

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, and Jim Marks. Excused: Mike Bluemel. No citizens were present.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for December 5th Meeting

A motion was made by Flunker to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided both a written and verbal year-end financial report for the 2023 fiscal year. A motion was made by Schopp to accept the report as presented, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

-No public comments.

Information and Correspondence

-Marks noted that a statistic came out recently: 1 tablespoon of road salt pollutes 5 gallons of water.

-Marks noted that the statistics on Bird Flu are startling. It has made a jump and no longer affects only birds. Per Marks it has been found in a Polar Bear in Alaska and Squirrels in the Lower Midwest. Additionally, there were two unconfirmed reports of human beings dying from it. Marks again stated that he was unable to find confirmation of the unconfirmed reports.

-Marks noted that regarding the wake boat discussion from last month, there are currently 2 different bills. One is very conservative, the other would only seek restrictions on small bodies of water. Neither have advanced to legislature. One is in committee and the other (very restrictive) is still being worked on.

-Marks noted that there is some concern regarding instability in the ice due to the water level fluctuating. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

-Mayer noted that the WI DNR recently contacted him regarding permission to cross WLMD land on Muskego Dam Rd with an excavator to clean out ditches on DNR land. Mayer noted that he agreed to grant the DNR's request with the stipulation that they restore the land if any damage occurs while crossing it. Mayer noted that he had checked on the land after the DNR entered and does not see any damage. He will check again once the project is complete and the DNR has exited the property.

-Flunker noted that this past June he submitted WLMD financial records for FY 2022 to KCG Accounting for a yearly audit. He recently learned that KCG has since closed/retired. He has made multiple attempts to contact both KCG and the new firm they are referring customers to but has been unable to reach anyone. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Flunker will continue to try and contact the referred accounting firm.

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APMP) Draft

-Mayer noted that a copy of the proposed APMP had been sent to all members of the board for review. A discussion amongst the board regarding the proposed APMP followed. Feedback on the plan from members of the board was positive. The need to correct several grammatical errors/typos was discussed. Bellante motioned to accept the APMP as presented with correction of the grammatical errors, seconded by Flunker. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

-Mayer noted that he had again reached out to Onterra and is awaiting a response. Onterra has the WLMD data from the last few years. Mayer noted that he is hopeful Onterra will be able to provide guidance on what additional testing should be performed in preparation of a future Alum treatment grant application.

Discussion on Employee Rules of Conduct Draft

-Mayer noted that he again sent out a copy of the "Employee Rules Conduct" draft for the board to review. A short discussion followed. Motion by Schopp to approve the "Employee Rules Conduct" draft as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

Update on Removal of Decomposed Lake Weeds

-Mayer noted there is need to remove some of the decomposed weeds from the Town Transfer Site. Gunderson Farms has taken decomposed weeds in the past but has a building project going currently and is not able to take them. Mayer noted that he has reached out to Jacobson Orchards to see if they would accept any of the decomposed weeds. He is awaiting a response.

Discussion and Possible Action on Retirement Gift

-Mayer noted that Scott Laux will be retiring from the Town DPW. Scott has worked closely with the WLMD on the management of the weeds at the town transfer site. A short discussion amongst the board followed. No action was taken at this time.

Adjourn

-Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 7:40 pm, second by Bellante.
Motion passed 5-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, February 27th, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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**Wind Lake Management District
2023 ACTUAL/2024 Proposed Budget**

Annual Revenue	Budget 2023	Actual 2023	Budget 2024
Lake Dues	\$138,000	\$147,370	\$166,680
Property Transfer Fees	510	570	450
Interest	70	17,397	14,625
Total Income	\$138,580	\$165,337	\$181,755

Expense Category	Jan 1, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023 Approved	January 1, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023 Actual	Jan 1, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024 Proposed
Meetings/Seminars	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
Postal Expenses	1,600	807	1,000
Office Supplies/Equipment	500	-	500
Publications	500	-	500
Insurance	7,000	5,680	7,500
Print/Publishing	1,600	2,363	1,750
Mileage/Per Diem	6,400	6,199	6,400
Misc	400	276	250
Website	1,800	1,167	1,500
Attorney	4,000	-	4,000
Accountant	2,200	-	750
Weed Control/Harvest/Pickup	92,950	50,334	95,858
USGS	12,000	12,055	12,750
Geese Control	4,000	3,500	4,000
Property Maintenance	2,400	1,249	1,080
Contingency	1,000	-	1,000
Emergency Action	4,000	-	4,000
Dam Operation	6,000	6,000	6,500
Aquatic Plant Survey/Plan (Harvesting Permit)	13,000	-	10,000
Alum Treatment Fund	-	-	25,000
Total Expenses	\$162,850	\$89,629	\$185,838

Income Over Expenses ACTUAL 2023 \$75,708

Checking Account Balance 12/31/2022: \$16,877.66
 Transfer (to)from Money Market: \$73,470.00
 Deposit Property Transfer Fees: \$570.00
 Expenses -\$89,629.06
Checking Account Balance 12/31/2023: \$1,288.60

Money Market Balance 12/31/2022: \$254,093.97
 Deposit Annual Dues: \$147,370.00
 Transfer (to)from Checking: -\$73,470.00
 Interest: \$17,396.67
Money Market Balance 12/31/2023: \$345,390.64

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Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for January 23rd Meeting

A motion was made by Bellante to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bluemel. Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurers Report

In Flunker's absence, Sauld provided a verbal financial report for the last month including checks written, deposits, and current account balances.

Public Comments

-A citizen inquired if the district's Weed Hotline phone was a cell phone or land line. Mayer confirmed it is a cellphone. The citizen then asked who Scott Laux was and why the district would consider a retirement gift. Mayer noted that Scott works for the Town of Norway DPW and has assisted WLMD for many years with management of the lake weeds at the town transfer site. The same citizen then commented that Kathy worked for the district for years and nobody did anything for her. Mayer noted that at some point a retirement gift for Kathy was mentioned but the board at that time was told she did not want anything from the WLMD.

Information and Correspondence

-Marks inquired regarding who placed orange cones on the ice near the public launch. Mayer noted the cones were placed there by the Norway Fire Department. Marks then noted DNR regulations regarding chopping holes in the ice and advised that standard practice is to mark holes on the ice with Christmas trees.

-Marks noted that at the lake conference this April, there will be a major focus on PFA contamination and wake boats. Additional details were provided on a study being done by UW regarding the damage wake boats can do. Per Marks some of the legislation proposed indicates that a lake would need to be 20ft deep (on average). Wind Lake is approximately

8ft deep (on average). Per Marks, this would give Wind Lake an out from having wake boats on it under some of the proposed legislation.

-Marks noted that Brown's Lake received a permit from DNR to dredge approximately 100 acres. This is a 2yr plan that will entail a pipeline to hydraulically move the sediment to a nearby site. Funding for this project has not been finalized and will still need to be figured out. Marks estimated that the project could cost upwards of 34 million dollars.

-Marks noted there have been surface water grants granted to Eagle Lake and Root River System Group for various conditions but mostly monitoring at boat launches.

-Marks noted that there is currently a lawsuit going on between Union Grove and the District Drainage commission regarding charges for drainage.

-Marks noted that he checked on the WLMD records stored in the Town Basement. He noted that there are 8 cases of records and they are labeled properly.

-Mayer noted that Nelson Landscape was contracted by ATC to clear out underbrush along the high voltage transmission lines throughout the state. Right now, they are working on the WLMD property on Muskego Dam Road. They had reached out to Mayer for permission to access the property and he approved.

-Bluemel noted that he received a message from Sportsman's Resort requesting the previously approved refund of their yearly lake district fee. This refund is issued in exchange for using Sportsman's launch for weed harvesting operations. Mayer asked that Bluemel forward the request to Flunker to process the refund.

Old Business

Update on APMP and Harvesting Permit

-Mayer noted that the districts 5yr plan has been completed with the boards requested corrections/amendments. Mayer forward the finalized version to Craig Helker for review and received confirmation that district is good to move forward with applying for the weed harvesting permit. Mayer will work with Flunker to move forward with the permit application process.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options (Onterra)

-Mayer noted that he spoke to Tim Hoyman from Onterra who contacted Craig Helker to see what the next steps would be for the district to apply for an alum treatment grant. In 2010 WLMD applied for a grant that was ultimately denied by the technical review board. There was an alum treatment completed in 2011 without a grant. The contact from Onterra would like to know additional details regarding why the previous grant

application was denied to help ensure a successful grant application this time around. Mayer noted that Onterra will be putting together a proposal for additional sampling in addition to USGS data to help support a future alum grant application. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Update on Removal of Decomposed Lake Weeds

-Mayer noted he does not currently have any new places to dispose of decomposed weeds. A suggestion was made to check with Lange farms to see if they would possibly be interested in any of the decomposed weeds. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Sauld noted that he would speak to Lange to see if there is any interest in assisting the district with weed disposal.

Discussion and Possible Action on Retirement Gift

-A short discussion amongst the board regarding Scott Laux's pending retirement from the Town DPW was had. Scott has worked closely with the WLMD on the management of the weeds at the town transfer site and has saved the district time and money. A short discussion amongst the board followed discussing possible gift and values. Bluemel motioned to approve purchasing a \$100 gift card to a local restaurant as a retirement gift for Scott Laux, Ron to determine the restaurant and work with Todd to purchase. Second by Bellante. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Chemical Treatment Permit

-Bellante provided a copy of the 2023 and proposed 2024 chemical treatment service contracts provided by Solitude Lake Management. Bellante noted that in the past, WLMD had not been charged by Solitude for lake surveys related to chemical treatments. Going forward, Solitude will charge \$500 per survey. Bellante then proceeded to go through the proposed contract for chemical treatments in 2024. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Bluemel made a motion to approve funding of up to \$12,650.00 for the initial chemical treatment in 2024. This includes \$1,650.00-permit fee, \$1,000.00 for up to 2 lake surveys, and up to \$10,000.00 for the first chemical treatment in 2024. Second by Sauld. Motion passed 4-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Additional Pier

-Mayer noted that he would like to start looking for a pier to utilize once a second harvester is purchased. A short discussion followed. Motion by Sauld to approve the purchase of a pier up to \$3,000.00. Second by Bluemel. Motion passed 4-0

Bluemel noted that he needs to get started on the spring newsletter as it will need to go to the printer shortly after the March meeting. A short discussion was had regarding responsibilities for each section of the newsletter.

Adjourn

-Motion by Sauld to adjourn at 8:13 pm, second by Bellante. Motion passed 4-0.

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**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
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Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, March 26th, 2024
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, and Jim Marks. Excused: Mike Bluemel. 2 citizens were present.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for February 27th Meeting

Schopp inquired regarding where Marks obtained the cost of up to 34 million dollars regarding the Browns Lake Dredging project discussed at last month's meeting. A short discussion between Schopp and Marks followed. Marks noted that it was published but was unable to identify the source. Mayer noted that although Marks could not identify the source to validate his claim, the minutes are correct regarding what was discussed at last month's meeting.

Flunker then made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of January 1st to March 25th. A motion was made by Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Following approval of the Treasurer's Report, Flunker noted that KCG had not yet completed the district's financial audit of records for FY 2022 when they sold to a different firm. Flunker has contacted the firm KCG sold to, and they are not interested in continuing to perform the district's yearly financial audit. Flunker noted that he has contacted other firms but has not yet found a firm interested in performing the yearly audit. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Schopp noted he had a possible contact he would check with. Schopp also recommended checking with Tom Kramer at the Town of Norway to see who the town uses for financial audits and if Tom could offer a referral.

Public Comments

-Mayer noted that sign-in sheets will not be used at the meeting going forward. Instead, anyone who makes a public comment should start with stating their name and address.

-Julie Nastal (7341W Wind Lake Rd) commented that she looked on the WLMD website today for the meeting agenda but was unable to find it. Mayer stated that the agenda was sent to the web manager a week ago for upload to the website and should have been posted.

Julie then commented that she had sent an email earlier today to the WLMD general email requesting a copy of the agenda. Mayer noted that he checked the email yesterday but had not checked it today. Julie then inquired regarding contact information for board members. Sauld noted that there is a dedicated page on the WLMD website that lists contact information for each of the board members including the phone #, email, and address of each board member.

Information and Correspondence

-Marks noted that a few weeks ago there were 13 eagles on the east side of the lake. There is also currently an eagle's nest on the east side of the lake.

-Marks noted approximately 10 days ago 68 pelicans visited Wind Lake.

-Marks noted that beavers are building an obstruction in the channel of Breezy Bay.

-Marks spoke on a lawsuit between the Drainage district and Union Grove, noting the lawsuit pertained to redoing the Root River for drainage.

Old Business

Update on Harvesting Permit

-Mayer noted that thanks to Todd and Joe, the online application has been completed, and we are good to go for another 5 years.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options (Onterra)

-Mayer noted that everybody got the proposal from Onterra in reference to writing a grant for a future Alum Treatment. Mayer commented that the quote was more than he expected but is probably a practical number. Sauld commented that some of the added cost appears to be coming from the need for Onterra to obtain information and create past records that are not currently, readily available. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Mayor noted that Onterra's proposal is an estimate utilizing a not-to-exceed contract total of \$9,675.00. Mayer then concluded the discussion, noting that what Onterra is going to do will not only set us up for an Alum Treatment in the near future but also prepare us for all future Alum Treatments. Sauld motioned to accept Onterra's proposal as presented. Flunker seconded the motion. Jim Marks then commented "you still have to remember you exceeded the \$10,000.00 limit with this and you need to have two bids". Sauld informed Marks that the bid is not over \$10,000.00 and is a not-to-exceed contract capped at \$9,675.00. Mayer called for further discussion, none noted. Motion passed 5-0.

Update on Additional Pier

-Mayer noted that he found 24ft (3-8ft sections) of aluminum pier locally and purchased it for \$1,750.00. It will need to have one weld repaired and should have a wheel kit added to it to make it easier to put in and take out of the lake. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Decomposed Lake Weeds

-Mayer noted that he recently spoke to Scott Laux from the DPW. The weeds at the transfer site are still pretty wet. Per Mayer, we won't be able to do anything with the decomposed weeds until summertime when things dry up. Mayer then noted that he would like to look at the WLMD property on Muskego Dam Rd as an option to dispose of the dried-out/decomposed weeds. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Review of Newsletter Draft

-Mayer noted that he has not yet received a draft of the upcoming newsletter but that he is aware Bluemel is working on getting the newsletter put together.

Discussion and Possible Action on Buoy Locations

-Mayer inquired with Marks regarding whether there were any updates regarding buoy locations. Marks noted that we will need to insist that the Norway PD utilize GPS when placing the buoys out this year. Marks noted that buoys are put out the week before the opening of fishing season. Mayer noted that we need to address the situation now or we will not get it corrected.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Trucking Service Renewal

-Mayer noted that an updated proposal was received from Joe's K Ranch for trucking/hauling of weeds at \$75/hr for the 2024 weed harvesting season. Last year's rate was \$70/hr. Motion by Sauld to accept Joe's K Ranch proposal for trucking/hauling weeds at a rate of \$75/hr. Seconded by Flunker. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Roadside Weed Pickup Renewal

-Mayer noted that Butch's Hometown Service submitted a proposal for roadside week pickup in 2024 at a rate of \$515.00 per pickup (yearly total for 14 pickups is \$7,210.00). Last year's rate was \$485 per pickup. Motion by Bellante to accept Butch's Hometown Service proposal for Roadside Week Pickup at a rate of \$515.00 per pickup (yearly total for 14 pickups of \$7,210.00). Second by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Temp Agency Renewal

-Flunker noted that he spoke to Crystal from On-Site Staffing. On-Site has agreed to renew its staffing contract with WLMD for the 2024 season with the same terms as the 2023 contract. Motion by Sauld to renew the contract with On-Site staffing under the same terms as the 2023 contract. Second by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjourn

-Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 7:43 pm, second by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0.

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**Wind Lake Management District
Treasurer Report
March 26, 2024**

Expense Summary for January 1, 2024 to March 25th, 2024

Category	Annual Budget	Current	Fiscal Year	% Used
Meetings/Seminars 300	\$1,500		\$0.00	0%
Postal Expenses 310	1,000		\$0.00	0%
Office Supplies/Equipment 312	500		\$0.00	0%
Publications 320	500		\$0.00	0%
Insurance 500	7,500		\$0.00	0%
Print/Publishing 510	1,750		\$0.00	0%
Mileage/Per Diem 610	6,400	\$1,549.75	\$1,549.75	24%
Misc 700	250	\$180.90	\$180.90	72%
Website 1900	1,500	\$389.35	\$389.35	26%
Attorney 410	4,000		\$0.00	0%
Accountant 420	750		\$0.00	0%
Weed Control/Harvest/Pickup	95,858	\$158.04	\$158.04	0%
USGS 830	12,750		\$0.00	0%
Geese Control 840	4,000		\$0.00	0%
Property Maintenance 1500	1,080		\$0.00	0%
Contingency 900	1,000		\$0.00	0%
Emergency Action	4,000	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	44%
Dam Operation 1400	6,500	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	92%
Aquatic Plant Survey/Plan 1800	10,000	\$9,100.00	\$9,100.00	91%
Alum Treatment Fund	25,000		\$0.00	0%
	\$185,838	\$19,128.04	\$19,128.04	10%

Checking Account Previous Balance: \$1,288.60

Transfer (to)from Money Market: \$19,720.00

Deposit Annual Charges/Property Transfer Fees: \$30.00

Checking Account Current Balance: \$1,910.56

Money Market Previous Balance: \$345,390.64

Deposits: \$161,920.00

Transfer (to)from Checking: **-\$19,720.00**

Interest: \$3,712.74

Money Market Current Balance: \$491,303.38

Jan & Feb Interest

5.39% Max Safe Gov't as of

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Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, County Rep Joe Bellante, and Jim Marks. Excused: Mike Bluemel. 2 citizens and Harvesting Program Manager Pat Fitzgerald were present.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for March 26th Meeting

Mayer called for a discussion on March meeting minutes. Flunker made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of March 26th to April 22nd. A motion was made by Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

-Julie Nastal (7341 W Wind Lake Rd) inquired why the full name and address of citizens making public comments is being listed in the meeting minutes. She inquired if it was the Chairman's decision. Mayer noted that residents stating their name and address prior to making a public comment is a standard practice utilized at public meetings. The citizen commented that it had not been done that way in the past. Mayer noted that WLMD is no longer utilizing a sign-in sheet, and citizens must state their names and address before making a public comment. The citizen then stated that she wanted the board member's names and addresses in the minutes. Mayer noted that all board member's names, addresses, and telephone numbers are listed on the Lake District's Website. Schopp then presented a copy of the Spring Newsletter that had recently been mailed and noted that it is a part of the permanent record and lists all board member's contact information. The citizen then continued expressing disapproval regarding her name and address being documented in the minutes. Mayer noted that the meeting needed to move forward and inquired if the citizen had any other comments. The citizen then noted that she felt her statement last month regarding the agenda not being posted to the WLMD website was misrepresented. The citizen stated that she wanted to clarify that the agenda was not posted to the website prior to

last months meeting, not that she could not find it. A short discussion between the citizen and the board regarding her name and address being documented in the minutes continued.

Patrick Fitzgerald (24212 Kurtz Lane) commented that documenting a citizen's name and address is no different than looking in the phone book. In fact, this is better record keeping, and it will be beneficial if the records are reviewed years later to help figure out who brought up an issue and how it was addressed.

Information and Correspondence

-Marks stated, referring back to last month's minutes about the 37 million dollars, it was supposed to be 3.7 million dollars. Additional details were provided.

-Marks provided information pertaining to the water convention that he recently attended. There were 60 classes with over 400 attendees. Some of the classes lasted up to 4 hours. Marks noted that he attended a class on stocking fish, a short overview was provided. Marks then noted that there was a fish kill in Lafayette County due to cold weather virus. Marks then noted a carp kill on Wind Lake occurred due to cold weather preventing the carp from spawning and leading to liver failure in the fish. Marks then advised that credibility was given to the storm sceptor system for the possible control of Starry Stonewort. Marks noted that he attended classes on the following: pesticide use for weed control, wolf and bat monitoring programs, algae, potential legislation on the use of wake boats, PFA contamination, surface water grants, and a class on microscopic creatures called water bears. A short overview of each class was provided and board members questions were answered as asked.

Mayer noted that he received an email advising him of a possible partial blockage at the channel on the north end of the lake. He thinks it may be a fallen tree. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Sauld noted that he lives near the canal and would look to see what is being referenced.

-Mayer noted that he received an email from the Wisconsin Waterfowl Association advising that they are under contract with the WI DNR to design and implement hydrologic wetlands across WI. They are exploring restoration opportunities on the Big Muskego Wildlife Area south of WLMD Property on Muskego Dam Rd. They are contacting WLMD because there is a ditch on WLMD property they would like to fill, creating more wetlands. A discussion regarding the effects this would have on WLMD property followed amongst the board. The consensus amongst the board was not to flood WLMD property with additional water. No action was taken at this time.

Old Business

Update on Spring Newsletter

-Mayer commented that the spring newsletter has been mailed and, in his opinion, turned out pretty good.

Update on Contract with Onterra

-Mayer commented that the contract with Onterra has been signed and they are starting to work on the project.

Discussion and Possible Action on Accountant / Audits

-Flunker noted that he contacted Gordon Meyer Company (contact received from Town of Norway). They quoted \$7,000.00/yr to complete a yearly financial audit but noted that they would cap the cost at \$5,000.00 because WLMD is a government entity. Flunker noted that he also received another accounting contact from Schopp whom he contacted but is still waiting for a quote. Previously, Flunker had contacted the firm that purchased KCG accounting and they are not interested in continuing to perform the yearly WLMD audit. After a short discussion amongst the board, the topic was tabled until the next meeting.

Update on Additional Pier

-Mayer noted that he found 24ft (3-8ft sections) of aluminum pier locally and purchased it for \$1,750.00. It will need to have one weld repaired and should have a wheel kit added to it to make it easier to put in and take out of the lake. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Buoy Locations

-Sauld noted that he recently left a voicemail for the Town of Norway Officer who runs the boat patrol and is awaiting a callback. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

New Business

Discussion on Geese Population

-Mayer noted that the plan is not to make a decision regarding a roundup tonight but instead to have a discussion regarding the current goose population on the lake. Mayer noted that he has not seen many geese on the lake recently. Marks noted that the goslings have just started to hatch. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Mayer then noted that the board would need to make a decision at the May meeting regarding whether to do a goose round-up this year or not.

Update on Harvester Grant

-Mayer noted that he will speak to Bluemel regarding the grant process that has been utilized in the past.

Update on Harvester Spring Maintenance

-Mayer noted the HPM will soon be working on uncovering and prepping the harvester for the upcoming season.

Adjourn

-Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 8:04 pm, second by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, May 21st, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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Wind Lake Management District

Treasurer Report

April 22, 2024

Expense Summary for March 26th, 2024 to April 22nd, 2024

Category		Annual Budget	Current	Fiscal Year	% Used
Meetings/Seminars	300	\$1,500	\$765.40	\$765.40	51%
Postal Expenses	310	1,000	\$420.82	\$420.82	42%
Office Supplies/Equipment	312	500		\$0.00	0%
Publications	320	500		\$0.00	0%
Insurance	500	7,500		\$0.00	0%
Print/Publishing	510	1,750	\$1,143.99	\$1,143.99	65%
Mileage/Per Diem	610	6,400		\$1,549.75	24%
Misc	700	250		\$180.90	72%
Website	1900	1,500	\$160.00	\$549.35	37%
Attorney	410	4,000		\$0.00	0%
Accountant	420	750		\$0.00	0%
Weed Control/Harvest/Pickup		95,858	\$1,702.76	\$1,860.80	2%
USGS	830	12,750		\$0.00	0%
Geese Control	840	4,000		\$0.00	0%
Property Maintenance	1500	1,080		\$0.00	0%
Contingency	900	1,000		\$0.00	0%
Emergency Action		4,000		\$1,750.00	44%
Dam Operation	1400	6,500		\$6,000.00	92%
Aquatic Plant Survey/Plan	1800	10,000		\$9,100.00	91%
Alum Treatment Fund		25,000		\$0.00	0%
		\$185,838	\$4,192.97	\$23,321.01	13%

Checking Account Previous Balance: \$1,910.56

Transfer (to)from Money Market: \$5,000.00

Deposit Annual Charges/Property Transfer Fees: \$30.00

Checking Account Current Balance: \$2,747.59

Money Market Previous Balance: \$491,303.38

Deposits:

Transfer (to)from Checking: **-\$5,000.00**

Interest: \$2,263.86

Money Market Current Balance: \$488,567.24

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, May 21st, 2024
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, County Rep Joe Bellante, Jim Marks and Mike Bluemel.

1 citizen and the Harvesting Program Manager, Pat Fitzgerald, were present for the meeting.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for April 23rd Meeting

-Mayer called for a discussion on April meeting minutes. Bellante noted that the minutes list the date of the next monthly meeting as May 28th, 2024. He stated that it should instead be May 21st, 2024. Flunker motioned 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 April 22nd to May 20th. Motion by Schopp to accept the report as presented, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

-No public comments

Information and Correspondence

-Marks provided copies of laminated posters to each board member with information on various types of lake weeds.

-Marks noted that the lawsuit between Union Grove and a Drainage District continues. Additional details were provided.

-Marks noted that he had observed flooding on the east side of the lake. Marks provided additional details regarding the requirements for the operation of the dam.

-Marks noted that the annual vessel inspection is coming up on Saturday, June 8th, from 10 am to 2 pm. He has contacted the Coast Guard Auxiliary and confirmed their participation. Marks noted that board members assist by lining up vessels for inspection.

-Marks noted that the Brown's Lake Dredging project has received bids ranging from \$9.3 million to \$12.2 million. The lake size is approximately 397 acres, and the dredging project encompasses approximately 100 acres. Additional details were presented.

-Marks noted that he was unable to attend spring conservation hearings, but he was able to obtain information on the 49 different proposals presented. A short presentation of the top proposals followed.

-Marks noted that the DNR announced boating fatalities. There were 28 fatalities on record and 27 of the 28 had no life jackets. Boating deaths were up 50% in the last decade, and boating crashes were at 117. A boat capsized on Wind Lake at the end of April. The operator was rescued by a local resident. Per Marks verbal report, no life jackets were onboard.

Old Business

Update on Onterra Project

-Mayer noted that Onterra is progressing through the project and is currently working to create the history regarding previous alum treatments and grant applications. They requested additional information, which Bellante was able to locate and provide.

Discussion and Possible Action on Accountant / Audits

Flunker noted that he has continued to contact small local firms in the area in an effort to find someone who can complete an audit for the district. Pricing estimates have ranged from about \$5,000.00 to \$7,000.00 per audit. Flunker then noted that Marks had suggested contacting Eric Olson (Director of Extension Lakes) for guidance. Flunker called Mr. Olson and left him a voicemail. Flunker noted that he later received an email response from Mr. Olson, which he read at the meeting (Appendix A). A discussion amongst the board followed. The consensus amongst the board was to find a district member willing to volunteer to review the two years that are currently outstanding and then seek volunteers at the next annual meeting to form a committee consisting of 3 district members to review the finances of the district annually. Mayer requested a motion from the board. Sauld motioned that the board find an independent volunteer who lives in the district to review the financial records from 2022 and 2023.

Additionally, the board shall make a request at the annual meeting for 3 volunteers willing to form a committee to review the district's financial records annually prior to the annual meeting. Seconded by Bluemel. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Buoy Locations

-Sauld noted that he recently spoke to the Lead Officer of the Norway Police Boat Patrol and discussed the process utilized for putting in the buoys and checking that they are in the correct location. Currently, the process is to put all of the buoys in where the anchors are and then return later with the patrol boat, which has a GPS in it to check the location of the buoys. If needed, the police will then move the buoys to ensure they are close to where they are supposed to be. A short discussion amongst the board followed. The

consensus amongst the board was to try and verify that the buoys were placed in the correct positions once the boat patrol had had an opportunity to move any buoys that had drifted over the winter.

Update on Harvesting Prep / Operators (HPM)

-Pat Fitzgerald provided an update noting that the harvester was unwrapped for the season this past Friday, and all spring maintenance has been performed on both the barge and the trailer. Mitch from Inland is scheduled to come out and address a few small issues, but overall, the harvester is all set to go and ready to launch. Pat tentatively plans to launch the barge next week, Thursday or Friday. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Geese Round-up

-Mayer noted that a minimum of 40 geese are required to perform a goose round-up and that the cost is again estimated at \$3,500.00. Flunker noted that there are currently more geese in his area than he has observed at any point in the past 10 years. Bluemel noted that he has counted 6 different families of geese in his area, totaling approximately 40-50 birds. Sauld noted that he has approximately 10 geese routinely on his property. Mayer noted that another property owner had contacted him and advised that they had approximately 30 geese hanging out on their property. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Flunker motioned to contract with the USDA to perform a goose round-up again this year, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 6-0.

Update on Harvester Grant

-Mayer requested that Bluemel provide guidance on the process utilized previously to apply for a grant. Bluemel agreed to assist, and the two noted that they would work together.

Discussion and Possible Action on Channel Blockage

-Sauld noted that he went to look at the tree that had fallen into the canal. Currently, it is blocking approximately 1/3 of the canal. Sauld spoke to the landowner and obtained permission to access the area where the tree had fallen and attempt to remove it. Additionally, Sauld spoke to Jerry Kotarak, who had removed debris from the canal in the past. Jerry has agreed to assist with attempting to remove the fallen tree once he has his boat in the water. Mayer also noted that he is willing to assist with removing the tree as well.

Discussion and Possible Action HPM Hourly Rate

-Mayer called for the board to discuss the HPM's current hourly rate of \$24.00/hr. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Schopp motioned to increase the HPM's hourly rate to \$25.00/hr, seconded by Bluemel. Motion passed 6-0.

Flunker then asked for clarification regarding the \$500.00 monthly stipend paid to the HPM for administrative duties running from May through September. Mayer noted that the stipend had not changed but that instead of being paid through Onsite, it would be

paid directly to the HPM and documented via 1099, resulting in savings to the district of \$1,000.00 per year.

Discussion and Possible Action on Operator Hourly Rates

-Mayer called for the board to discuss the Operator's current hourly rate of \$20.00/hr. A short discussion followed. Schopp motioned to increase the Operator's hourly rate to \$22.00/hr, seconded by Flunker. The motion passed 6-0.

Adjourn

-Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 8:14 pm, second by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, June 25th, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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

Appendix A

From: "Olson, Eric [Natural Res [Lakes-HDNRM]]" <eolson@uwsp.edu>

Date: May 21, 2024 at 3:30:56 PM CDT

To: Todd Flunker <tflunker@mscap.com>

Cc: Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Program <Wisconsin.Lakes.Partnership.Program@uwsp.edu>

Subject: Audit requirement for lake districts

You don't often get email from eolson@uwsp.edu. [Learn why this is important](#)

Hi Todd,

I am responding to your question about lake district audit requirements. The short answer is that Chapter 33 of Statutes does not define audit but it requires that an audit be presented to the annual meeting of a lake district. I believe the reason it is not specified is that there are lake districts with an annual budget of \$5000 and there are others with a budget of \$500,000; requiring both to have the same level of audit would not make sense.

A district can recruit a person or two to review the lake district's spending and compare it against the budget to see if there was anything abnormal. This could constitute the audit. Alternatively, they can hire a firm and request a review of the district's spending. Some districts do these less formal audits for a number of years and then plan for a more formal audit every 3-4 years. It depends again on how much money the district is working with and how much concern there might be about money being spent on unauthorized items.

Let me know if you have any additional questions,
Eric

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**Wind Lake Management District
Treasurer Report
May 21, 2024**

Expense Summary for April 22nd, 2024 to May 20th, 2024

Category		Annual Budget	Current	Fiscal Year	% Used
Meetings/Seminars	300	\$1,500		\$765.40	51%
Postal Expenses	310	1,000		\$420.82	42%
Office Supplies/Equipment	312	500		\$0.00	0%
Publications	320	500		\$0.00	0%
Insurance	500	7,500	\$253.00	\$253.00	3%
Print/Publishing	510	1,750		\$1,143.99	65%
Mileage/Per Diem	610	6,400		\$1,549.75	24%
Misc	700	250		\$180.90	72%
Website	1900	1,500		\$549.35	37%
Attorney	410	4,000		\$0.00	0%
Accountant	420	750		\$0.00	0%
Weed Control/Harvest/Pickup		95,858	\$360.23	\$2,221.03	2%
USGS	830	12,750		\$0.00	0%
Geese Control	840	4,000		\$0.00	0%
Property Maintenance	1500	1,080		\$0.00	0%
Contingency	900	1,000		\$0.00	0%
Emergency Action		4,000		\$1,750.00	44%
Dam Operation	1400	6,500		\$6,000.00	92%
Aquatic Plant Survey/Plan	1800	10,000		\$9,100.00	91%
Alum Treatment Fund		25,000		\$0.00	0%
		\$185,838	\$613.23	\$23,934.24	13%

Checking Account Previous Balance: \$2,747.59

Transfer (to)from Money Market:

Deposit Annual Charges/Property Transfer Fees:

Checking Account Current Balance: \$2,134.36

Money Market Previous Balance: \$488,567.24

Deposits:

Transfer (to)from Checking: \$0.00

Interest: \$2,180.47

April Interest

Money Market Current Balance: \$490,747.71

5.38% Max Safe Gov't as of

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, JUNE 25th, 2024
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, County Rep Joe Bellante, Jim Marks and Mike Bluemel. Excused: Treasurer Todd Flunker

1 citizen and the Harvesting Program Manager, Pat Fitzgerald, were present for the meeting.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for May 21st Meeting

-Mayer called for a discussion on the May meeting minutes. Bluemel motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

-Sauld read a verbal report that was provided by Flunker summarizing the time period of May 20th to June 24th. Motion by Schopp to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bluemel. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

-Julie Nastal (7341 W Wind Lake Rd) read the following statement: "In the April 23rd meeting, Ralph stated that the Board Member's addresses were on the WLMD Newsletter – However, that is not correct, only their phone numbers are. Since the Board wants the addresses of private citizens who speak at meetings to be included in the minutes, it seems fitting that the Board Members' addresses and contact information be included as well. The Minutes are a permanent government record, unlike a website whose information can be deleted or changed at any moment. Since Jeremy stated he thought the minutes should evolve with adding the addresses, the perfect way to continue this evolution is to add the Board's contact information to the bottom of the minutes as a standard footer. In case the Board was not able to do this do to time constraints or knowledge, I took the liberty of helping the Board out and setting this up for them. The footer contains the same contact information from the website, only now it will be easier for constituents to find. Included is a sample printout and I can email it as a pdf to the board." A sample of Julie's footer and statement were then provided to the Board. Mayer noted that he has no objections to this but that WLMD is currently following what the town does regarding requiring attendees to state their name and address before making a comment. A short discussion followed. Mayer advised Sauld that he is the secretary and can make the decision regarding the footer.

-Patrick Fitzgerald (24212 Kurtz Ln) commented it is a similar thing but a different environment. As a union member on the floor, if you choose to make a statement, you are required to state your name and serial # so that member comments are recorded in the minutes so that who said what can be verified. Not just a member, or a citizen, or a resident. The person must be identified, the same as at Town Board Meetings. Your address is in the phone book, too. A short discussion between Schopp and Mr. Fitzgerald regarding phone books followed.

Information and Correspondence

-Marks noted that bird flu is concentrated in Michigan this year. There is still anticipation on the federal level that it could get worse, but no comparison with some of the other pandemic possibilities.

-Marks noted that goose season dates have been tentatively announced. It will start on Labor Day weekend and run for approximately 15 days.

-Marks noted that Muskego Dam is on the risk list. Additional details were provided.

-Mayer noted that on 6/27/24, the Norway Fire Department will perform a training exercise on Wind Lake.

Old Business

Update on Onterra Project

-Mayer noted that Onterra is continuing to work on putting data together. They have received the information pertaining to our previous alum treatment in 1997. It is a work in progress, and they will continue working on it.

Discussion and Possible Action on Accountant / Audits

-Bluemel advised that the person he had previously suggested to possibly assist with a financial audit has declined. Mayer then noted that he has a neighbor who is a retired financial person and asked if he should inquire if he would be interested. The consensus amongst the board was to have Mayer contact the potential candidate to see if they would assist.

Discussion and Possible Action on Buoy Locations

-Sauld noted that there were no updates at this time. Marks then noted that he had spoken to DNR personnel, and they recommended working with our local warden. A short discussion amongst the board followed. The consensus was to start with checking the current buoy locations and, if needed, work with the Norway Police to get the buoys moved.

Update on Harvesting Operations (HPM)

-Pat Fitzgerald provided an update on harvesting operations, noting that weed harvesting has commenced. Pat reported that the following hours have been utilized so far: 19.5

hours cutting, 15.5 hours harvester maintenance, 2 hours property maintenance, and 5.5 hours training. Additionally, the weed harvester was recently utilized to remove a tree/stump that had fallen into and was blocking a portion of the canal. Details of the tree/stump removal were provided and a short discussion amongst the board followed. Pat then inquired about the possibility of negotiating an updated contract for the use of the private launch that is sometimes used during harvesting operations. Discussion followed, no action was taken at this time.

Review of Round-up

-Mayer expressed a thank you to everyone who helped this year. Overall, the round-up went well, and the USDA was able to round up a total of 96 geese. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Update on Harvester Grant

-Mayer advised that he will be working on the next harvester grant. Bluemel provided Mayer with a copy of the records from the previous harvester grant application.

Update on Channel Blockage

-Mayer noted that this was covered earlier in the meeting during the HPM's report but that he wanted to thank Jerry and Pat for removing the down tree. It was a much bigger project than originally thought.

New Business

Reminders for July Meeting Draft Budget, Resolution, and Newsletter

-Mayer noted a reminder that next month the board will need to review a draft budget, draft resolution, and draft newsletter for the annual meeting. The board needs to have a draft put together in July so it can be mailed in August. The newsletter needs to be received by homeowners 2 weeks before the annual meeting.

Adjourn

-Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 7:30 pm, second by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, July 23rd, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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

Wind Lake Management District

Treasurer Report

June 25, 2024

Expense Summary for May 20th to June 24th, 2024

Category	Annual Budget	Current	Fiscal Year	% Used
Meetings/Seminars 300	\$1,500		\$765.40	51%
Postal Expenses 310	1,000		\$420.82	42%
Office Supplies/Equipment 312	500		\$0.00	0%
Publications 320	500		\$0.00	0%
Insurance 500	7,500		\$253.00	3%
Print/Publishing 510	1,750		\$1,143.99	65%
Mileage/Per Diem 610	6,400	\$1,549.75	\$3,099.50	48%
Misc 700	250		\$180.90	72%
Website 1900	1,500	\$240.00	\$789.35	53%
Attorney 410	4,000		\$0.00	0%
Accountant 420	750		\$0.00	0%
Weed Control/Harvest/Pickup	95,858	\$1,745.73	\$3,966.76	4%
USGS 830	12,750		\$0.00	0%
Geese Control 840	4,000	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	88%
Property Maintenance 1500	1,080	\$70.00	\$70.00	6%
Contingency 900	1,000		\$0.00	0%
Emergency Action	4,000		\$1,750.00	44%
Dam Operation 1400	6,500		\$6,000.00	92%
Aquatic Plant Survey/Plan 1800	10,000		\$9,100.00	91%
Alum Treatment Fund	25,000		\$0.00	0%
	\$185,838	\$7,105.48	\$31,039.72	17%

Checking Account Previous Balance: \$2,134.36

Transfer (to)from Money Market: \$10,000.00

Deposit Annual Charges/Property Transfer Fees: \$60.00

Checking Account Current Balance: \$5,088.88

Money Market Previous Balance: \$490,747.71

Deposits:

Transfer (to)from Checking: **-\$10,000.00**

Interest: \$2,243.73

Money Market Current Balance: \$482,991.44

May Interest

5.38% Max Safe Gov't as of

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, July 30th, 2024
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Jim Marks and Mike Bluemel. Excused: Town Rep Ralph Schopp

6 citizens and the Harvesting Program Manager, Pat Fitzgerald, were present for the meeting.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for June 25th Meeting

Mayer called for a discussion on the June meeting minutes. Sauld noted that he received an email from Julie Nastal with the following three corrections: 1-“members” is missing a possessive apostrophe, 2-“area” should be “are a”, and 3-“is” should be “it”. Bluemel motioned to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Flunker. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of June 25th to July 29th. Motion by Bluemel to accept the report as presented, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

Connie Herda (8126 E Wind Lake Rd) stated that she want to thank the board for cutting weeds on the east side of the lake. A short discussion followed.

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided an update on the Vessel Safety Inspection. 8 boats were inspected at the boat launch the day of the inspection and all passed. 4 boats at the launch refused inspections. Three additional boats were inspected by appointment, and all 3 passed.

Marks noted that the Town Board for Browns Lake voted 5-0 to support the funding and use 100% of their bonding as needed to support the cost of the dredging project.

Marks provided an update on PFA contamination, noting that the natural foam that forms on the surface of the lake occasionally was found to contain high levels of PFA contamination. Additional details were provided.

Marks noted that there is a Wake Boat Ban that has been initiated in the Waupaca Chain of Lakes. The state legislature has not passed any laws, but individual towns in the Chain of Lakes in the Waupaca area have banned wake boats.

Marks noted that the Union Grove lawsuit against the drainage district is still pending. There was an initial action, a ruling against Union Grove. Additional details were provided.

Marks noted that the Eurasian Milfoil, having turned hybrid, has gone into a reduced state of expansion. Additional details were provided.

Old Business

Update on Onterra Project

Mayer noted that he received an update from Onterra. They have accumulated a lot of data, including data from the EPA, and continue to work through it. Based on the update, it sounds like Onterra is building a strong case for WLMD to get a grant and will continue working on it. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Volunteer for Finance Review

Mayer introduced Pat Calliari as a potential candidate to perform the financial review. Pat provided information on his experience including working 35 years in the banking/financial industry. He has held positions ranging from “Development Manager” up to “Vice President” for a software company. Currently, he works as a financial controller for a business in Racine. He does the company's bookwork, including payroll and preparation of tax documents for the company's accountant. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Flunker noted that due to KCG changing ownership, financial audits of fiscal years 2022 and 2023 need to be performed. Bluemel motioned to have Pat Calliari perform financial audits of FY 2022 and 2023 to present at the 2024 annual meeting. Sauld seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Discussion and Possible Action on Buoy Locations

Sauld noted that he attempted to check buoy locations using an iPhone, but unfortunately, the coordinates available on the iPhone do not read the same way as the coordinates listed in the town ordinance dictating where the buoys are placed. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Update on Harvesting Operations (HPM)

-Pat Fitzgerald provided an update on harvesting operations through 7/26/24. Total hours include 161.5 man-hours, of which 111.5 hours are cutting, 28.5 hours are boat maintenance, 4.5 hours are property maintenance, 8 hours of training, and 9 hours used for obstruction removal from the canal. A total of 30.5 loads of weeds have been removed. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Update on Chemical Treatments

-Bellante noted that there were some early season troubles trying to get started performing chemical treatments due to weather and scheduling conflicts with the vendor. The spring treatment was completed on June 13th and encompassed a total of approximately 9 acres. Additional details were provided and a discussion amongst the board followed.

Update on Harvester Grant

-Mayer noted that he has contacted the DNR and is going through the grant process.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on 2025 Budget Proposal

-Flunker provided board members with a hard copy of a proposed budget for FY 2025. He then presented a verbal report going line by line through the proposed budget. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Bluemel motioned to approve the proposed budget with the amendments of increasing the line item of insurance to \$7,500.00 and removing the line item for the Aquatic Plant Survey of \$10,000.00. Bellante seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 2025 Resolution

-Mayer read through a proposed agenda for the 2024 annual meeting, including the proposed resolution for 2025. A discussion amongst the board on seeking volunteers to review previous year financials followed. It was also noted that the proposed resolution listed the “charges will be placed on the 2023 tax bill” which needs to be updated to 2024. Bluemel motioned to approve the proposed 2024 Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing Agenda as well as the proposed resolution with the amendments of establishing a 1-3 person committee to review previous year financials and updating the resolution to state that charges will be placed on the 2024 tax bill instead of 2023. Sauld seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Date for Annual Meeting

-Mayer noted that a date for the 2024 annual meeting needs to be selected. There was a short discussion amongst the board with a consensus amongst the board that the annual meeting should be scheduled for September 12th, 2024.

Discussion on Newsletter Draft

-Bluemel provided an update on the status of the fall newsletter. He has almost everything he needs and is ready to put the final draft together. His plan is to put a final draft together and email it to the rest of the board by 7/31/24. He requested that any corrections are returned to him by 8/2/24 as he plans to have it sent to the printer prior to 8/5/24. This should ensure the fall newsletter will be mailed out by 8/12/24.

Adjourn

-Motion by Bluemel to adjourn at 8:25 pm, second by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, August 27th, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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

**Wind Lake Management District
Treasurer Report
July 30, 2024**

Expense Summary for June 25th, 2024 to July 29th, 2024

Category	Annual Budget	Current	Fiscal Year	% Used
Meetings/Seminars 300	\$1,500		\$765.40	51%
Postal Expenses 310	1,000		\$420.82	42%
Office Supplies/Equipment 312	500		\$0.00	0%
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Accountant 420	750		\$0.00	0%
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USGS 830	12,750		\$0.00	0%
Geese Control 840	4,000		\$3,500.00	88%
Property Maintenance 1500	1,080	\$420.00	\$490.00	45%
Contingency 900	1,000		\$0.00	0%
Emergency Action	4,000		\$1,750.00	44%
Dam Operation 1400	6,500		\$6,000.00	92%
Aquatic Plant Survey/Plan 1800	10,000		\$9,100.00	91%
Alum Treatment Fund	25,000		\$0.00	0%
	\$185,838	\$5,067.47	\$36,107.19	19%

Checking Account Previous Balance: \$5,088.88

Transfer (to)from Money Market:

Deposit Annual Charges/Property Transfer Fees:

Checking Account Current Balance: \$21.41

Money Market Previous Balance: \$482,991.44

Deposits:

Transfer (to)from Checking: \$0.00

Interest: \$2,156.38

Money Market Current Balance: \$485,147.82

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, August 27th, 2024
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Mike Bluemel, and Jim Marks(arrived late)

7 citizens and the Harvesting Program Manager, Pat Fitzgerald, were present for the meeting.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for July 30th Meeting

Mayer called for a discussion on the July meeting minutes. Bluemel motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of July 29th to August 26th. Motion by Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bluemel. Motion passed 5-0.

Flunker then presented information on the outstanding financial audits of FY 2022 and 2023. KCG Accounting has performed financial audits for WLMD in the past and had been provided with the district's financial data from FY 2022 and 2023. However, KCG has been sold to another firm, and the new firm is not interested in continuing to perform WLMD's yearly financial audit. Flunker obtained quotes from other accountants ranging from \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 per year. Flunker then spoke to the attorney who deals with lake districts for the state and was advised that the yearly financial audit does not need to be completed by a CPA but that the district's yearly financials need to be reviewed, and the findings presented at the annual meeting. Flunker again noted that the plan going forward is to seek 2 to 3 volunteers at the upcoming annual meeting to perform future audits. At last month's meeting, Pat Calliari volunteered to review the district's financials from FY 2022 and 2023. At the July meeting, a motion was passed to have Pat perform the FY 2022 and 2023 audits, and Pat is here tonight to present his findings. Pat noted that he was given copies of all the district's financial records for 2022 and 2023. Pat then stated that he did not find any issues with the financial data that was provided to him. His opinion is that the financial information provided is accurate and funds are being accounted for accurately and reasonably. Pat noted that he was open to feedback regarding the format of his report but that he would not alter his opinion. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Public Comments

Connie Herda (8126 E Wind Lake Rd) expressed her appreciation for the weed harvester's visit to the east side of the lake to clean it up.

Information and Correspondence

Marks noted that West Nile Virus has been identified in Milwaukee County and something called Triple E was identified on the East Coast. Additional details were provided.

Marks noted that Echo Lake project came in 2million dollars over budget.

Marks noted that Lake Geneva Beach was closed due to Blue-Green Algae.

Marks noted that goose season starts on September 1st and runs for 15 days. Additional details provided.

Marks noted that the DNR is projecting a major budget shortfall in 2025. Additional details were provided.

Marks presented a sample of an invasive weed called Purple Loosestrife to the board. He noted that this invasive weed can cause a rash and should be removed from the lake.

Old Business

Update on Onterra Project

Mayer noted that he just received a copy of the report from Onterra. He has not yet reviewed the entire report, but the conclusion section notes that the alum treatment has maintained its efficacy longer due to the better water quality of the water coming downstream from Big Muskego. Additionally, DNR is more likely to approve a grant if previous Alum Treatments have lasted at least 20 years. Additional details of the report were presented. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Buoy Locations

Sauld noted that he recently spoke to the Lead Officer of the Norway Police Boat Patrol and confirmed that buoy locations had been checked, and a few were moved back to where they should be. Gordy Herda noted that he recently checked two of the buoys and believes they are still off from where they should be by a few lots. Bluemel stated that he would support purchasing a GPS for the police to use to check buoy locations and is open to the Lake District potentially providing funding to replace some of the buoys. Additionally, he would like to consider adding solar lights to some of the buoys. A discussion amongst the board followed. Mayer said he wants to follow up on this discussion at the February or March meeting.

Update on Harvesting Operations (HPM)

-Pat Fitzgerald provided an update on harvesting operations through 7/26/24. Total hours this season include 172 man-hours. A total of 47.5 loads of weeds have been harvested. Pat noted that he is looking for feedback from homeowners if they would like to see anything done differently. Additionally, Pat requested that participation from the community be solicited at the annual meeting as additional operators are needed for next year.

Update on Harvester Grant

-Mayer noted that he applied for the harvester grant and was notified that there is not currently enough funding to approve all grants requested at this time. Mayer noted that he believes the grant will likely not be approved at this time but is hopeful it will be approved in the spring.

New Business

Review of Annual Meeting Process/Assignments

-Mayer asked Flunker to print a sign-in list of property owners.
-Mayer asked Bluemel to prepare and supply ballots and pencils.
-Mayer then requested volunteers to assist with signing-in homeowners. Pat and Joanne Calliari along with John Landry volunteered to assist.

Adjourn

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

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, September 24th, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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

**Wind Lake Management District
Treasurer Report
September 27, 2024**

Expense Summary for August 26th, 2024 to September 26, 2024

Category	Annual Budget	Current	Fiscal Year	% Used
Meetings/Seminars 300	\$1,500		\$765.40	51%
Postal Expenses 310	1,000	\$450.84	\$871.66	87%
Office Supplies/Equipment 312	500		\$0.00	0%
Publications 320	500		\$0.00	0%
Insurance 500	7,500		\$253.00	3%
Print/Publishing 510	1,750		\$1,143.99	65%
Mileage/Per Diem 610	6,400		\$3,099.50	48%
Misc 700	250		\$180.90	72%
Website 1900	1,500		\$789.35	53%
Attorney 410	4,000		\$0.00	0%
Accountant 420	750		\$0.00	0%
Weed Control/Harvest/Pickup	95,858	\$558.51	\$9,172.74	10%
USGS 830	12,750		\$0.00	0%
Geese Control 840	4,000		\$3,500.00	88%
Property Maintenance 1500	1,080		\$490.00	45%
Contingency 900	1,000		\$0.00	0%
Emergency Action	4,000		\$1,750.00	44%
Dam Operation 1400	6,500		\$6,000.00	92%
Aquatic Plant Survey/Plan 1800	10,000		\$9,100.00	91%
Alum Treatment Fund	25,000		\$0.00	0%
	\$185,838	\$1,009.35	\$37,116.54	20%

Checking Account Previous Balance: \$21.41

Transfer (to)from Money Market: \$5,000.00

Deposit Annual Charges/Property Transfer Fees:

Checking Account Current Balance: \$4,012.06

Money Market Previous Balance: \$485,147.82

Deposits:

Transfer (to)from Checking: **-\$5,000.00**

Interest: \$2,229.66

Money Market Current Balance: \$482,377.48

August Interest

5.42% Max Safe Gov't as of

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, September 24th, 2024
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Mike Bluemel, and Jim Marks

2 citizens and the Harvesting Program Manager, Pat Fitzgerald, were present for the meeting.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for August 27th Meeting

Mayer called for a discussion on the August meeting minutes. Bluemel motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of August 26th to September 23rd. Motion by Bluemel to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

Information and Correspondence

Marks noted that Racine County has voted to donate 1.2 million dollars for the Browns Lake Dredging Project. Additional details on the source of funds provided.

Marks noted that the latest random PFA testing in Wisconsin showed that there is a much lower than average human contamination level than most other states in the country.

Marks noted that the duck and goose hunting season is about to start. Details of season dates and bag limits were presented.

Marks noted that on the east side of the lake near the intersection of County S and Sandy Point Road he has observed fill being brought in.

Marks noted that the DNR surface water grant program closes at the end of September.

Old Business

Discussion on Onterra Report

Mayer noted that the Onterra report had been available for everyone to review and opened the topic for discussion. A discussion amongst the board followed. No action taken at this time.

Update on Harvesting Operations (HPM)

-Pat Fitzgerald provided an update on harvesting operations through 9/20/24. Labor hours this season include 226 hours of cutting, 49 hours of harvester maintenance, 16.5 hours of property maintenance, and 24.5 hours of training. A total of 60.5 loads of weeds have been harvested this season. Pat suggested considering moving the harvester off-site during the upcoming sewer construction project. Mayer and Flunker noted that the area to be utilized for the upcoming sewer project has been marked, and there is adequate room to safely store the harvester outside of the easement/construction area. A discussion amongst the board followed.

Update on Harvester Grant

-Mayer noted that he has not received any updates at this time.

Update on Lift Station 5 Project

-Mayer noted that he and Flunker recently attended a meeting with the Sewage District, DNR, Engineers, and the contractor performing the work. In the next few days, trees within the sewer easement will start to be removed, and construction will begin on the new lift station. Once the lift station is completed, estimated in early November, trenching of the new sewer line will begin. The old pipe is gravity-fed toward the old lift station, and the new pipe will be gravity-fed toward the new lift station. Mayer noted that the goal is to complete the project by March and restoration to yards should be completed in spring. Additional details were provided, and a short discussion amongst the board followed.

New Business

Discussion on New Fence for Launch Property

-Mayer noted that during the upcoming lift station project, a section of the fence on the Lake District's property must be removed. A discussion amongst the board followed. Mayer noted that he would inquire with the town regarding what compensation or repair would be offered. Mayor also volunteered to obtain quotes to replace the fence. No other action taken on this topic at this time.

Adjourn

-Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 7:44 pm, second by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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

Wind Lake Management District

Treasurer Report

September 24, 2024

Expense Summary for August 26th, 2024 to September 23, 2024

Category	Annual Budget	Current	Fiscal Year	% Used
Meetings/Seminars 300	\$1,500		\$765.40	51%
Postal Expenses 310	1,000		\$871.66	87%
Office Supplies/Equipment 312	500		\$0.00	0%
Publications 320	500		\$0.00	0%
Insurance 500	7,500		\$253.00	3%
Print/Publishing 510	1,750	\$1,631.54	\$2,775.53	159%
Mileage/Per Diem 610	6,400	\$1,549.75	\$3,099.50	48%
Misc 700	250		\$180.90	72%
Website 1900	1,500	\$200.00	\$989.35	66%
Attorney 410	4,000		\$0.00	0%
Accountant 420	750		\$0.00	0%
Weed Control/Harvest/Pickup	95,858	\$16,923.48	\$26,096.22	27%
USGS 830	12,750	\$12,775.00	\$0.00	0%
Geese Control 840	4,000		\$3,500.00	88%
Property Maintenance 1500	1,080	\$105.00	\$595.00	55%
Contingency 900	1,000		\$0.00	0%
Emergency Action	4,000		\$1,750.00	44%
Dam Operation 1400	6,500		\$6,000.00	92%
Aquatic Plant Survey/Plan 1800	10,000		\$9,100.00	91%
Total Cash Outlays	\$160,838	\$33,184.77	\$55,976.56	35%
Alum Treatment Fund	25,000	\$18,750.00	\$18,750.00	75%
Total with Alum Treatment Fund	\$185,838	\$51,934.77	\$74,726.56	40%

Checking Account Previous Balance: \$4,012.06
 Transfer (to)from Money Market: \$35,000.00
 Deposits/Property Transfer Fees: \$181.00
Checking Account Current Balance: \$6,008.29

MM Previous Bal Excluding Alum Fund: \$463,627.48
 Deposits/Annual Charges: \$4,580.00
 Transfer (to)from Checking: **-\$35,000.00**
 Interest: \$2,213.84

Money Market Balance Prior to Alum Fund: \$435,421.32
 Alum Treatment Fund invested in MM: \$18,750.00
Total Money Market Fund: \$454,171.32

August Interest
 5.41% Max Safe Gov't as of 9/24/24

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, October 22, 2024
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, and Jim Marks. Excused: Mike Bluemel

1 citizen and the Harvesting Program Manager, Pat Fitzgerald, were present for the meeting.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for the September 24th Meeting

Mayer called for a discussion on the September meeting minutes. Flunker motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of September 23rd to October 21st. Motion by Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Flunker then noted that he filed WI Department of Revenue form PC-505.

Public Comments

No public comments

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided a sample of zebra mussels from the lake to demonstrate the current size of Zebra mussels in Wind Lake. Additional details on Zebra Mussels were provided.

Marks noted there were a number of blood tests done statewide and the PFA contamination level in the general population is at a lower average than the rest of the country. Per Marks, the federal government is working on a plan to fund well testing on private wells. There is currently money for water systems, which have been mandated to cure the problem in the next ten years. Additional details were provided.

Marks noted that the State of Wisconsin is not proposing any legislation on wake boats at this time. They are waiting for court tests on legislation currently in place on the east coast to see what ordinance stays in place. They are recommending towns put something on their books to control this. Additional details were provided.

Marks noted that BRP has announced they are selling their marine division. Additional details were provided.

Old Business

Final Update on Harvesting Operations (HPM)

-Pat Fitzgerald provided a final update on harvesting operations through the end of the year. Labor hours this season include 238.5 hours of cutting, 65.5 hours of harvester maintenance, 19.5 hours of property maintenance. 24.5 hours of training. A total of 63.5 loads of weeds have been harvested this season. At this point, the harvester has been winterized and is on the vendor's list to be covered. Pat then noted that he recently replaced the battery on the harvester.

-Mayer then noted that Pat has decided not to return next year as the Harvesting Program Manager. Several board members thanked Pat for his service, noting he has made a significant difference and been an integral part of the program's success during his tenure.

Update on Harvester Grant

-Mayer noted that he has not received any updates at this time.

Update on Lift Station 5 Project

-Flunker noted that the project is currently delayed awaiting We Energies moving gas and electric lines. Originally, it was estimated at 2 weeks lead time but is currently at 8-10 weeks due to We Energies staff being sent to Georgia and Florida to assist there. Additional details were provided.

Discussion on New Fence for Launch Property

-Mayer noted that during the upcoming lift station project, a section of the fence on the Lake District's property is being removed. Mayer noted that he spoke to Dave from sewer and water about potentially being reimbursed instead of having the contractor restore the fence. Dave did not think there would be funds and did not seem open to approaching the contractor on it at this time. Mayer then advised that he instructed Dave to have the fence restored to what it was prior to the project at the completion of the project. Mayer then noted that he did get a price from a local contractor to replace the fence with one of two different options. Details of the fence and gate options were presented. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

New Business

Discussion on New Harvesting Operations for 2025

-Mayer opened the topic for discussion and dialogue amongst the board followed. Pat Fitzgerald provided feedback on what he thought had worked well and what could be improved. The consensus amongst the board was to continue the same direction and seek a new Program Manager to fill the vacancy.

Adjourn

-Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 7:36 pm, second by Flunker. Motion passed 5-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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

Wind Lake Management District

Treasurer Report

October 22, 2024

Expense Summary for September 23rd, 2024 to October 21st, 2024

Category	Annual Budget	Current	Fiscal Year	% Used
Meetings/Seminars 300	\$1,500		\$765.40	51%
Postal Expenses 310	1,000		\$871.66	87%
Office Supplies/Equipment 312	500		\$0.00	0%
Publications 320	500		\$0.00	0%
Insurance 500	7,500	\$6,377.00	\$6,630.00	88%
Print/Publishing 510	1,750		\$2,775.53	159%
Mileage/Per Diem 610	6,400		\$4,649.25	73%
Misc 700	250		\$180.90	72%
Website 1900	1,500		\$989.35	66%
Attorney 410	4,000		\$0.00	0%
Accountant 420	750		\$0.00	0%
Weed Control/Harvest/Pickup	95,858	\$1,287.82	\$23,227.29	24%
USGS 830	12,750		\$12,775.00	100%
Geese Control 840	4,000		\$3,500.00	88%
Property Maintenance 1500	1,080	\$98.70	\$693.70	64%
Contingency 900	1,000		\$0.00	0%
Emergency Action	4,000		\$1,750.00	44%
Dam Operation 1400	6,500		\$6,000.00	92%
Aquatic Plant Survey/Plan 1800	10,000		\$9,100.00	91%
Total Cash Expenditures	\$160,838	\$7,763.52	\$73,908.08	46%
Alum Treatment Fund	25,000	\$2,083.33	\$20,833.33	83%
Total with Alum Treatment Fund	\$185,838	\$9,846.85	\$94,741.41	51%

Checking Account Previous Balance: \$6,008.29 Transfer (to)from Money Market: \$10,000.00 Cash Expenditures: -\$7,763.52 Deposits/Property Transfer Fees: \$0.00 Checking Account Current Balance: \$8,244.77

MM Previous Bal Excluding Alum Fund: \$439,578.07 Deposits/Annual Charges: \$0.00 Transfer (to)from Checking: -\$10,000.00 Transfer to Alum Treatment Fund: -\$2,083.33 Interest: \$2,065.14 Sept Interest 5.23% Money Market Balance Prior to Alum Fund: \$429,559.88 Alum Treatment Fund invested in MM: \$16,676.58 Total Money Market Fund: \$446,236.46

Alum Treatment Fund Beg: \$18,750.00 Addition/Transfer from General Fund: \$2,083.33 Expenditures: -\$4,156.75 Onterra Report Alum Treatment Fund Ending: \$16,676.58
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**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday December 3, 2024
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, and Jim Marks. Excused: Mike Bluemel.

3 citizens were present for the meeting.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for October 22nd Meeting

Mayer called for a discussion of the October meeting minutes. Flunker motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. The motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of October 22nd to December 2nd. Motion by Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

Patty Miller (25011 W Loomis Rd) noted that when putting her boat in this year, someone mentioned that the public launch would be closed due to the lift station project. She informed him that was inaccurate. She also noted that the same person told her that the weeds are cut more on one side of the lake than the other. She informed him that he could call the weed harvester hotline for additional information if he would like. Last, Patty noted that she has a neighbor who would potentially be a good fit for the Harvesting Program Manager position. She noted that she would inquire and connect him with the board if he is interested.

Information and Correspondence

Marks noted that duck season closed last Sunday, and goose season closed today. Details on the upcoming late goose season and bag limits were provided.

Marks noted there is a little bit of ice on the lake.

Marks noted DNR is still backing a national standard for PFA contamination. Additional details were provided.

Marks noted there is concern over multiple species of invasive carp. Additional details were provided.

Mayer noted that a West Wind Lake Rd homeowner presented a proposal to Racine County to fill their lot approximately 80 feet past the current floodplain line. A short discussion followed.

Old Business

Update on Harvester Grant

-Mayer noted that he has contacted the DNR, and the contact the district has worked with in the past is no longer there. There is a possibility that WLMD's application could potentially get approved in April, but there are several applications remaining from the last application period that were not approved and remain in front of our application. If WLMD's request is not approved this April, it will likely be approved later in 2025. A short discussion followed.

Update on Lift Station 5 Project

-Flunker noted that the project is currently delayed, waiting on We Energies to move gas and electric lines. Currently, the project is tentatively going to start on 12/9/24 pending We Energies moving the gas and electric lines. Originally, it was estimated at 2 weeks lead time to move the utilities but is currently at 8 to 10 weeks due to We Energies staff being sent to Georgia and Florida to assist there. Additional details were provided.

Discussion on New Fence for Launch Property

-Mayer noted that he inquired with a potential contractor if the project could be separated into two projects, one being the fence and the second being a gate. He was unable to obtain firm #'s but noted it was an option and that we would need to obtain quotes to get firm #'s. He also noted that with the Left Station project getting delayed, it will likely be spring before the fence is addressed. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

New Business

Discussion on Harvesting Operations for 2025

-Mayer noted that Ralph had suggested a candidate for the open HPM position but he has not followed-up on it yet.

Confirm Meeting Dates for 2025

-Mayer inquired if the Board wanted to keep the monthly meetings at 7pm or move them to 6pm. A short discussion followed. The consensus amongst the board was to keep monthly meetings at 7pm on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The May meeting will be held on the third Tuesday (5/20/25) to avoid the Memorial Day and the November/December meeting will be combined on 12/2/2025. Mayer noted that we will also need to set a date for the annual meeting in September and that he would like to avoid having the meeting on September 11th if possible.

2025 WLMD Monthly Meeting dates are tentatively as follows:

January 28th

February 25th

March 25th

April 22nd

May 20th (3rd Tuesday due to Memorial Day)

June 24th

July 22nd

August 26th

September 23rd

October 28th

December 2nd (November & December meeting combined)

Adjourn

-Motion by Bellante to adjourn at 7:41 pm, second by Flunker. Motion passed 5-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, January 28th, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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

Wind Lake Management District

Treasurer Report

December 23, 2024

Expense Summary for October 22nd to December 2, 2024

Category	Annual Budget	Current	Fiscal Year	% Used
Meetings/Seminars 300	\$1,500		\$765.40	51%
Postal Expenses 310	1,000		\$871.66	87%
Office Supplies/Equipment 312	500		\$0.00	0%
Publications 320	500		\$0.00	0%
Insurance 500	7,500		\$6,630.00	88%
Print/Publishing 510	1,750		\$2,775.53	159%
Mileage/Per Diem 610	6,400	\$1,549.75	\$6,199.00	97%
Misc 700	250		\$180.90	72%
Website 1900	1,500		\$989.35	66%
Attorney 410	4,000		\$0.00	0%
Accountant 420	750		\$0.00	0%
Weed Control/Harvest/Pickup	95,858	\$17,664.97	\$40,892.26	43%
USGS 830	12,750		\$12,775.00	100%
Geese Control 840	4,000		\$3,500.00	88%
Property Maintenance 1500	1,080		\$693.70	64%
Contingency 900	1,000		\$0.00	0%
Emergency Action	4,000		\$1,750.00	44%
Dam Operation 1400	6,500		\$6,000.00	92%
Aquatic Plant Survey/Plan 1800	10,000		\$9,100.00	91%
Total Cash Expenditures	\$160,838	\$19,214.72	\$93,122.80	58%
Alum Treatment Fund	25,000	\$2,083.33	\$22,916.66	92%
Total with Alum Treatment Fund	\$185,838	\$21,298.05	\$116,039.46	62%

Checking Account Previous Balance: \$8,244.77 Transfer (to)from Money Market: \$11,500.00 Cash Expenditures: -\$19,214.72 Deposits/Property Transfer Fees: \$0.00 Checking Account Current Balance: \$530.05
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MM Previous Bal Excluding Alum Fund: \$429,559.88 Deposits/Annual Charges: \$0.00 Transfer (to)from Checking: -\$11,500.00 Transfer to Alum Treatment Fund: -\$2,083.33 Interest: \$3,818.15 Oct & Nov Int Money Market Balance Prior to Alum Fund: \$419,794.70 Alum Treatment Fund invested in MM: \$18,759.91 Total Money Market Fund: \$438,554.61
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Alum Treatment Fund Beg: \$16,676.58 Addition/Transfer from General Fund: \$2,083.33 Expenditures: \$0.00 Alum Treatment Fund Ending: \$18,759.91

2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 12th, 2024, at 7:00 pm Norway Town Hall

Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Mayer called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Introductions - Board Members, Guests

Board Members Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Mike Bluemel, and Jim Marks.

22 citizens and the Harvesting Program Manager, Pat Fitzgerald, were present for the meeting.

Approve Minutes from the 2023 Annual Meeting

Chairman Mayer noted that the 2023 minutes were provided in the fall newsletter and asked for any questions, corrections, or additions. Ken Mueller (2511 W Loomis Rd) motioned from the floor to waive reading the minutes and approve as presented. Jim Simono (7026 Breezy Point Rd) seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Annual Meeting Project Update - A review of 2024 and plans for 2025.

Chairman Mayer provided the following updates:

The required 5-year Aquatic Plant Management Plan was completed and approved in January 2024. The cost was approximately \$9,000.00

The district again partnered with the Department of Agriculture to perform a goose roundup in June. Details of the roundup were provided.

This is the second year of the harvesting hotline, and it is working well. Via the harvesting hotline, homeowners can directly contact the Harvesting Program Manager to address issues and concerns and/or request services. Chairman Mayer thanked Patrick Fitzgerald, Harvesting Program Manager, for doing a great job managing the program and crew. Chairman Mayer then thanked operators Riley Fitzgerald and Steven Kearns for their service. Additionally, Chairman Mayer thanked Jerry Kotarak for providing the district trucking services at a very fair price. Details of harvesting this year: harvesting started in early June. 195 cutting hours were logged, and 23,000 cubic feet of weeds were harvested. Additional details were provided.

Last year, purchasing a second harvester was discussed and approved at the annual meeting. The grant has been applied for but has not yet been approved. Chairman Mayer noted that the grant is still moving forward and that he hopes to know more next spring.

At last year's meeting, there was a discussion about a future Alum Treatment. To understand if Wind Lake needs an Alum Treatment, WLMD has hired an environmental consultant to study the lake quality and compile/review data from USGS, EPA, and other sources. The final report recently came back and states that Wind Lake's water quality is currently better than at the time of the previous Alum Treatment approximately 13 years ago. Performing a future Alum Treatment could cost the district over \$500,000.00. Currently, a grant of \$200,000.00 is available for Alum Treatments. When Wind Lake reaches the point that an Alum Treatment is needed, WLMD will need documentation to justify/qualify for a grant, which is what the environmental consultant will assist with. Additionally, last year, WLMD began allocating a budget line of \$25,000.00 per year to start saving for a future Alum Treatment. Additional details were provided.

Request for Volunteers to Review Previous Year Financials (One to Three Person Committee)

Flunker provided details of WLMD's history of utilizing KCG Accounting to perform yearly financial audits. KCG had WLMD financial records for 2022 and 2023, when the owner retired and sold to another firm. The new firm declined to continue performing the yearly financial audit. Flunker then obtained quotes from several other local firms. Quotes ranged from \$5,000.00-\$7,500.00 per year to perform an annual financial review for the district. Flunker then reached out to the attorney who works with lake districts and helps write legislation pertaining to lake districts in the state of Wisconsin to find out what an audit requires. The attorney advised that an audit does not need to be performed by a CPA but that the district's financial records need to be reviewed and reported on at the annual meeting. The board recently voted to seek a volunteer from the community to review the district's financial records from 2022 and 2023. Pat Calliari has volunteered to perform an independent review of the district's finances from 2022 and 2023. Flunker then noted that he tries to be as transparent as possible, providing a detailed financial report at each monthly meeting. Monthly financial reports are also available via the district's website. Flunker noted that he would be happy to share the financial records from 2022 and 2023 with anyone interested in reviewing them. Going forward, the board is seeking 2-3 volunteers to perform a financial audit of 2024 records. Chairman Mayer then invited Pat to share a synopsis of his review of the financial records from 2022 and 2023. Pat introduced himself, noting that he has lived on Wind Lake for approximately 30 years. Pat confirmed Flunker provided him with all the district's financial records from FY 2022 and 2023. Pat then provided a verbal report detailing his review of the WLMD financial records for 2022 and 2023. Pat noted that in reviewing records, the majority of the district's money is spent on weed control, with the district spending only roughly 50% of the overall budget during the years reviewed. Pat noted that in reviewing all the records, he found nothing concerning, and everything appeared to be in order. Pat stated that Todd and, previously, Jeremy have done a nice job organizing detailed financial records. Pat then opened the floor to any questions—no questions at this time. Mayer thanked Pat for reviewing the district's financial records and noted that he wanted to acknowledge the hours of time Pat donated to complete the review.

Mayer then thanked the members of the board for their service, noting that there is a lot of work that goes on in the background that is not often seen. Mayer thanked Flunker (Treasurer) for the time he spends each

month updating and providing detailed financial reports. Sauld (Secretary) for taking detailed notes. Bluemel (Board Member) for facilitating the spring and fall newsletters. Bellante (County Rep) for overseeing chemical treatments including surveys and reports. Then, Flunker and Sauld both complimented Chairman Mayer, noting he has done a fantastic job leading the board and getting members to work well together. Additionally, he does a great job interacting with members of the public.

Budget Hearing and Approval – Resolution 1-2024

Flunker presented the WLMD proposed budget for 2025, including a line-by-line analysis of income and expenditures.

Approval of Resolution 1-2024 – Mayer stated that he intended to read Resolution 1-2024 into the record, which he then read aloud.

Resolution 1- 2024

Whereas the Board of Commissioners proposed the enclosed budget for WLMD for the year Jan 1 2025 through Dec 31 2025:

And whereas notice of Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting was provided to residents and Landowners:

And whereas the Board recommends the projects presented herein:

And whereas the 1997 annual meeting gave the Board authority for short-term borrowing only to cover grant reimbursements not yet received:

And whereas the 2010 Annual Meeting approved the levy of irrepealably taxes to repay state loans:

And whereas the 2021 Annual Meeting gave the Board the authority to charge all taxable properties in the District according to those categories, including situations where one owner has multiple properties:

And whereas the 2023 Annual Meeting gave the Board the authority to charge District properties at the annual rate of \$280 lakefront, \$160 canal, and \$100 off lake properties:

Be it further resolved that the annual WLMD charges will be placed on the 2024 tax bill with no penalties:

Be it further resolved that the WLMD Board is authorized to apply for available grants:

Be it further resolved that the WLMD Board is authorized to apply for a grant for a future Alum treatment:

Be it further resolved that the WLMD Board is authorized to apply for a grant for a second weed harvester:

Be it further resolved that the WLMD Board is authorized to purchase a second weed harvester if the grant is approved:

Be it further resolved that the authorization for short-term borrowing to cover grant reimbursements not yet received is continued through this budget year:

Be it further resolved that the projects included in the budget, as may be amended by this annual meeting are hereby approved:

Be it further resolved that the WLMD is approved to apply for loans for purchases and projects approved at this meeting:

Be it further resolved that the 2025 Proposed Budget is hereby approved:

Be it further resolved that the 2025 Annual Meeting can be scheduled after September 8th:

Mayer then opened the floor to questions from the public. No questions on the resolution were presented. Mayer then called for a motion from the floor to approve the resolution as presented. John Landry (25116 S Wind Lake Rd) motioned to approve resolution 1-2024 as presented. Pat Calliari (7133 W Wind Lake Rd) seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

New Business

Mayer called for any new business from the floor. Tom Charapata (24839 W Loomis Rd) inquired when the last roadside weed pickup would occur. Bluemel noted that the last roadside weed pickup for the season is scheduled for October 21st. Tom Charapata stated that having one more roadside weed pickup in early November would be nice. Mayer noted that he would check with the contractor who picks up the weeds to see if the final pickup date can be pushed back to a later date.

Election of Commissioners

Chairman Mayer stated that his term as commissioner is up at this time. Mayer opened the floor to nominations. Sauld nominated Ron Mayer for reelection to a 3-year term. Mayer accepted the nomination. Chairman Mayer repeated the request for nominations from the floor three times. No nominations were received. Mayer then called for a vote. Mayer was then reelected to the WLMD Board on a unanimous voice vote.

Adjourn

Bruce Rosenquist (25104 S Wind Lake Rd) motioned to adjourn the meeting. John Landry (25116 S Wind Lake Rd) seconded the motion. The motion to adjourn passed on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 pm.

A Board of Commissioners meeting was held immediately following the Annual Meeting to elect officers.

Mayer called the meeting to order. There was a brief discussion amongst commissioners regarding the election of officers. Bluemel made a motion to nominate Ron Mayer as chairman, Todd Flunker as treasurer, and Jeremy Sauld as secretary. Schopp seconded the motion. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. Sauld then made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bluemel. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

NOT APPROVED

**Wind Lake Management District
2025 Approved Budget**

Annual Revenue	
Lake Dues	\$166,780
Property Transfer Fees	300
Interest	16,000
Total Estimated Income	\$183,080

Expense Category	Jan 1, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024 Approved	January 1, 2024 to Current (7/29/2024) Actual	Jan 1, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025 Approved
Meetings/Seminars	\$1,500	\$765	\$1,500
Postal Expenses	1,000	421	900
Office Supplies/Equipment	500	-	250
Publications	500	-	250
Insurance	7,500	253	7,500
Print/Publishing	1,750	1,144	2,250
Mileage/Per Diem	6,400	3,100	6,400
Misc	250	181	250
Website	1,500	789	1,500
Attorney	4,000	-	4,000
Accountant	750	-	-
Weed Control/Harvest/Pickup	95,858	8,614	97,265
USGS	12,750	-	12,750
Geese Control	4,000	3,500	4,000
Property Maintenance	1,080	490	1,250
Contingency	1,000	-	1,000
Emergency Action	4,000	1,750	4,000
Dam Operation	6,500	6,000	6,500
Aquatic Plant Survey/Plan (Harvesting Permit)	10,000	9,100	-
Alum Treatment Fund	25,000	14,583	25,000
Total Expenses	\$185,838	\$50,691	\$176,565

Weed Management Cost Breakdown

	2024 Budget	2025 Budget
	Approved	Approved
SSW Treatment	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Reg. Chemical Treatments	15,000	15,000
Roadside Weed Pick Up	8,000	8,000
Weed Disposal Site Fee	5,000	5,000
Manager Salary	3,500	2,500
Training	1,008	1,075
Operator	12,600	13,440
Maintenance & Fuel	6,000	6,000
Trucking	22,500	24,000
Winterizing & Shrink Wrap	1,250	1,250
Weed Cutting Contingency Fund	6,000	6,000
Total	\$ 95,858	\$ 97,265