

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, March 28th, 2023
7:00 pm**

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

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for February Meeting

A brief discussion on the minutes. Bellante noted one spelling correction. A motion was made by Todd Flunker to accept the minutes with the spelling correction, seconded by Joe Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the previous period. Motion made by Jeremy Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Joe Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

A citizen inquired why the unapproved minutes from last month's meeting were not yet posted on the WLMD website. Mayer noted it was an oversight.

A citizen asked if there will be a goose roundup this year. Mayer noted that a decision on this is typically made at the May meeting but that he anticipates moving forward with a goose roundup this year.

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned that the federal government will be receiving more money from the Pittman-Robertson act, which is used for projects through the DNR.

Marks mentioned that PFA contamination continues to make headlines on a weekly basis. The latest problem areas that were cited are Marshfield and East Troy.

Marks mentioned that Bird-flu is still a possibility, the feds continue to monitor it. Locally, Mute Swans have nested early this year. Many times, there is conflict between the geese

and Mute Swans, but once the Mute Swan's nesting area is established, the conflict ends. Mute Swans carry bird flu.

Marks mentioned that the annual fireworks show will be on July 8th this year, which will be better for the waterfowl hunting season.

Marks mentioned that the drainage district is trying to expand its boundaries east, and although it does not affect WLMD at this time, it should be monitored going forward.

Marks mentioned that electric motors are a new trend on many local lakes and are starting to be included on larger pontoon and pleasure boats.

Marks notified the board that he will not be able to attend the Lakes Convention this year.

Mayer noted that the previously approved welcome letters have started going out to new homeowners. Additionally, Pat Fitzgerald (HPM) has been given a new cellphone which will be used as the weed harvesting hotline.

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

Ralph noted that he and Ron met with a representative from the Norway Sanitary District to discuss where to place the new lift station. The current possible options include replacing it where it is, moving it onto WLMD property, or putting it on Town property at the existing boat launch. The town currently owns a 24ft wide strip of land at the current boat launch site. Ralph noted that there will be another meeting next month with the DNR and Sanitary District to discuss the options.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

Mayer noted that he had made multiple calls to Hey and Associates requesting information and regarding the possibility of a representative coming to a WLMD meeting to discuss grant writing options with the board. At this point, the contractor has not responded, and Mayer suggested that the board should consider other options.

Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

Mayer suggested that consideration should be given to digitizing the district's old records.

Marks mentioned that consideration should be given to dredging of the finger channels on Wind Lake. Marks stated that he thinks the work could possibly qualify for a surface water grant under "fisheries" as dredging the channels could create spawning grounds for fish.

Bellante noted that WLMD owns property on Muskego Dam Road that was originally acquired with the plan to be used for a project to create a “natural filtration system” for water coming into Wind Lake. Bellante inquired if that project should be revisited. Marks noted that the goal of creating a “natural filtration system” would be to eliminate the need for future alum treatments in Wind Lake. Per Marks, the engineering was already done on this potential project, and it is potentially “shovel-ready”. Marks noted that the district would need to acquire two additional parcels to have all of the land necessary for the project. Mayer requested that the board continue to work on ideas for the district’s 10-year plan.

Update on Removal of Transfer Site Weeds

Nothing has been removed from the site at this time. Unfortunately, it has been too wet to remove anything up to this point. Mayer talked to Scott at the town and notes that at this point there is enough room at the site to proceed with weed harvesting operations. Removal of old weeds will need to be revisited in the fall.

Update on Chemical Treatment Permit and APMP

Bellante noted that the permit has been submitted. There was a discrepancy found with one of the business numbers on the permit, but it should be corrected at this point and moving forward. Bellante then reviewed the map of areas to be treated per the permit. Mayer noted that there is no update on APMP at this time.

Update on Buoy Locations

Marks noted that buoys are typically put out around the last Saturday of April. Marks plans to check the accuracy of buoy locations after they are placed.

Update on New Operators/Advertising

Mayer noted that the employment opportunity for harvesting operators is listed on the WLMD website. Please spread the word that WLMD is looking for two additional weed harvester operators. Candidates must be a minimum of 16 years old with a valid driver's license.

Update on Draft of Spring Newsletter

Mayer noted that the spring newsletter has been printed and mailed.

New Business

Flunker noted that he received a form from the State of WI requesting confirmation that the district boundaries have not changed. Mayer confirmed that Flunker should complete and return the requested form.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Mayer called for any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board. Nothing presented at this time.

Adjourn

At 7:43pm, Schopp motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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