

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023
7:00 pm**

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

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for June 27th Meeting

A brief discussion on the minutes. A motion was made by Bluemel to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of June 27th to July 24th. Motion by Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

A citizen inquired regarding the cost of the goose round-up, Mayer noted the cost was \$3,500.

A citizen inquired if anything has been discussed regarding dredging and noted that he feels it is getting shallow behind Wood Island. The same citizen then noted he has observed several boats speeding/creating a wake behind Wood Island, which he feels pushes silt into his frontage. The citizen then requested an article be added to the fall newsletter reminding boaters to avoid making a wake in areas that are marked no wake zones.

A citizen commented that many years ago, there was a rule regarding no wake on the lake after 4 pm. Bluemel advised that approximately 20 years ago, that rule had been changed to no wake after sunset but that there is still a rule in place regarding no wake before 9 am.

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided the following information:

- The current lake level is 7.46. Normal is 8.20.
- PFA contamination has been found in Lake Michigan, but no standards have been established yet.

- Rustic Crayfish are disappearing statewide due to a possible fungal disease. Additional information was provided on Rustic Crayfish.
- Swimmer's itch is most likely to occur this time of year. Wind Lake, like many other local lakes, has Faucet Snails, which typically cause swimmers' itch. Additional information was provided on Faucet snails.
- 20 geese were recently observed in his yard. Goose season opens September 1st and hunters can each take 5 geese per day.
- DNR continues to say spraying for Starry Stonewort (SSW) should only be implemented if it becomes a navigational hazard. A short discussion on SSW in Breezy Point was had.
- DNR has record funding, so WLMD needs to put a push on for grant possibilities.
- No major algae blooms this year, other than the first one which never reached the surface.
- Mosquito spraying is recommended to be done along a property's border instead of spraying the entire property. Standing water should be discarded. 10,000 mosquitos can come from one single tire with standing water in it. Putting dishwasher detergent inside a tire is a way to prevent mosquitos. Boat covers also hold water. Mosquito eggs can last up to 7 years and hatch after an influx of moisture. Mosquitos can transmit Zika Virus, West Nile Virus, Asian Tiger, Chikungunya.

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

Schopp noted that the Norway Sanitary District's (NSD) engineer and surveyor are working on getting things set up to proceed with a land lease between the Town and NSD to facilitate the new pump station. Schopp advised the board to follow up with the town regarding WLMD's interest in pursuing a lease with the town regarding the remaining portion of the land. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Mayer to follow up with Tom Kramer regarding WLMD's interest in leasing land from the Town of Norway.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

Mayer noted that he forwarded the Alum treatment information he had to Onterra and is awaiting a response. Mayer also noted that there are potential DNR grants available that could cover up to 75% (capped at \$200,000.00) of the cost of an Alum treatment.

Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

Mayer noted there are not new updates at this time.

Update on Chemical Treatments and APMP

Bellante noted that 3 areas of the lake were chemically treated last Tuesday (7/18) for Starry Stonework. 1.5 acres by wood island, 0.3 acre in Breezy Bay, and 1 acre along the

east shore. A total of 2.8 acres were treated for Starry Stonewort. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Update on Buoy Locations

Marks noted that he left his contact information with the Police Chief's secretary today and is awaiting a callback.

Update on Harvesting Operations

HPM Patrick Fitzgerald provided a verbal update on harvesting operations through weekending 7/22/23. 2023 labor hours thus far break down as follows: 237.5 total labor hours (146 hours cutting, 41.5 hours boat maintenance, 22.5 property maintenance, and 27.5 hours training). 37 loads of weeds have been removed which is approximately 16,650 cubic feet of weeds. Additionally, Patrick is receiving lots of calls to the weed-cutting hotline and has been able to address all requests within a week.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on 2024 Budget

Flunker provided written and verbal reports regarding a proposed budget for FY 2024. A motion by Sauld to approve as presented, second by Schopp. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on 2024 Resolution

Mayer provided board members with a hard copy of a proposed resolution for FY 2024. Mayer noted that the resolution is similar to the resolution approved for FY 2023, but the dates have been updated to reflect FY 2024 and line items have been added for approval to apply for a grant for an Alum Treatment, approval to apply for a grant for the purchase of an additional weed harvester, and approval to purchase a second weed harvester if the grant application is approved. There was a discussion amongst the board regarding the resolution presented as well as the possibility of needing to increase dues to pay for an upcoming Alum Treatment. There was a consensus amongst the board that increasing yearly dues is the best way to pay for the upcoming Alum Treatment. A discussion amongst the board resulted in a consensus that the resolution presented should be amended to reflect increasing lake dues for FY 2024 to on-lake dues of \$280/yr, canal dues of \$160/yr, and off-lake dues of \$100/yr.

Motion by Bluemel to approve the presented resolution with the amendment of increasing lake dues to \$280/yr for on-lake properties, \$160/yr for canal properties, and \$100/yr for off-lake properties. Second by Sauld. Motion passed 6-0.

Following approval of the 2024 resolution, Sauld made a motion to amend the previously approved FY 2024 budget to reflect the increases in lake dues. Revenue

generated by lake dues should be amended to \$166,680.00, and the total estimated income should be amended to \$181,755.00. Second by Schopp. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action to Set Date for Annual Meeting

Discussion amongst the board on the selection of a date for the annual WLMD meeting. Board consensus was reached to schedule WLMD annual meeting at Norway Town Hall on September 7th at 7 pm.

Discussion and Possible Action on Fall Newsletter

Bluemel presented an outline of the fall newsletter and discussed the content to be included in the newsletter.

Adjourn

Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 8:31 pm, second by Bluemel. Motion passed 6-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023 at 7:00pm

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