

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