

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday June 28, 2022
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, County Rep Joe Bellante, Jim Marks, and Bruce Rosenquist. HPM John Landry was also present. No other citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for May 24th Meeting

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

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided written and verbal reports for the previous period. Motion made by Schopp to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante.
Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

None

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned he had contact from a home owner about a buildup of silt and that the bird flu warning had been rescinded. He also provided information previous harvesting totals.

Rosenquist provided an update from the 2022 VSC.

Bluemel provided correspondence from property owners with questions on fish and dredging requests.

Sauld mentioned his contact with homeowners on the canal reference shoreline protection and another that had beavers chewing on her trees. He also went to KCG Accounting to again ask on the status of the audits.

Mayer mentioned that the DNR contracted with Limb Walkers to remove three large trees on the south lot line of the public launch.

Bellante mentioned a recent newspaper article on the disappearance of Walleye in State lakes.

Old Business

Update on Harvesting Program

Landry provided an update, stating that harvesting started on June 20th, getting only 3 loads. Per Craig Helker, weed growth is about a month behind. Fitzgerald has completed his DNR training and will get two more observation shifts before operating independently. Kerns has been out of town and has not started his training yet.

Update on Sale of Western Portion of District Lot

Mayer stated that the Closing will be soon

Update on Extension for Aquatic Plant Mgmt Plan

Bluemel provided update grant and suggested that we formulate a RFP for the APMP. Mayer will work on a draft RFP for the next meeting.

Update on Buoy Locations

Marks said that it is a work in progress. Buoys are misplaced but changing anything will take time.

Update on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

Schopp mentioned that had had contacted State representatives to request their assistance to gain DNR consideration of the public launch location.

Bluemel mentioned that he contacted a lawyer to determine the rights of the WLMD. The NSD cannot use eminent domain because there already in a lift station in service and they can't take land without compensation. The price would have to be negotiated and based on appraisal.

Update on Chemical Treatment

Bellante provided update on the recent chemical treatments. It took multiple trips, but the treatment was completed.

Update on Goose Round Up

Mayer provided update on why the USDA denied our request. The USDA has requirements for respirators and special suits when dealing with geese potentially infected with Avian flu, but the USDA was not prepared or willing to meet those requirement and therefore, denied our request this year.

Update on Annual Meeting Date/Location

Schopp confirmed the Hall is available on September 8th at 7pm.

Update on Proposed DNR Program Changes

DNR has proposed dramatic increases for chemical treatment permits and harvesting permits. There was a brief discussion on how to best address the increase in fees.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Legal Consultation (Lift Station)

(Addressed Previously)

Discussion and Possible Action on PFD Station at Public Launch

Rosenquist mentioned a program that offers PFDs for the public to borrow. The Coast Guard Auxiliary donated 10 PFDs. Rosenquist requested permission to investigate the possibility of the program.

Sauld made a motion to allow Rosenquist to investigate the cost and issues with operating a program, seconded by Schopp. Discussion followed on getting the Town more involved. Motion passed 5-1, with Bellante in the minority.

Discussion and Possible Action on Roadside Weed Pickup Contract

Mayer stated that there was an insurance issue that has since been resolved.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Marks mentioned the option of contracting with a grant writing firm. WWMD is considering the same option and may provide the groundwork.

Sauld mentioned a property owner that had previously requested a fee waiver had now combined lots. That item will be added to the next agenda.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm