

2025 ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 16th, 2025, at 7:00 pm Norway Town Hall

Call Meeting to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Mayer called the meeting to order shortly after 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introductions - Board Members, Guests

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

35 residents were present for the meeting.

Remember / Honor Jim Marks

Chairman Mayer remembered longtime board member Jim Marks for his 27 years of dedicated service to the Wind Lake Management District. Jim's commitment to the board and the lake was recognized and honored.

Approve Minutes from the 2024 Annual Meeting

Chairman Mayer noted that the 2024 minutes were printed in the newsletter. Pat Calliari (7133 W Wind Lake Rd) motioned from the floor to waive reading the minutes. John Landry (25116 S Wind Lake Rd) seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Pat Calliari then motioned to approve the 2024 minutes as presented. Renee Landry (25116 S Wind Lake Rd) seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Annual Meeting Project Update - A review of 2025 and plans for 2026

Chairman Mayer provided an update on district activities:

- A second harvester grant was awarded (\$55,000). Delivery expected spring 2026. District share is approximately \$63,000. Inland Harvester awarded the bid.
- Goose roundup was conducted in June with 138 birds removed.
- Heavy weed growth this year led to record harvesting of over 100,000 cubic feet which is more than the last three years combined.
- Harvesting crew was recognized for outstanding work.
- Roadside weed pickup taken over by Jerry Kotarak. Thank you to Jerry Kotarak for providing cost savings and flexibility.
- WLMD lake lot fence replacement in 2026 budget. \$2,500 credit received from the Sanitary District in lieu of replacing the old wire fence that was tore out during the recent sewer project. A new 6ft privacy fence with a sliding gate will be installed.
- Approximately 5 years ago the board decided to add two additional board members instead of contracting an outside consultant for services. Board members have taken on additional responsibilities in-house, saving the district approximately \$8,000 annually.

Report from District Members - Financial Review

Pat Calliari and Connie Herda reported on their independent review of WLMD's finances. They found no issues and commended Treasurer Todd Flunker for detailed and transparent records. The district is in a strong financial position. The floor was opened for any questions from the public. No questions at this time.

Request for Volunteers to Review Previous Year Financials

Chairman Mayer noted that Pat Calliari has participated in the audit for two years and Connie Herda for one. Mayer requested a volunteer to replace Pat and assist Connie with next year's review. The goal is to have two people perform the audit annually with at least one of the two people from the previous year participating. Ken Mueller (25011 West Loomis Rd) volunteered to assist with the review of the 2025 financial records.

Budget Presentation and Hearing

Treasurer Flunker provided a status update on the financial accounts and a projection of where fund balances are expected to be at year-end. He then reviewed the proposed 2026 budget, including income, expenditures, and line-item details. Key points included strong fund balances, continued contributions to the alum treatment fund, and budgeting for property maintenance and harvesting operations. (2026 budget attached at end of minutes)

Review of Resolution 1-2025

Chairman Mayer read the following resolution into the record:

Resolution 1-2025

Whereas the WLMD Board proposed the enclosed budget for WLMD for the year Jan 1, 2026, through Dec 31 2026:

And whereas notice of Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting was provided to residents and Landowners:

And whereas the Board recommends the projects presented herein:

And whereas the 1997 annual meeting gave the Board authority for short-term borrowing only to cover grant reimbursements not yet received:

And whereas the 2010 Annual Meeting approved the levy of irrepealably taxes to repay state loans:

And whereas the 2021 Annual Meeting gave the Board the authority to charge all taxable properties in the district according to those categories, including situations where one owner has multiple properties:

And whereas the 2023 Annual Meeting gave the Board the authority to charge District properties at the annual rate of: \$280 lakefront, \$160 canal and \$100 off lake properties:

Be it further resolved that the annual WLMD charges will be placed on the 2025 tax bill with no penalties:

Be it further resolved that the WLMD Board is authorized to apply for available grants:

Be it further resolved that the WLMD Board is authorized to apply for a grant for a future Alum treatment:

Be it further resolved that WLMD Board members can designate that a donation be made to the Wind Lake Fireworks Association on their behalf in lieu of their quarterly stipend:

Be it further resolved that the authorization for short-term borrowing to cover grant reimbursements not yet received is continued through this budget year:

Be it further resolved that the projects included in the budget, if amended at this annual meeting are hereby approved:

Be it further resolved that the WLMD is approved to apply for loans for purchases and projects approved at this meeting:

Be it further resolved, that the 2026 Budget as proposed / amended is hereby approved:

Be it further resolved that the 2026 Annual Meeting can be scheduled after September 8th:

Chairman Mayer then opened the floor for any questions from the public. No questions noted.

Tom Charapata (24839 W Loomis Rd) motioned to approve Resolution 1-2025 as presented. Connie Herda (8126 E Wind Lake Rd) seconded. Resolution 1-2025 passed unanimously on a voice vote.

New Business

Chairman Mayer then called for any new business from the floor. Jim Bluemel (7346 E Wind Lake Rd) acknowledged that WLMD does not have authority over what the police boat does on the lake but raised concerns regarding confusion on interpretation of current laws as well as the lake patrol scheduling and enforcement priorities. Jim recommended police spend more time at the launch educating boaters and ensuring vessels are properly equipped. Chairman Mayer noted that he did not disagree with what was being said and advised that his concerns should be brought before the Town Board for action.

Election of Commissioners

Chairman Mayer opened nominations for three open board seats: the positions held by Todd Flunker (three-year term), the late Jim Marks (three-year term), and the vacated seat of Chairman Mayer (two-year term). Nominations received were: Jim Bluemel Jr. (Nominated by Lori Bluemel), Todd Flunker (Nominated by Ron Mayer), John Martell (Nominated by Frank Bellante), and Pat Calliari (Nominated by Joanne Calliari).

Each candidate gave brief remarks. Following voting, the results were announced: Todd Flunker (41 votes) and Pat Calliari (36 votes) elected to three-year terms; Jim Bluemel (30 votes) elected to a two-year term. John Martell (16 votes) was thanked for coming forward as a candidate.

Adjourn

Pat Calliari motioned to adjourn. Connie Herda seconded. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 pm.

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J Bluemel motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm. Motion seconded by Sauld. Motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

Minutes Not Approved

**Wind Lake Management District
2026 APPROVED Budget**

Annual Revenue -General Fund	
Lake Dues	\$166,780
Property Transfer Fees	300
Interest	11,250
Total Estimated Income	\$178,330

Expense Category	Jan 1, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024 ACTUAL	Jan 1, 2025 to Dec 31, 2025 Approved Budget	Jan 1, 2026 to Dec 31, 2026 APPROVED
Meetings/Seminars	\$765	\$1,500	\$1,500
Postal Expenses	872	900	900
Office Supplies/Equipment	-	250	250
Publications	-	250	250
Insurance	6,599	7,500	12,750
Print/Publishing	2,776	2,250	2,750
Mileage/Per Diem	6,199	6,400	6,400
Misc	181	250	250
Website	1,187	1,500	1,500
Attorney	-	4,000	4,000
Accountant	-	-	-
Weed Control/Harvest/Pickup	39,280	97,265	108,615
USGS	12,775	12,750	14,000
Geese Control	3,500	4,000	4,000
Property Maintenance	709	1,250	18,250
Contingency (Pier 2024/Bouys 2025)	1,750	1,000	2,500
Emergency Action	-	4,000	4,000
Dam Operation	6,000	6,500	6,500
Aquatic Plant Survey/Plan (Harvesting Permit every 5 years; last done 2024)	14,907	-	-
Total Cash Expenditures	\$97,500	\$151,565	\$188,415
Alum Treatment Fund	25,000	25,000	25,000
Total with Alum Treatment Fund	\$122,500	\$176,565	\$213,415

Weed Management Cost Breakdown

	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
	Approved	Approved
SSW Treatment	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,000
Reg. Chemical Treatments	15,000	10,000
Roadside Weed Pick Up	8,000	10,000
Weed Disposal Site Fee	5,000	5,000
Manager Salary	2,500	5,000
Training	1,075	2,240
Operator	13,440	21,000
Maintenance & Fuel	6,000	8,000
Trucking	24,000	28,875
Winterizing & Shrink Wrap	1,250	2,500
Weed Cutting Contingency Fu	6,000	6,000
Total	\$ 97,265	\$ 108,615