

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

**Norway Town Hall**

**Tuesday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> to August 26<sup>th</sup>. 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting dates are subject to change. Consult [WLMD.org](http://WLMD.org) for the latest information.

Not Approved