

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday October 22, 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

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

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for September 24th Meeting

Mayer called for a discussion on the September 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 September 23rd to October 21st. Motion by Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Flunker then noted that he filed WI Department of Revenue form PC-505.

Public Comments

No public comments

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided a sample of zebra mussels from the lake to demonstrate the current size of Zebra mussels in Wind Lake. Additional details on Zebra Mussels were provided.

Marks noted there were a number of blood tests done statewide and the PFA contamination level in the general population is at a lower average than the rest of the country. Per Marks, the federal government is working on a plan to fund well testing on private wells. There is currently money for water systems, which have been mandated to cure the problem in the next ten years. Additional details were provided.

Marks noted that the State of Wisconsin is not proposing any legislation on wake boats at this time. They are waiting for court tests on legislation currently in place on the east coast to see what ordinance stays in place. They are recommending towns put something on their books to control this. Additional details were provided.

Marks noted that BRP has announced they are selling their marine division. Additional details were provided.

Old Business

Final Update on Harvesting Operations (HPM)

-Pat Fitzgerald provided a final update on harvesting operations through the end of the year. Labor hours this season include 238.5 hours of cutting, 65.5 hours of harvester maintenance, 19.5 hours of property maintenance. 24.5 hours of training. A total of 63.5 loads of weeds have been harvested this season. At this point, the harvester has been winterized and is on the vendor's list to be covered. Pat then noted that he recently replaced the battery on the harvester.

-Mayer then noted that Pat has decided not to return next year as the Harvesting Program Manager. Several board members thanked Pat for his service, noting he has made a significant difference and been an integral part of the program's success during his tenure.

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 project is currently delayed awaiting We Energies moving gas and electric lines. Originally, it was estimated at 2 weeks lead time but is currently at 8-10 weeks due to We Energies staff being sent to Georgia and Florida to assist there. Additional details were provided.

Discussion on New Fence for Launch Property

-Mayer noted that during the upcoming lift station project, a section of the fence on the Lake District's property is being removed. Mayer noted that he spoke to Dave from sewer and water about potentially being reimbursed instead of having the contractor restore the fence. Dave did not think there would be funds and did not seem open to approaching the contractor on it at this time. Mayer then advised that he instructed Dave to have the fence restored to what it was prior to the project at the completion of the project. Mayer then noted that he did get a price from a local contractor to replace the fence with one of two different options. Details of the fence and gate options were presented. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

New Business

Discussion on New Harvesting Operations for 2025

-Mayer opened the topic for discussion and dialogue amongst the board followed. Pat Fitzgerald provided feedback on what he thought had worked well and what could be improved. The consensus amongst the board was to continue the same direction and seek a new Program Manager to fill the vacancy.

Adjourn

-Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 7:36 pm, second by Flunker. Motion passed 5-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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

Not Approved