MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Norway Town Hall

Tuesday, September 24th, 2024 7:00 pm

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

2 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 August 27th Meeting

Mayer called for a discussion on the August meeting minutes. Bluemel motioned to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of August 26th to September 23rd. Motion by Bluemel to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

Information and Correspondence

Marks noted that Racine County has voted to donate 1.2 million dollars for the Browns Lake Dredging Project. Additional details on the source of funds provided.

Marks noted that the latest random PFA testing in Wisconsin showed that there is a much lower than average human contamination level than most other states in the country.

Marks noted that the duck and goose hunting season is about to start. Details of season dates and bag limits were presented.

Marks noted that on the east side of the lake near the intersection of County S and Sandy Point Road he has observed fill being brought in.

Marks noted that the DNR surface water grant program closes at the end of September.

Old Business

Discussion on Onterra Report

Mayer noted that the Onterra report had been available for everyone to review and opened the topic for discussion. A discussion amongst the board followed. No action taken at this time.

Update on Harvesting Operations (HPM)

-Pat Fitzgerald provided an update on harvesting operations through 9/20/24. Labor hours this season include 226 hours of cutting, 49 hours of harvester maintenance, 16.5 hours of property maintenance, and 24.5 hours of training. A total of 60.5 loads of weeds have been harvested this season. Pat suggested considering moving the harvester off-site during the upcoming sewer construction project. Mayer and Flunker noted that the area to be utilized for the upcoming sewer project has been marked, and there is adequate room to safely store the harvester outside of the easement/construction area. A discussion amongst the board followed.

Update on Harvester Grant

-Mayer noted that he has not received any updates at this time.

Update on Lift Station 5 Project

-Mayer noted that he and Flunker recently attended a meeting with the Sewage District, DNR, Engineers, and the contractor performing the work. In the next few days, trees within the sewer easement will start to be removed, and construction will begin on the new lift station. Once the lift station is completed, estimated in early November, trenching of the new sewer line will begin. The old pipe is gravity-fed toward the old lift station, and the new pipe will be gravity-fed toward the new lift station. Mayer noted that the goal is to complete the project by March and restoration to yards should be completed in spring. Additional details were provided, and a short discussion amongst the board followed.

New Business

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 must be removed. A discussion amongst the board followed. Mayer noted that he would inquire with the town regarding what compensation or repair would be offered. Mayor also volunteered to obtain quotes to replace the fence. No other action taken on this topic at this time.

Adjourn

-Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 7:44 pm, second by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, October 22nd, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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

