

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

**Norway Town Hall**

**Tuesday, JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, County Rep Joe Bellante, Jim Marks and Mike Bluemel. Excused: Treasurer Todd Flunker

1 citizen 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 May 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

-Mayer called for a discussion on the May meeting minutes. Bluemel motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

**Treasurers Report**

-Sauld read a verbal report that was provided by Flunker summarizing the time period of May 20<sup>th</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Schopp to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bluemel. Motion passed 5-0.

**Public Comments**

-Julie Nastal (7341 W Wind Lake Rd) read the following statement: "In the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, Ralph stated that the Board Member's addresses were on the WLMD Newsletter – However, that is not correct, only their phone numbers are. Since the Board wants the addresses of private citizens who speak at meetings to be included in the minutes, it seems fitting that the Board Members addresses and contact information be included as well. The Minutes are a permanent government record, unlike a website whose information can be deleted or changed at any moment. Since Jeremy stated he thought the minutes should evolve with adding the addresses, the perfect way to continue this evolution is to add the Board's contact information to the bottom of the minutes as a standard footer. In case the Board was not able to do this due to time constraints or knowledge, I took the liberty of helping the Board out and setting this up for them. The footer contains the same contact information from the website, only now it will be easier for constituents to find. Included is a sample printout and I can email it as a pdf to the board." A sample of Julie's footer and statement were then provided to the Board. Mayer noted that he has no objections to this but that WLMD is currently following what the town does regarding requiring attendees to state their name and address before making a comment. A short discussion followed. Mayer advised Sauld that he is the secretary and can make the decision regarding the footer.

-Patrick Fitzgerald (24212 Kurtz Ln) commented it is a similar thing but a different environment. As a union member on the floor, if you choose to make a statement, you are required to state your name and serial # so that member comments are recorded in the minutes so that who said what can be verified. Not just a member, or a citizen, or a resident. The person must be identified, the same as at Town Board Meetings. Your address is in the phone book, too. A short discussion between Schopp and Mr. Fitzgerald regarding phone books followed.

### **Information and Correspondence**

-Marks noted that bird flu is concentrated in Michigan this year. There is still anticipation on the federal level that it could get worse, but no comparison with some of the other pandemic possibilities.

-Marks noted that goose season dates have been tentatively announced. It will start on Labor Day weekend and run for approximately 15 days.

-Marks noted that Muskego Dam is on the risk list. Additional details were provided.

-Mayer noted that on 6/27/24, the Norway Fire Department will perform a training exercise on Wind Lake.

### **Old Business**

#### **Update on Onterra Project**

-Mayer noted that Onterra is continuing to work on putting data together. They have received the information pertaining to our previous alum treatment in 1997. It is a work in progress, and they will continue working on it.

#### **Discussion and Possible Action on Accountant / Audits**

-Bluemel advised that the person he had previously suggested to possibly assist with a financial audit has declined. Mayer then noted that he has a neighbor who is a retired financial person and asked if he should inquire if he would be interested. The consensus amongst the board was to have Mayer contact the potential candidate to see if they would assist.

#### **Discussion and Possible Action on Buoy Locations**

-Sauld noted that there were no updates at this time. Marks then noted that he had spoken to DNR personnel, and they recommended working with our local warden. A short discussion amongst the board followed. The consensus was to start with checking the current buoy locations and, if needed, work with the Norway Police to get the buoys moved.

#### **Update on Harvesting Operations (HPM)**

-Pat Fitzgerald provided an update on harvesting operations, noting that weed harvesting has commenced. Pat reported that the following hours have been utilized so far: 19.5

hours cutting, 15.5 hours harvester maintenance, 2 hours property maintenance, and 5.5 hours training. Additionally, the weed harvester was recently utilized to remove a tree/stump that had fallen into and was blocking a portion of the canal. Details of the tree/stump removal were provided and a short discussion amongst the board followed. Pat then inquired about the possibility of negotiating an updated contract for the use of the private launch that is sometimes used during harvesting operations. Discussion followed, no action was taken at this time.

### **Review of Round-up**

-Mayer expressed a thank you to everyone who helped this year. Overall, the round-up went well, and the USDA was able to round up a total of 96 geese. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

### **Update on Harvester Grant**

-Mayer advised that he will be working on the next harvester grant. Bluemel provided Mayer with a copy of the records from the previous harvester grant application.

### **Update on Channel Blockage**

-Mayer noted that this was covered earlier in the meeting during the HPM's report but that he wanted to thank Jerry and Pat for removing the down tree. It was a much bigger project than originally thought.

## **New Business**

### **Reminders for July Meeting Draft Budget, Resolution, and Newsletter**

-Mayer noted a reminder that next month the board will need to review a draft budget, draft resolution, and draft newsletter for the annual meeting. The board needs to have a draft put together in July so it can be mailed in August. The newsletter needs to be received by homeowners 2 weeks before the annual meeting.

## **Adjourn**

-Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 7:30 pm, second by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

**Note:** The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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