Management District obtained bids last year for contract writing options and selected Hey & Associates to write grant requests. Sauld inquired regarding what grants are available. Marks noted that there is a website that lists available surface water grants. Marks also clarified that if the cost to WLMD would exceed \$10,000.00 it would require being sent out for multiple bids. Discussion continued, Bluemel mentioned that a possible project that could qualify for a future grant could include a future alum treatment. Marks noted the last alum treatment was performed approximately 12 years ago. Mayer offered to contact Hey & Associates to see if a representative come to a monthly WLMD meeting to talk about grant writing options.

Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

Mayer mentioned he would like to explore long-term planning extending up to 10 years. Board discussion ensued and possible projects that were mentioned included a future alum treatment, dredging, storm sceptor, improving buoy location, and possibly adding additional buoys. At this time, the topic was tabled till next month's meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action on Monitoring Phosphorous

Mayer mentioned that USGS currently tracks phosphorous levels in Wind Lake on a yearly basis. The preference would be to increase the frequency of tracking.

Discussion on Addition of WLMD Facebook Site.

Mayer noted that he sees some advantages to having a Facebook page for the lake district but he acknowledged that it may be tough to get someone to manage it and keep it updated in addition to the district's current website. Discussion tabled at this time.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Adjourn

Motion by Bellante to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sauld, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm

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