

**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.

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