MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Norway Town Hall

Monday June 28, 2021 7:00 pm

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

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm

Approve Minutes for April 24th Meeting

Motion made by Schopp to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Marks. Motion passed 6-0

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided verbal and written report on expenses. Motion made by Bellante to accept as presented, seconded by Rosenquist. Motion passed 6-0

Information and Correspondence

Marks presented information that the USGS system was down for about three weeks for an investigation after an event at the Muskego Dam. It has since been restored. He also spoke on an outbreak of blue/green algae around Memorial Day weekend but it has since dissipated. He also spoke on the spring chemical treatment and he raised concerns about the August fireworks.

Mayer mentioned that the DNR contracted out removal of the dead trees at the public launch and they have been taken down. Mayer also mentioned that he was contacted by the USDA regarding the goose roundup on June 4th. Without sufficient groups of geese, the District declined the roundup this year..

Bluemel spoke on the new State of Wisconsin Invasive Species Specialist.

Sauld contacted the Accountant and they stated that they are working on '17/'18. He also mentioned that we have a new tax exempt status form/number.

Harvesting Program Report

Landry provided update on operations and harvester training. Harvesting was completed two days last week and this morning. There was discussion on the hauling of disposing of weeds. There were also some suggestions on additional areas to harvest.

Public Comments

Citizens comment on the great job the roadside pickup crew is doing.

Citizen question on how harvesting hours are determined.

Citizen question on previous outstanding issues not addressed.

Citizen had a question on the status of goose roundup.

Old Business

Update on Disposal of Harvested Weeds

Mayer provided update on getting Town Board approval to continue to use the Transfer Site for dumping of harvested weeds. The MOU will address the changes from the current agreement. The WLMD and Waubeesee will share the cost of moving weed piles and hauling composted weeds on annually. Schopp mentioned that the MOU will also include Waubeesee.

Update on Chemical Treatments

Bellante provided update on past treatments and potentially spraying for SSW on Tuesday July 6th. He also mentioned that groups are lobbying against chemical treatments, which would severely limit the ability to manage lakes.

Discussion and Possible Action on SSW Grant, Including Remaining Funds

Bluemel has submitted the grant reimbursement paperwork and is waiting to hear back. He also submitted the harvester grant reimbursement request.

Discussion and Possible Action on Annual Meeting Date/Location

Rosenquist stated that Colonel Heg hall was not available on Sept 8th, so he reserved the hall for Sept 7th. There was a brief discussion on date and time.

Motion made by Sauld, seconded by Schopp to have meeting in the hall on Tuesday Sept 7th at 6pm. Motion passed 6-0.

Report on VSC

Rosenquist presented information on the June 5th event and his plans for 2022. He plans to add a third VSC inspector for next year to increase the availability. Motion made by Sauld to endorse a 2022 event, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0

New Business

Ideas/Articles for Fall Newsletter

Bluemel requested articles for the fall newsletter by the next meeting. Plan is to mail it by the middle of August.

Discussion and Possible Action on MOU for Transfer Site Agreement

MOU was not ready and there was no action taken.

Public Comments

None

Closed Session: Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e), the Board may vote to go into closed session to receive/discuss a potential offer to purchase the western portion of District lake lot (26220 S. Wind Lake Road).

Motion made by Schopp pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e), the Board vote to go into closed session to receive/discuss a potential offer to purchase the western portion of District lake lot (26220 S. Wind Lake Road), seconded by Marks. Motion passed 6-0

Open Session

Discussion and Possible Action on Offer to Purchase Portion of District Lot

Motion made by Sauld to seek an appraisal to get a value on the District lot, spending up to \$800, seconded by Schopp. Motion passed 6-0. Mayer will handle getting appraisal and item is tabled until written appraisal is obtained. Bluemel reminded all members that details discussed in closed session are confidential.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Mayer suggested that we start every meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. After brief discussion, consensus was positive.

Public Comments

None

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm