

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023
7:00 pm**

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

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for the May 23rd Meeting

A brief discussion on the minutes. Mayer noted a name misspelling to be corrected. Motion made by Schopp to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of May 23rd to June 26th. Flunker also reported that he took the district's 2022 calendar year financial records to the accountant for audit. Motion made by Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bluemel. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided the following comments:

- Chemical spraying for weeds and algae was done prior to the recent holiday, which was a good thing because it did not affect lake recreation.
- The recent vessel inspection resulted in 10 boats passing, 4 refusals, and several that were not worthy of inspection. Only one inspector was available.
- The water level last month was 8.02 and today was 7.76. The last rainfall was 8/10 of an inch.
- The City of Mukwonago, following complaints from citizens about geese on the public beaches, had preliminary discussions regarding the process to control the geese. Town email addresses received 8,000 emails condemning the practice.
- Phragmites are an invasive species that can compromise clean water. Previously, there were grant programs to control this problem. The north end of Breezy Bay has

Phragmites, and possibly pursuing surface water grants to address this invasive species should be considered.

Mayer provided the following comments:

-Three more welcome letters have gone out to new homeowners.

-Mitch from Inland was recently outperforming maintenance on the current weed harvester and mentioned that there are smaller harvesting machines available.

Currently, DNR grants are at 50% for harvester purchases. A brief discussion followed.

Old Business

a) Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

Schopp noted that he met with the Sanitary District. The Sanitary District is working with the Town of Norway to establish a 100-year lease agreement that would give the Sanitary District use of the town-owned land for the new lift station. This would also create an opportunity for WLMD to lease a portion of the land from the town. A brief discussion followed. Mayer noted that if the town vacated the land, 12.5ft would be given to each adjacent owner. If the land is leased, all 25ft would remain intact. Sauld motioned to nominate Ron Mayer as WLMD's representative to participate in talks with the Town of Norway regarding pursuing a 100-year lease of the town land. Seconded by Bellante. There was a brief discussion, Mayer clarified that nothing would be signed without first being reviewed by WLMD's attorney and approved by board vote. Motioned passed 6-0.

b) Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

Mayer noted that the contact he had been working with at Solitude has left the company, so he has since reached out directly to Onterra. Mayer advised Onterra that the WLMD is interested in grant-writing options. Mayer noted that he was told the cost of writing a grant is typically written into the grant and would not cost WLMD anything if the grant was not successful. A brief discussion followed.

c) Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

No updates at this time.

d) Update on Chemical Treatments and APMP

Bellante noted that a chemical treatment was applied on June 6th. There was a short rain delay the morning of the application, but the application was able to be completed. Bellante noted that the contractor has tentatively scheduled the next treatment for Starry Stonewort on July 5th, 6th, and 7th. A brief discussion followed. Given the increased lake recreation around the 4th of July Holiday and Fireworks scheduled for July 8th the board reached a consensus to instead request that the

contractor tentatively schedule the chemical treatment for his next available date of July 17th, 18th, and 19th.

Bellante then noted that per the APMP, a survey of the lake is tentatively scheduled to be conducted again in August.

Pat Fitzgerald (HPM) gave an update on 2023 Weed Harvesting Operations. The district has logged 71hrs cutting, 32.5 hours of maintenance, and 19hrs of training for a total of 122.5 labor hours to date for 2023. Additionally, 19.75 barge loads of weeds have been removed already this year, totaling 8,887.5 cubic ft of weeds. Mayer noted for reference that 10,000 cubic ft of weeds total was harvested in 2022.

e) Update on Buoy Locations

Marks noted that he was unable to attend the recent Police Commission Meeting. He instead plans to request a meeting with the Norway Chief of Police to discuss buoy locations. A brief discussion followed.

f) Discussion and Possible Action on New Operators

Mayer noted that additional operators are needed to help staff the weed harvester. Mayer noted that Riley Fitzgerald had expressed interest in a position operating the weed harvester and is present at tonight's meeting. Board members asked the candidate multiple questions and a brief discussion amongst the board ensued. Bluemel made a motion to hire Riley Fitzgerald at a pay rate of \$20/hr. Flunker seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Mayer noted that he would like to have board approval for a total of three operator positions and establish a more efficient process to hire new staff in the event any of the current staff quits. Bluemel motioned to approve a third operator position at a pay rate of \$20/hr with future operator positions available to be filled by the Chairman after the recommendation of a candidate by the HPM. Seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 6-0.

g) Update on Goose Roundup

Mayer noted that there was a successful goose roundup this year. A brief discussion providing additional details followed.

h) Update on VSC

Marks noted that details of the recent VSC had been previously provided during information and correspondence.

New Business

a) Discussion and Possible Action on Additional Sampling (Pre-Grant)

Nothing new at this time.

Adjourn

Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 7:59pm. Second by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday July 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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