

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, July 30th, 2024
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

6 citizens and the Harvesting Program Manager, Pat Fitzgerald, were present for the meeting.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for June 25th Meeting

Mayer called for a discussion on the June meeting minutes. Sauld noted that he received an email from Julie Nastal with the following three corrections: 1-“members” is missing a possessive apostrophe, 2-“area” should be “are a”, and 3-“is” should be “it”. Bluemel motioned to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Flunker. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of June 25th to July 29th. Motion by Bluemel to accept the report as presented, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

Connie Herda (8126 E Wind Lake Rd) stated that she want to thank the board for cutting weeds on the east side of the lake. A short discussion followed.

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided an update on the Vessel Safety Inspection. 8 boats were inspected at the boat launch the day of the inspection and all passed. 4 boats at the launch refused inspections. Three additional boats were inspected by appointment, and all 3 passed.

Marks noted that the Town Board for Browns Lake voted 5-0 to support the funding and use 100% of their bonding as needed to support the cost of the dredging project.

Marks provided an update on PFA contamination, noting that the natural foam that forms on the surface of the lake occasionally was found to contain high levels of PFA contamination. Additional details were provided.

Marks noted that there is a Wake Boat Ban that has been initiated in the Waupaca Chain of Lakes. The state legislature has not passed any laws, but individual towns in the Chain of Lakes in the Waupaca area have banned wake boats.

Marks noted that the Union Grove lawsuit against the drainage district is still pending. There was an initial action, a ruling against Union Grove. Additional details were provided.

Marks noted that the Eurasian Milfoil, having turned hybrid, has gone into a reduced state of expansion. Additional details were provided.

Old Business

Update on Onterra Project

Mayer noted that he received an update from Onterra. They have accumulated a lot of data, including data from the EPA, and continue to work through it. Based on the update, it sounds like Onterra is building a strong case for WLMD to get a grant and will continue working on it. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Volunteer for Finance Review

Mayer introduced Pat Calliari as a potential candidate to perform the financial review. Pat provided information on his experience including working 35 years in the banking/financial industry. He has held positions ranging from “Development Manager” up to “Vice President” for a software company. Currently, he works as a financial controller for a business in Racine. He does the company's bookwork, including payroll and preparation of tax documents for the company's accountant. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Flunker noted that due to KCG changing ownership, financial audits of fiscal years 2022 and 2023 need to be performed. Bluemel motioned to have Pat Calliari perform financial audits of FY 2022 and 2023 to present at the 2024 annual meeting. Sauld seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

Discussion and Possible Action on Buoy Locations

Sauld noted that he attempted to check buoy locations using an iPhone, but unfortunately, the coordinates available on the iPhone do not read the same way as the coordinates listed in the town ordinance dictating where the buoys are placed. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Update on Harvesting Operations (HPM)

-Pat Fitzgerald provided an update on harvesting operations through 7/26/24. Total hours include 161.5 man-hours, of which 111.5 hours are cutting, 28.5 hours are boat maintenance, 4.5 hours are property maintenance, 8 hours of training, and 9 hours used for obstruction removal from the canal. A total of 30.5 loads of weeds have been removed. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Update on Chemical Treatments

-Bellante noted that there were some early season troubles trying to get started performing chemical treatments due to weather and scheduling conflicts with the vendor. The spring treatment was completed on June 13th and encompassed a total of approximately 9 acres. Additional details were provided and a discussion amongst the board followed.

Update on Harvester Grant

-Mayer noted that he has contacted the DNR and is going through the grant process.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on 2025 Budget Proposal

-Flunker provided board members with a hard copy of a proposed budget for FY 2025. He then presented a verbal report going line by line through the proposed budget. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Bluemel motioned to approve the proposed budget with the amendments of increasing the line item of insurance to \$7,500.00 and removing the line item for the Aquatic Plant Survey of \$10,000.00. Bellante seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 2025 Resolution

-Mayer read through a proposed agenda for the 2024 annual meeting, including the proposed resolution for 2025. A discussion amongst the board on seeking volunteers to review previous year financials followed. It was also noted that the proposed resolution listed the “charges will be placed on the 2023 tax bill” which needs to be updated to 2024. Bluemel motioned to approve the proposed 2024 Annual Meeting & Budget Hearing Agenda as well as the proposed resolution with the amendments of establishing a 1-3 person committee to review previous year financials and updating the resolution to state that charges will be placed on the 2024 tax bill instead of 2023. Sauld seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Date for Annual Meeting

-Mayer noted that a date for the 2024 annual meeting needs to be selected. There was a short discussion amongst the board with a consensus amongst the board that the annual meeting should be scheduled for September 12th, 2024.

Discussion on Newsletter Draft

-Bluemel provided an update on the status of the fall newsletter. He has almost everything he needs and is ready to put the final draft together. His plan is to put a final draft together and email it to the rest of the board by 7/31/24. He requested that any corrections are returned to him by 8/2/24 as he plans to have it sent to the printer prior to 8/5/24. This should ensure the fall newsletter will be mailed out by 8/12/24.

Adjourn

-Motion by Bluemel to adjourn at 8:25 pm, second by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, August 27th, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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