

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
January 23, 2014

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, J. Bellante, B. Rosenquist, R. Schopp, K. Aron, Attorney P. Ludwig, and 3 citizens

J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:30pm.

R. Schopp moved to approve the minutes, second by J. Bellante, motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. J. Bellante moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Rosequist, motion carried.

#### INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

The City of Muskego is working on state-wide support to improve laws governing drainage districts.

J. Marks requested a stats report on the website.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

P. Ludwig led the discussion. He attended a meeting on our behalf with J. Anderson, J. Lehman and P. Knuteson. P. Ludwig indicated that signing this Agreement allows the County to take the full burden of liability and insurance with respect to the dam. If there is a claim, the County pays the first \$1,000,000 out of pocket on a claim, then \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000 is covered by the County's umbrella policy. The County then covers anything over \$5,000,000. The Agreement gives WLMD the ability to have a say in the control and operation of the dam. If WLMD doesn't sign the agreement, we would have to sue to enforce anything that we disagree with, and that would get very expensive. P. Ludwig said that while it's not the ideal agreement, it is still way better than no agreement. It makes sense for the County to have the control because they do have the liability. WLMD will at least have some input. Without the agreement, WLMD would be irrelevant in terms of the dam. The biggest benefit is that J. Anderson has been assigned to deal with the dam issues, instead of Corporation Counsel. J. Anderson has always been responsive and reasonable to work with. The Drainage District has approved the agreement and the County will sign it shortly. It was pointed out that A. Jasperson has a similar conflict of interest since he is backup operator to the Rochester Dam; P. Ludwig will let the County know. P. Ludwig recommends that that board approve the agreement.

R. Shopp motioned to approve the agreement, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Bellante. Motion carried with J. Marks and R. Mohr abstaining. P. Ludwig will send the executed agreement and quarterly check to the County.

The board reviewed the plans and dates for harvesting and roadside pickup. The board concurred on the dates. K. Aron reviewed the procedure for when and how chemical treatments are done. Chemical treatments are scheduled based on weather and in-lake conditions. J. Marks requested that NO chemical treatment, even for milfoil, be done in the Breezy Point Bay channel. B. Rosenquist disputed that any treatments had been done in his area. The records show that milfoil was treated, but not native plants. K. Aron will be reviewing the various issues surrounding the treatments with DNR.

The Lake Conference and who attends will be discussed at the Feb meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for February 27, 2014.

**Minutes**  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
Mar 27, 2014

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, J. Bellante, R. Schopp, K. Aron, and 2 citizens

Absent: B. Rosenquist

J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:30pm.

R. Schopp moved to approve the minutes, second by R. Mohr. J. Marks asked to clarify that during the harvesting discussion, he only wants chemical treatment done in the Breezy Bay channel. Motion carried. R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. J. Marks asked about the dam payment for the 1<sup>st</sup> 23 days of the year. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Bellante, motion carried.

**INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The copier was replaced with a much more efficient, smaller, less costly copier rather than paying almost the same amount to repair the old one. K. Aron will try to sell the old one on Craig's List. WLMD received the refund of the tax billing from the Sanitary District that was an error.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS**

The board discussed the contract for Midwest Aquatics. He is asking for more money, but he cashed our check that was approved under the original contract. K. Aron will ask him to either sign and return the original contract and proof of insurance; or return our deposit.

The board discussed the APM program, including chemical treatment, and clarified how the procedures work. K. Aron explained the results of the meeting with DNR. DNR will tour the lake if needed this year to develop a treatment protocol for questionable areas and areas with primarily native plants.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The board discussed whether a meeting was necessary April 10 (moved because of the lakes conference). Because it's only a couple of weeks away, and there is no time-sensitive business to discuss, it was decided to cancel the meeting.

The board discussed absentee board members, previous policies, conference calls, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for May 22, 2014.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
May 22, 2014

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, J. Bellante, R. Schopp, B. Rosenquist, K. Aron, and 2 citizens  
J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:30pm.

J. Bellante moved to approve the minutes, second by R. Schopp. Motion carried.  
R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Rosenquist, motion carried.

#### INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Three board members attended the Annual Lakes Conference. Sessions included: shoreline stabilization, water recycling, boat cleaning stations, enforcement of AIS laws, fisheries, groundwater and high-capacity wells, weeds, and new commissioner training.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed the APM program, including chemical treatment and harvesting. There has not yet been a chemical treatment and harvesting will begin on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May. The weather has hampered getting things scheduled.

#### NEW BUSINESS

B. Rosenquist brought up the US Power Squadron (USPS) program. He said he talked with the lake patrol and they are not interested. The idea is to do volunteer boat inspections to educate boaters. B. Rosenquist will continue to investigate.

B. Rosenquist discussed the history of the WLMD. He believes a written history would be an asset. K. Aron will investigate having all of the minutes on the website rather than just the current year's. The minutes are considered the formal history of the district.

The budget numbers were reviewed. At the next meeting, more complete numbers will be available and discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for June 26, 2014.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting  
June 26, 2014

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, J. Bellante, R. Schopp, B. Rosenquist, K. Aron, and 3 citizens  
J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:30pm.

R, Mohr moved to approve the minutes, second by B. Rosenquist. Motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Rosenquist, motion carried.

#### INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

The annual audit has been completed and the next one has been given to the auditor for processing.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed the APM program. Clearwater will cut the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. There are some problems with the disposal site. The town has been doing some grading and there is concern about 1) long term use of the site, 2) the harvesting permit and potential violations. Marine Biochemists is trying to get a treatment date approved by DNR to treat areas on Wind Lake, including the West channel, Breezy Bay channel, NE of Sportsmans and parts of the N shoreline. K. Aron will let the board know when the treatment will be completed.

B. Rosenquist has contacted Warden Hirschbeck and Sportsmans about holding a boat inspection there in spring.

A boat cleaning station was discussed. K. Aron will send B. Rosenquist photos of the one at Eagle Lake that has been there for a few years.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The budget numbers were reviewed. At the next meeting, final numbers will be available and approved for submission to the annual meeting.

The August meeting date was discussed. There is a conflict so the meeting will be moved to either the 26<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> of August.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for July 24, 2014.

## Minutes

Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting - July 24, 2014

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, J. Bellante, R. Schopp, B. Rosenquist, K. Aron, and 2 citizens

J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

R. Mohr moved to approve the minutes, second by J. Bellante. Motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Bellante, motion carried.

### INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

K. Aron reported that landowner contacts following the mailing of the annual bills is way up over previous years, a result of the increase in charges. More than 90 property owners called in. K. Aron reported that approximately 25% of the annual payments have been received. This is down slightly from previous years. R. Schopp discussed the use of the transfer site for harvesting disposal. He indicated the site should be able to hold a couple more years of disposal. WLMD may need to look for alternative options for disposal. K. Aron indicated that DNR permits the disposal site and it must comply with various requirements. Waste Management might be an option, but so far appears to be a very costly option.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

A new property owner asked some questions regarding the district, weed control, goose removal and possible filling or dredging of a small channel along their property.

### OLD BUSINESS

Chemical treatments: J. Marks raised the issue of conducting chemical treatments prior to a holiday. This year a treatment took place on the Thursday before the 4th. He said they should never be done within 3 or 4 days of a holiday. Treatments are scheduled based on the applicator and DNR's schedule; and the weather. This years weather caused much disruption of the treatments so the only option was to treat on Thursday or wait until late the following week. The decision was made to treat because of the complaints and the weed growth levels. Restrictions following treatments are only 24 hours and only in the actual treatment areas. J. Marks stated he received complaints and he wants a vote to avoid holidays. B. Rosequist moved to not spray weeds within 3 days of a holiday. Motion died for lack of a second.

Weed harvesting: J. Marks discussed communication with Sportsmans. Sportsmans was not aware of the arrival of one of the harvesters. Midwest Aquatics complained about not being able to park their equipment on the boat launch property, however, he never requested to do that and took it upon himself to park at the transfer site. J. Marks said the harvesters do not know where to cut because the map is not explicit enough. K. Aron was unaware of any problems since during daily discussions and meetings with the harvesters they always knew where to cut and where the areas are. J. Marks requested that the Breezy Point Bay channel be included in the harvesting map, as well as the off-load site owned by M. Ianelli. At this time, no additional harvesting will be done this year.

B. Rosenquist gave an update on the Boat Inspections. Further work will be done in late winter/early spring. The issue will be tabled until the Jan/Feb meetings.

The lake level was discussed. J. Marks indicated that some houses were flooded following the rain on July 12. It was also noted that most residents on the lake have been very happy with the higher water levels this year.

### NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the change of bank ownership and potential charges. We will monitor the changes.

J. Marks said Ducks Unlimited have finalized plans for a wetland project on Big Muskego that WLMD should be a part of with the property we own. More information to follow.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for July 24, 2014.

## Minutes

Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting – Sept 11, 2014

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, J. Bellante, R. Schopp, B. Rosenquist, K. Aron, and 2 citizens

J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 8:10 pm.

K Aron gave a quick update on the issue of the Muskego Dam Rd property and a meeting with DNR and Muskego. There are no plans to date, and WLMD would be responsible for any costs on the WLMD property. The request to put in a large sign and possible driveway access will not be considered at this time because there are no actual plans and it would involve filling in a wetland.

The board then elected officers for the year.

R.Schopp nominated R. Mohr for Treasurer, second by J. Bellante, motion carried.

R. Schopp nominated B. Rosenquist for Secretary, second by R. Mohr, motion carried.

R. Schopp nominated J. Bellante for Chairman, second by R. Mohr. B. Rosenquist nominated J. Marks for Chairman. On a paper ballot, J. Bellante was elected Chairman. J. Marks was thanked for his service as chairman.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for October 23, 2014.

## Minutes

Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting – Oct 23, 2014

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, J. Bellante, R. Schopp, B. Rosenquist, K. Aron, and 3 citizens

J. Bellante called the board meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes: The date on the last line was changed to 9-11-14. Motion by R. Schopp to approve as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Mohr, motion carried.

Treasurers report: R. Mohr presented the report. Motion by R. Schopp to approve as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Rosenquist, motion carried.

Information and Correspondence: K Aron explained that there were problems with the States interpretation of our audit information. Although we pay contractors, the State is claiming they are employees. It makes a big difference in our cost of insurance. K. Aron will keep the board updated.

WLMD received a check from Racine County for \$750 for reimbursement of dam operation costs from Jan 2014 to May 2014. The County indicated that since they did not hire an operator until May, we would not be responsible for the costs until then. Our next payment will be due in Jan 2015.

K. Aron discussed the tax roll procedure. There is a brand new system in place. We used to upload an excel file, which took about 10 minutes to generate and submit. We may now have to post each individual tax parcel, which would take hours to do. We are waiting for more information.

We received the USGS contract for this coming year. The cost share rate has dropped to 25% so our net costs have gone up to \$9200. We will have to adjust the budget for next year.

Public Comments: There was an inquiry about the possibility of using the S. Wind Lake Rd property next to the launch for parking and use by non-lakefront property owners. There may be a number of issues with this. K. Aron will investigate the options in January.

A resident stated that the roadside weed pickup is needed, but that the board might consider adjusting the schedule so that a late season pickup could be done. This would allow residents to clean up the shoreline after the plants have broken up and drifted in.

Old Business: The town transfer site was discussed. There is a meeting scheduled with DNR on site about problems with the way the Town has pushed the weeds into/near the wetland.

R. Mohr explained that verbally the Town Bank has agreed to not charge per check deposited, but the written confirmation has not been received.

WLMD and DNR has discussed signage on the Muskego Dam Rd property that would be put approx.. 600 ft along the property lines to identify the land as belonging to WLMD. The signs would state what activities could be done on the land. DNR would print and install the signs. Motion by R. Mohr to approve the signage, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Rosenquist, motion carried.

New Business: K. Aron discussed the letters that are provided when properties in the WLMD are sold. They indicate what is owed the district. The Town charges \$25, the Drainage District charges \$35 for each letter. Motion by J. Marks to charge \$30 per letter, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Mohr, motion carried.

K. Aron asked if there is any interest to re-evaluate the way the charges are levied in the district. Some properties are now "landlocked" by cattails and might be considered as off-lake. After discussing potential ramifications and complications, the board decided not to make any changes.

B. Rosenquist asked that the Cleaning Station and Boat Inspection discussions be included on the January agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for January 22, 2015.

Minutes  
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting

December 4, 2014

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, J. Bellante, R. Schopp, B. Rosenquist, K. Aron, and 1 citizen  
J. Bellante called the board meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Minutes: The date on the last line was changed Dec 4. Motion by R. Schopp to approve as corrected, 2<sup>nd</sup> by R. Mohr, motion carried.

Treasurers report: R. Mohr presented the report. Motion by R. Schopp to approve as submitted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by B. Rosenquist, motion carried.

Information and Correspondence:

K Aron reported that the protest on the Workmans Comp insurance has been successful.

The annual tax upload is now taking considerably longer. What was a ½ hour task, is now takes 3 + days. Prior to the annual meeting we will need to discuss options to improve the number of pre-payments that are received.

Starry stonewort, an invasive aquatic plant, has been found in Little Muskego Lake. It is spread very easily, even without boat traffic, so it will be very difficult to keep out of Wind Lake. It creates serious management issues, because it is very difficult to control.

Public Comments: There is a large beaver dam near the mouth of the Muskego Canal. K. Aron will contact the property owner to provide information on land ownership so the material can be removed.

Old Business: The town transfer site was discussed. The meeting with the Town and WDNR at the site has resulted in a letter to the Town indicating what actions need to be taken and in what time frame.

Material cannot be placed in the wetland.

The signs on the Muskego Dam Rd property have been installed by WDNR.

New Business: The Cleaning Station and Boat Inspection discussions be included on the January agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for January 22, 2015.