

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, May 23, 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 was present along with seven other citizens.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for April 25th Meeting

-Brief discussion on the minutes. Motion made by Flunker to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

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

Public Comments

-Citizen inquired if there has been consideration given to utilizing Teams or Zoom during WLMD meetings. Mayer noted that it has not been discussed. Flunker noted that there are specific rules regarding the format of this type of meeting.

-Citizen inquired if weed chemical treatments had been done yet this year. Mayer noted that treatments had not been done yet this year. The citizen then mentioned that weeds seem really bad already this year. Mayer noted that weeds appear to be ahead of schedule this year. The citizen described the weeds she is seeing in large volumes in her area which appears to be algae. Bellante noted that he spoke with the contractor who performs the chemical treatments on Wind Lake and was informed that Curly Leaf Pond Weed has already exploded in Oconomowoc and Eagle Lakes, and he expects a similar issue in Wind Lake. The discussion on weeds continued.

-Mayer inquired if anyone had come to the meeting to discuss the geese. One citizen commented that she currently has 4 separate families of geese hanging out on her property.

Information and Correspondence

-Marks discussed PFA contamination noting that 1.25 billion dollars has been appropriated to address the issue. Marks provided additional information on the grant process and why PFAs are an issue.

-Marks discussed lake levels noting Big Muskego is currently at 11.55" and 11.52" is the height of dam. Wind Lake is receiving .03" of water per day from Big Muskego. Wind Lake is currently at 8.20" and the dam is closed. More rain will be needed to keep the lake levels up. Marks then discussed drought cycles noting they are typically 8 years in length and we are currently coming out of a drought cycle so we should not have a water shortage issue for another 8 years. The last major flood occurred in 2008 and large floods are on typically on a 20 year pattern.

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

-Schopp noted that there is no new news to report at this time.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

- Mayer noted that he has not received a proposal yet from Hey & Associates. He is still in communication with Solitude and Onterra in hopes of getting numbers from them.

Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

-Nothing to report currently.

Update on Chemical Treatment and APMP

- Bellante noted that a survey of the lake will be performed in the next few days to determine trouble spots and develop a plan for upcoming chemical treatments.

Update on Buoy Locations

-Marks noted that buoys were put in the week prior to the opening of fishing season but still seem to be not in the appropriate location.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on New Operators

-Mayer noted that Stephen Kearns submitted the only application for a position on the weed harvesting crew this summer. Steven was present at the meeting and briefly introduced himself and answered questions from the board. A brief discussion amongst board members with regards to Steven's application followed. Sauld motioned to hire Steven Kearns through Onsite Staffing at a payrate of \$20/hr. Motion seconded by Flunker. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Geese Roundup

-Mayer noted that he has received notification from the Department of Agriculture that they are currently planning to offer the roundup service this year. The cost to do the goose round-up is \$3,500 and requires a minimum of 40 birds. The roundup cost does not change based on additional birds but there is an option to donate the birds to a foodbank which would require additional testing at an additional cost (starting at \$500 and increase based on the number of additional birds captured). Bluemel noted that he currently has 13 adult geese and 34 juveniles that are on his property daily. Marks noted that he currently has about 30 geese on his property. Sauld noted that he counted 30 geese on his property today. Bellante noted that he recently counted 36 geese around his property. Flunker noted that he spoke to a property owner on W Loomis that reported approximately 30 geese on their property. Following discussion by the board, Sauld motioned to approve spending \$3,500 for a goose round-up with no additional funding approved for testing/donation of the birds. Bluemel seconded motion. Motion passed 6-0.

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

-Mayer noted that the board is waiting on a price from Onterra so no action can be taken at this time.

Discussion and Possible Action on Deer Stands on Muskego Dam Property

-Mayer noted that he received a call from the DNR regarding a complaint about deer stands on the WLMD property. A discussion amongst the board followed. No action taken.

Reminder on June 10th Vessel Safety Check

-Mayer noted that the annual Vessel Safety Check is coming up on June 10th. Marks noted that he would be there to represent the district. John Landry has also volunteered to assist with the activities that day.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Adjourn

-Motion by Bluemel to adjourn, 2nd by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 7:00 pm

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