

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, March 26th, 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. 2 citizens were present.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for February 27th Meeting

Schopp inquired regarding where Marks obtained the cost of up to 34 million dollars regarding the Browns Lake Dredging project discussed at last month's meeting. A short discussion between Schopp and Marks followed. Marks noted that it was published but was unable to identify the source. Mayer noted that although Marks could not identify the source to validate his claim, the minutes are correct regarding what was discussed at last month's meeting.

Flunker then made a motion 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 January 1st to March 25th. A motion was made by Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Following approval of the Treasurer's Report, Flunker noted that KCG had not yet completed the district's financial audit of records for FY 2022 when they sold to a different firm. Flunker has contacted the firm KCG sold to, and they are not interested in continuing to perform the district's yearly financial audit. Flunker noted that he has contacted other firms but has not yet found a firm interested in performing the yearly audit. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Schopp noted he had a possible contact he would check with. Schopp also recommended checking with Tom Kramer at the Town of Norway to see who the town uses for financial audits and if Tom could offer a referral.

Public Comments

-Mayer noted that sign-in sheets will not be used at the meeting going forward. Instead, anyone who makes a public comment should start with stating their name and address.

-Julie Nastal (7341W Wind Lake Rd) commented that she looked on the WLMD website today for the meeting agenda but was unable to find it. Mayer stated that the agenda was sent to the web manager a week ago for upload to the website and should have been posted.

Julie then commented that she had sent an email earlier today to the WLMD general email requesting a copy of the agenda. Mayer noted that he checked the email yesterday but had not checked it today. Julie then inquired regarding contact information for board members. Sauld noted that there is a dedicated page on the WLMD website that lists contact information for each of the board members including the phone #, email, and address of each board member.

Information and Correspondence

-Marks noted that a few weeks ago there were 13 eagles on the east side of the lake. There is also currently an eagle's nest on the east side of the lake.

-Marks noted approximately 10 days ago 68 pelicans visited Wind Lake.

-Marks noted that beavers are building an obstruction in the channel of Breezy Bay.

-Marks spoke on a lawsuit between the Drainage district and Union Grove, noting the lawsuit pertained to redoing the Root River for drainage.

Old Business

Update on Harvesting Permit

-Mayer noted that thanks to Todd and Joe, the online application has been completed, and we are good to go for another 5 years.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options (Onterra)

-Mayer noted that everybody got the proposal from Onterra in reference to writing a grant for a future Alum Treatment. Mayer commented that the quote was more than he expected but is probably a practical number. Sauld commented that some of the added cost appears to be coming from the need for Onterra to obtain information and create past records that are not currently, readily available. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Mayor noted that Onterra's proposal is an estimate utilizing a not-to-exceed contract total of \$9,675.00. Mayer then concluded the discussion, noting that what Onterra is going to do will not only set us up for an Alum Treatment in the near future but also prepare us for all future Alum Treatments. Sauld motioned to accept Onterra's proposal as presented. Flunker seconded the motion. Jim Marks then commented "you still have to remember you exceeded the \$10,000.00 limit with this and you need to have two bids". Sauld informed Marks that the bid is not over \$10,000.00 and is a not-to-exceed contract capped at \$9,675.00. Mayer called for further discussion, none noted. Motion passed 5-0.

Update on Additional Pier

-Mayer noted that he found 24ft (3-8ft sections) of aluminum pier locally and purchased it for \$1,750.00. It will need to have one weld repaired and should have a wheel kit added to it to make it easier to put in and take out of the lake. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Decomposed Lake Weeds

-Mayer noted that he recently spoke to Scott Laux from the DPW. The weeds at the transfer site are still pretty wet. Per Mayer, we won't be able to do anything with the decomposed weeds until summertime when things dry up. Mayer then noted that he would like to look at the WLMD property on Muskego Dam Rd as an option to dispose of the dried-out/decomposed weeds. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Review of Newsletter Draft

-Mayer noted that he has not yet received a draft of the upcoming newsletter but that he is aware Bluemel is working on getting the newsletter put together.

Discussion and Possible Action on Buoy Locations

-Mayer inquired with Marks regarding whether there were any updates regarding buoy locations. Marks noted that we will need to insist that the Norway PD utilize GPS when placing the buoys out this year. Marks noted that buoys are put out the week before the opening of fishing season. Mayer noted that we need to address the situation now or we will not get it corrected.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Trucking Service Renewal

-Mayer noted that an updated proposal was received from Joe's K Ranch for trucking/hauling of weeds at \$75/hr for the 2024 weed harvesting season. Last year's rate was \$70/hr. Motion by Sauld to accept Joe's K Ranch proposal for trucking/hauling weeds at a rate of \$75/hr. Seconded by Flunker. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Roadside Weed Pickup Renewal

-Mayer noted that Butch's Hometown Service submitted a proposal for roadside week pickup in 2024 at a rate of \$515.00 per pickup (yearly total for 14 pickups is \$7,210.00). Last year's rate was \$485 per pickup. Motion by Bellante to accept Butch's Hometown Service proposal for Roadside Week Pickup at a rate of \$515.00 per pickup (yearly total for 14 pickups of \$7,210.00). Second by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Temp Agency Renewal

-Flunker noted that he spoke to Crystal from On-Site Staffing. On-Site has agreed to renew its staffing contract with WLMD for the 2024 season with the same terms as the 2023 contract. Motion by Sauld to renew the contract with On-Site staffing under the same terms as the 2023 contract. Second by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjourn

-Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 7:43 pm, second by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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