

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday January 28, 2025
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

No citizens present for the meeting.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order by Mayer at 7:50 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for December 3rd Meeting

Mayer called for a discussion on the December 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 December 2nd to December 31st along with a summary of 2024 year-end total expenses. Motion by Bluemel to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Flunker advised the board that he is ready to proceed with the yearly financial audit that needs to be completed prior to the annual meeting.

Public Comments

No public comments

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided details on recent ice rescues. Three of which were fatal.

Marks advised that Karen Hyun has been appointed as the new head of DNR. She still needs to be confirmed by the state legislature.

Marks stated that Bird flu was first identified in 1997 and has mutated several times. There is a new strain that can kill Mallard Ducks and Trumpeter Swans. He reports that there have also been 85 cases reported in humans. Additional details were provided.

Marks noted that there is a new study on damage caused by wake boats. Details of the study were provided.

Marks noted that DNR is monitoring salt runoff from road salt and water softeners. Additional details were provided.

Marks noted that the Wisconsin Manufacturing Association is suing Wisconsin DNR regarding adoption of federal PFA standards. Additional details were provided.

Marks noted he saw a flock of about 300 geese in eastern part of Racine County. He noted that these could all migrate to Wind Lake so a goose roundup should be considered in 2025.

Sauld noted that at the December Town of Norway Board Meeting there was discussion about ATV use on town roads. No action was taken at that meeting and additional input from the community would be needed prior to any changes. Sauld noted that he was interested in putting together a subcommittee to gain additional public input on the possibility of using ATVs on roads within the WLMD boundaries.

Old Business

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 wet well is done. The new lateral is almost complete. Work on the generator house continues. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Discussion on New Fence for Launch Property

Mayer noted that he will work on obtaining firm quotes now that the sewer districts project is moving along. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on HPM Position

-Mayer noted that Ralph Schopp had spoken to Scott Laux about the possibility of Scott filling the open HPM position and that Scott may possibly be interested. Mayer has not yet spoken to Scott about the position and the board is still seeking candidates at this time. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Harvesting Operators

-Mayer noted that he has received multiple names of people possibly interested in operating the weed harvester during the upcoming season. At this time, it is unknown which previous operators will be returning. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Trucking Agreement

-Mayer noted that Jerry Kotarak has offered to continue the current trucking/hauling services at \$80/hr. Last year's rate was \$75/hr. There was a short discussion amongst the board. Bluemel motioned to renew the current trucking/hauling contract at a rate of \$80/hr. Sauld seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Temp Agency Agreement

-Flunker stated that he spoke to Crystal at On-Site Staffing, and she has agreed to renew the staffing agreement at the current rate. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Sauld motioned to renew the agreement with the temp agency at the current rate. Bellante seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Roadside Weed P/U Agreement

-Mayer noted that the contractor who provided Roadside Weed P/U services in 2024 has lost his spot to dispose of the weeds and is unsure if he will be able to continue providing services. A discussion amongst the board followed. The topic was tabled with no action taken at this time.

Adjourn

-Motion by Bluemel to adjourn at 8:45 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 25th, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

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