

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
January 26, 2012

Present: G. Kotsiris, J. Marks, R. Schopp, R. Mohr, J. Bellante, K. Aron and 4 citizens.
J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

R. Mohr moved to approve the minutes, second by R. Schopp, motion carried.
R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2nd by G. Kotsiris, motion carried.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Laws have changed in the Chemical Permitting area. A meeting will be held in Oshkosh in Feb to go over the new procedures which are still being finalized.

The goose permit apps will be submitted this month.

J. Marks and R. Mohr are now in training on the dam operation. The County is doing the training. WLMD and NDDD must submit payment for ½ of the operation costs within 45 days. NDDD must provide the proof of insurance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Questions were asked about the dam operation and the drainage district's intent on annexation and assessments.

OLD BUSINESS

The harvesting program was discussed, along with the problems getting a response from Midwest Aquatics. Increasing the Clearwater budget was discussed, but is not the preferred option. R. Schopp moved to submit a revised agreement to Midwest Aquatics with the following changes:

Delete the portion of the contract that penalizes WLMD for low water conditions

Deleting the 3rd harvesting week

Second by G. Kotsiris, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The large rock in the center of the lake was discussed. It is a problem during years with low water because it is in the navigational area. R. Schopp moved to apply to put in a hazard buoy, second by G. Kotsiris, motion carried. G. Mohr will assist with getting the GPS location of the rock.

The Town has passed the 20-year agreement to allow WLMD to use the transfer site. The agreement was reviewed. G. Kotsiris moved to approve the agreement, 2nd by R. Mohr, motion carried. R. Schopp abstained.

The Lakes Convention is coming up in April, R. Mohr and J. Marks will attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for Feb 23, 2012.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
February 23, 2012

Present: J. Marks, R. Schopp, R. Mohr, J. Bellante, K. Aron and 2 citizens.

Excused: G. Kotsiris

J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

R. Mohr moved to approve the minutes, second by R. Schopp, motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2nd by J. Marks, motion carried.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Laws have changed in the Chemical Permitting program. There will not be a new permit fee, but there is more paperwork.

The goose permit apps have been submitted. The results of the contaminant testing on the geese has been received. J. Marks asked to put the information on the website.

There will be a meeting with DNR to discuss the use of Weed Rollers per the WLMD resolution to DNR.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Questions were asked about the dam operation and the drainage district's intent on annexation and assessments.

OLD BUSINESS

The harvesting program was discussed, along with the problems getting a response from Midwest Aquatics. The signed contract has been received from Midwest for the two weeks of harvesting.

The dam operation was discussed. We have not received either the check or the proof of insurance from the drainage district. K. Aron will see if the attorney can attend the meeting on the 29th. The lack of follow-through on the part of the drainage district so early in the contract is troubling.

NEW BUSINESS

None

The Lakes Convention is coming up in April, R. Mohr and J. Marks will attend.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for March 22, 2012.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
March 22, 2012

Present: J. Marks, R. Schopp, R. Mohr, J. Bellante, G. Kotsiris, K. Aron and 5 citizens.
J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

R. Mohr moved to approve the minutes, second by R. Schopp, motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2nd by G. Kotsiris, motion carried.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

J. Marks gave an update on the results of the meeting with DNR to discuss the Weedroller issue. DNR is willing to increase the amount of area on Wind Lake that is treated, including areas with native plant problems. DNR is not intending to approve the use of Weedrollers in the State any time soon. Their position is that it eliminates all the beneficial critters from the sediments along with the plants.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Residents told the board that the carp shooters are noisy at night, especially with the air boat.

OLD BUSINESS

The dam operation was discussed. The Drainage District does not see the importance of having the backup operator trained. They do not want to pay for the training. Training was estimated at \$2,000. Currently about \$850 has been spent for training. G. Kotsiris moved to take \$1000 from the Dam Operation budget line and put it in the Dam Account to pay for training. WLMD will continue to negotiate this expense with NDDD.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Marks will contact the company that mowed the boat launch lot last year to have them do the mowing again this year.

K. Aron will investigate the weed pickup contractors, planning to pick up every two weeks starting in June. The newsletter with the chemical treatment and the goose permission forms will be put together in the next 2 weeks.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for April 26, 2012.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
April 26, 2012

Present: J. Marks, R. Schopp, R. Mohr, J. Bellante, G. Kotsiris, K. Aron and 11 citizens.
J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

R. Mohr moved to approve the minutes, second by R. Schopp, motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2nd by G. Kotsiris, motion carried.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

WLMD has received correspondence from DNR on the weed roller. DNR is willing to extend the chemical treatment areas and target plants to try to alleviate some of the problems.

We have received some calls on the lake level. Callers did not realize that we were required to open the dam because it was more than 2 inches above the spillway.

Some buoys have been placed. There is concern that they may not be in the correct locations.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Residents on W Wind Lake Rd asked if they should mark the treatment area as was done last year. They were advised to do that.

A question was raised about carp hunting. It is allowed. The carp removal permits have been issued so hopefully conditions will allow a large scale removal.

A resident asked about possible dredging.

OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed the harvesting schedule. G. Kotsiris moved to have Clearwater the week of May 7 and Midwest the week of May 21; 2nd by R. Schopp, motion carried. J. Marks and R. Mohr will attend a harvesting seminar at Aquarius.

Two quotes have been received for weed pickup, one for \$400 and one for \$550 per pickup. Quotes are based on amount of material collected last year and the current piles. Both advised that substantially more material to pickup may require additional costs. R. Schopp moved hire to the low bid at \$400 per pickup, from Nick Aron, 2nd by G. Kotsiris, motion carried. Weed pickup will be done every 2 weeks until August and then every week.

J. Marks contacted the company for the mowing on S Wind Lake Rd property so that is now being done.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Marks gave an overview of the information from the lakes conference. Sessions included exotic species problems including hydrilla and phragmites, climate change, and other information on DNR downsizing. R. Mohr attended sessions on piers, shoreland zoning, Asian carp and mining.

Geese removal permit is in and ready to go.

Beavers are a problem. Residents can use tin foil, chicken wire, and sprays to discourage their damage.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for May 24, 2012.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
May 24, 2012

Present: J. Marks, R. Schopp, G. Kotsiris, K. Aron and 11 citizens.

Excused: R. Mohr, J. Bellante

J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

R. Schopp moved to approve the minutes, second by G. Kotsiris, motion carried.

K. Aron presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurers report as presented, 2nd by G. Kotsiris, motion carried.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

J. Bellante has been appointed by the County to an indefinite appointment to the WLMD board on behalf of the County.

WAL has submitted a renewal request for the WLMD membership. It will be discussed when the full board is present.

The lake level is dropping because of lack of rain. There has only been 5+ since March 1, well below normal. Wind Lake can drop more than ¼+per day because of evaporation.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A resident said there is a beaver problem on West Wind Lake Rd. They are looking for assistance with the issue because they are damaging a lot of trees.

A resident asked that a channel be cut through to the area on N Wind Lake Rd. Although one has been cut, it will be cut again before the lake drops too much.

OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed the weed control budget line, along with ways to increase the amount that can be used on weed control. K. Aron requested that the budget lines for the Attorney (\$2,000), Engineer (\$5,000), Fish survey (\$4,000) Land Maintenance for Muskego property (\$1,000), Contingency (\$5,000), and Emergency Action (\$5,000) be transferred into Weed Control. G. Kotsiris moved to allocate the funds as requested, 2nd by R. Schopp, motion carried. A total of \$22,000 will be re-allocated.

J. Marks indicated that the Town newsletter had misinformation in the article by the Drainage District. The article implied that the Wind Lake canal was created by the Drainage District, when in fact the canal pre-dates the Drainage District and was a natural system that was since manipulated by the Drainage District.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Marks and R. Mohr attended a weed harvesting seminar presented by Aquarius Systems. There was a range of information on owning and operating equipment. Exotic species were also discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for June 28, 2012.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
June 28, 2012

Present: J. Marks, R. Schopp, R. Mohr, G. Kotsiris, K. Aron and 3 citizens.

Excused: J. Bellante

J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

R. Schopp moved to approve the minutes, second by R. Mohr, motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. Kotsiris moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2nd by R. Schopp, motion carried.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

K. Aron presented the Police report from the Lake Patrol.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Residents that were present indicated they are very happy with the progress of the harvesting, and also that there was no algae. They all had great things to say about the Clearwater Harvesting people. One resident indicated that the roadside weed removal is leaving some debris behind. They asked if they could do a better job of cleaning up.

OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed the harvesting schedule and the budget. G. Kotsiris moved to pay the recent invoice in this budget year, second by R. Schopp, motion carried. The roadside weed pickup continues to be a problem. K. Aron brought in samples from a couple of the problems. The material was not weeds, but organic matter. A few residents appear to be removing lakebed and putting it out for removal with the weeds. The board asked that a notice be printed up and that the contractor should leave the notice on problem piles.

The Contract is complete for the Independent Contractors to operate the Dam. The operator, the backup operator, WLMD, and the Drainage District must sign the agreement. R. Schopp moved to approve the contract, second by G. Kotsiris. Motion carried with R. Mohr and J. Marks abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

R. Mohr moved to go into Closed Session pursuant to 19.85(1)(c) to consider employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employees over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility, second by G. Kotsiris, motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

R. Schopp moved to return to Open Session, second by R. Mohr, motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Since there was confusion about a payment, the board felt it should be clarified to be sure there are no problems later. R. Schopp moved to approve payment to J. Marks for supervision of Midwest Aquatics and use of equipment, second by R. Mohr. Motion carried with J. Marks abstaining.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for July 26, 2012.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
July 26, 2012

Present: J. Marks, R. Schopp, R. Mohr, G. Kotsiris, J. Bellante, K. Aron, Karen Stoll from DNR and 4 citizens.

J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

R. Mohr moved to approve the minutes, second by R. Schopp, motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2nd by J. Bellante, motion carried.

DNR – Karen Still is the Water Guard Deputy Warden for Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth Counties. She is in the program that works to prevent the spread of invasive species. She indicated that transport citations are expensive. She discussed what she looks for at a boat launch, and how launch users are informed about invasives. She provided a number of handouts.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

K. Aron presented the Police report from the Lake Patrol. There were 15 parking tickets at the Wind Lake boat launch, and 6 boating citations.

K. Aron has been contacted by a landowner who may wish to donate her property to the District. The property is on E. Wind Lake Rd. Since the board is interested in continuing the discussion, it will be put on the next meeting agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Residents asked what the purpose of the land that the District owns in Waukesha County. The grant program was explained, along with the plans for the property. It was initially proposed to be used to filter water leaving Big Muskego instead of the water leaving over the current dam. The preliminary plans were drawn up, but funding is not available to proceed with the project. The land still has a value to the District since 80+ acres were removed from agriculture.

Another asked how many residents have paid the Alum charges in full. While that is unknown, approximately half of the total bills has been paid.

OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed the harvesting schedule and the budget. The roadside weed pickup is ongoing. Residents are happy with the program. All harvesting for 2012 is now complete. The budget is actually in better shape than last year, since less is being carried over to next year. It was suggested that an article be placed in the next newsletter to explain the difference between weeds, algae, and the alum treatment. K. Aron will include it in the Annual Meeting Newsletter. K. Aron mentioned the difficulty in directing the harvesting contractors and the chemical treatment applicator to specific areas of the lake. She suggested that residents be encouraged to post house numbers on the ends of their piers so they are visible from the lake. Some communities have ordinances requiring such numbers.

There has been no word from the Drainage District, either on the payment that was due June 1 or on the contract that they need to sign.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for Aug 23, 2012.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
Aug 23, 2012

Present: J. Marks, R. Schopp, R. Mohr, G. Kotsiris, J. Bellante, K. Aron, and 6 citizens.
J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

R. Mohr moved to approve the minutes, second by G. Kotsiris, motion carried.
R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented, 2nd by J. Bellante, motion carried.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

The USGS contract has been received. R. Schopp moved to approve the contract, 2nd by R. Mohr, motion carried.

The Big Muskego annual meeting will be held Aug 28, 2012.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Residents asked questions on harvesting, the Drainage District and the annexation, and lawsuits.

OLD BUSINESS

The board has been provided copies of the draft Plant Management Plan for Wind Lake. Commissioners should provide comments by the October meeting. Then the draft will go to DNR for their comments.

The Drainage District has still not provided WLMD with copies of the insurance, showing that we are covered for the dam operation.

NEW BUSINESS

Irene and Les Papp discussed the possible donation of a parcel of land on East Wind Lake Rd. The land is all wetland. They would donate the land to the WLMD for the tax write-off. R. Mohr moved to accept the property and return \$550 of the alum payment to Irene, 2nd by R. Schopp. Motion carried. The Papp's attorney will handle the deed transfer paperwork. The board thanked the Papp's for their donation.

Beavers can be trapped in October.

A complaint was submitted to ACOE regarding the placement of woodchips in a wetland. Based on what was observed, the ACOE is taking no action.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
Sept 13, 2012

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, G. Kotsiris, J. Bellante, and K. Aron. R. Schopp was excused
J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:40 pm.

R. Mohr moved to cast a unanimous ballot to extend the terms of the officers for another year, 2nd by G. Kotsiris, motion carried.

Officers are:

Jim Marks, Chair

Richard Mohr, Treasurer

Gary Kotsiris, Secretary

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
Sept 13, 2012

Present: J. Marks, R. Mohr, G. Kotsiris, J. Bellante, K. Aron, and 6 citizens. R. Schopp was excused
J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

G. Kotsiris moved to enter into closed session pursuant to Wisc. Stats 19.85 (1)(g) to confer with legal counsel who is rendering oral or written advice concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. 2nd by R. Mohr, on a roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

R. Mohr moved to return to open session, 2nd by J. Bellante, on a roll call vote, all in favor, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
October 25, 2012

Present: J. Marks, R. Schopp, R. Mohr, G. Kotsiris, J. Bellante, K. Aron, and 4 citizens.
J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

R. Schopp moved to approve the minutes of 8-23 and 2 for 9-13, second by J. Bellante, motion carried.
R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. R. Schopp moved to accept the treasurer's report as presented,
2nd by G. Kotsiris, motion carried.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Residents asked when the drawdown will be. The lake is already lower than the winter level. There was another question about beaver control.

OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed the 2013 harvesting schedule and proposed contract from Midwest Aquatics.
Because the lake is so far down, this item will be tabled until the January meeting, or the lake comes up.

The board discussed the lack of progress with the Drainage District, including insurance. The request for a contempt hearing has been sent.

NEW BUSINESS

The board discussed the land donation. R. Mohr moved that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mrs. Papp.,
second by R. Schopp, motion carried.

The board discussed the rezoning of the property to put it into permanent conservancy. R. Schopp moved
to rezone the land, second by G. Kotsiris, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for Nov 29th, 2012.