

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
May 23, 2019

Present: R. Schopp, B. Rosenquist , J. Bellante, R. Mayer, K. Aron and 4 citizens. M. Bluemel was excused.

J. Bellante called the board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: R. Schopp motioned to approve the meeting minutes as printed, second by R. Mayer, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: R. Mayer gave the treasurers report. Motion by R. Schopp to approve, second by B. Rosenquist, motion carried.

Information and Correspondence:

Because of the changes to the goose removal program, and the lack of geese located on Wind Lake, there will be no removal this year. A minimum of 35 birds are required to schedule a removal and to date less than a dozen have been seen. There have also been changes to the billing of the programs. It will now be a flat \$2500 to do a removal. There will no searching done by USDA, we need to know where they are and be ready to remove them.

Old Business:

The paperwork has been completed for the AIS grant – surveys and treatments for 2019 and 2020 are included in the extension. Unlike the initial year with the large scale treatment, the extension treatment will focus on the two navigational channels and the boat launches.

The weather has been causing many delays with both treatments and harvesting. As of last weekend, M. Bluemel reported that he did not see a need for harvesting yet. More inspections will be done. Conditions are expected to change quickly if the weather becomes more stable and warmer.

This year, a resident near the mouth of the Breezy Bay channel sent in a notice that he does not want his shoreline treated. Because of the starry stonewort and because this resident has never submitted this before, it presented a serious concern about the chemical treatments. For many years, the DNR position has been that property owners can reject having any treatments done of their shoreline. Only one has had a long-standing request to not treat and that is on West Wind Lake Rd where treatments are almost never needed. K. Aron asked DNR for a decision: where does the public's interest override property owner's rights? Not treating this portion of the Breezy Point channel could mean that SSW will proliferate and spread further and faster. It could also mean that other owners along the channel would have no way to reach the lake if SSW and milfoil choke it off. DNR said that Wind Lake and the channel are the waters of the state. There is no state law or code that allows owners to restrict what is done on the public waters. Treatments will be conducted based on the need present. The two landowners will be notified.

B. Rosenquist gave an update on the Boat Inspection Day, June 8.

The board continued the discussion about changing to a calendar year. K. Aron explained the timeline for the annual meeting paperwork. Because of the importance of the proposed change, she wants to have a final package for board approval at the July meeting. That would allow sufficient time to get to the printer, and have it mailed according to statutory deadlines.

New Business:

None

Public Comments:

One resident commented about the need for consistent meeting dates and said that meeting dates should not be changed unless sufficient time is given. Twenty-four hours is not sufficient. She also indicated that the schedule has been basically the same for 30 years and that board members know what the commitment requires before they run for office.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Next meeting will be June 27, 2019.