

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

**Norway Town Hall**

**Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024  
7:00 pm**

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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> to April 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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