

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
January 25, 2018

Present: J. Bellante, J. Marks, B. Rosenquist, R. Schopp, K. Aron and 6 citizens.
M. Bluemel was excused.
J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: J. Bellante motioned to approve the minutes, with the correction from J. Marks to add that there was a discussion about buoys should be on the lake between May and Nov 1, 2nd by B. Rosenquist, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: J. Marks presented the report. Motion by J. Bellante to approve as submitted, 2nd by B. Rosenquist motion carried. K. Aron noted that because the information was not provided to her, the board member 1099's will not be mailed by Jan 31.

Information and Correspondence:

K. Aron distributed the Landowner Contact Sheet which documents landowner contacts received since the last meeting. Board members are not completing the contact sheet, which was instituted so all the board could know what the constituents are calling about. K. Aron will no longer provide the information at the meetings.

K. Aron had a correction that J. Marks presented at the last meeting. Up to 200 ft of riprap can be installed IF the shoreline is not an ANSRI area (area of special natural resource value, such as wetland or Sensitive Area).

J. Marks said that 11 beavers were removed from the canal and that the Town will remove the dam. The Public works department will use a grappling hook after ice out. A question was raised if the trapper signed a liability waiver to protect the district. The board concurred that this should be considered in the future.

J. Marks attended the police commission meeting requesting that the buoys be in between May and Nov 1. The commission denied the request because of staffing, water temperatures and equipment issues.

K. Aron indicated that there has been no response to date from DNR Legal on the liability conflict between the two contracts for a life vest program. J. Marks said that Wind Lake drowning levels are higher than any other lake in the county. He said one was a suicide. The police chief indicated that he was open to considering doing the program if the liability issue is resolved. Waubeesee and Long Lake will not participate.

J. Marks said the drainage district has finished their dredging project on the canal. They clear cut along the canal. He said they could sue us for dirt going in the canal just South of the Wind Lake dam.

Public Comments:

One resident asked about piers and the concrete pier on West Wind Lake Rd. The DNR pier planner (on-line) should be reviewed to see what is possible.

A resident said that this life jacket program won't mean that life jackets will be worn, only used to avoid a ticket. With the money invested in other equipment, boaters should provide their own life jackets. She wants to have the annual meeting to decide this issue, not the board. The other property owners present (6) all agreed. A resident asked how many have died on Wind Lake in 5 years. J. Marks replied that 3 have died. Residents said that even though it is a grant program, there is still a cost to everyone. J. Marks said that there are several hundred lake districts in the state that are participating in the life jacket program.

A resident asked why they are restricted to only comment during the Public Comment period at the beginning of the meeting, before issues are discussed that they would like to comment on. J. Marks stated that that was the way the laws are written. K. Aron indicated that the laws and Roberts Rules of Order do not require that. She said that until September 2018, reasonable comments were allowed throughout the meetings. It is the direction of the chairman that comments be restricted. R. Schopp said that he appreciates the input from those in attendance at meetings.

A resident said they oppose accepting ownership of property

Starry stonewort was discussed, along with the grant which will be discussed in Old Business.

Old Business:

K. Aron presented the final SSW grant application packet and budget. The application has to be submitted by February 1, 2018. J. Bellante motioned to approve the grant application project, second by B. Rosenquist. Motion carried.

The issue of the life vest program was discussed under Information and Correspondence.

The landowner who contacted the district about a donation of his land has decided to wait until either the law changes or not to see if he can build on it. So the item was tabled indefinitely.

New Business:

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
Mar 22, 2018

Present: J. Bellante, J. Marks, M. Bluemel, R. Schopp, K. Aron and 5 citizens.
B. Rosenquist was excused.
J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes: J. Bellante motioned to approve the minutes, second by M. Bluemel, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: M. Bluemel presented the report. Motion by R, Schopp, second by J. Bellante to approve as submitted, motion carried.

Information and Correspondence:

The goose depredation permit has been received and calls about the geese have already started coming in.

J. Marks mentioned the Pittman-Robertson act and Dingle-Johnson act that appropriate funds to DNR. He also said the state wetland protection act will not protect isolated wetlands less than 1 acre.

Little Muskego is still 6 feet down and there has been damage to piers this winter.

J. Marks said that water held back in the lake has caused ice heaves the end of Feb and March on the North shore, however K. Aron had looked at heaves in Dec and Jan along that same shore.

Public Comments:

J. Marks indicated that this is the only time meeting attendees may speak at the board meeting.

Landowners asked: where heaving has taken place; what is going on with Sportsmans (its is closed); status of beaver control; and how many people sign the district's checks (1).

Two landowners present are on the fireworks committee. They indicated that the fireworks will be held on Wind Lake this year. They would like to use the lot next to the boat launch to stage. The issue will be put on the next meeting agenda to discuss.

Old Business:

K. Aron distributed the draft newsletter that will go out. M. Bluemel moved to approve, second by R. Schopp, motion carried.

The issue of the life vest program was discussed under Information and Correspondence.

M. Bluemel motioned to table the discussion on the life vest program until the next meeting, second by R. Schopp, motion passed with 1 vote no (J. Bellante).

New Business:

There has been a change to state law regarding the use of observers for skiers. J. Marks indicated that no observed is needed, however, M. Bluemel said the law includes references to specific-sized mirrors that must be in place to avoid using observers.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
April 26, 2018

Present: J. Bellante, J. Marks, M. Bluemel, R. Schopp, B. Rosenquist, K. Aron and 9 citizens. J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Minutes: M. Bluemel motioned to approve the minutes, second by J. Bellante, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: M. Bluemel gave the report and will provide the written report to K. Aron for distribution. Motion by B. Rosenquist, second by J. Bellante to approve, motion carried.

Information and Correspondence:

J. Marks attended the Conservation Congress annual meeting. All votes taken were advisory only. J. Marks and B. Rosenquist attended the Annual Lakes Convention. J. Marks attended sessions on Shoreland and Floodplain management, Lake District Dam Management, Acid Rain, Starry Stonewort, Fish Stocking, Frog Fungus, Bat Diseases and Trumpeter Swan Re-establishment. B. Rosenquist attended sessions on Improving Water Quality, Lake District Dam Management, Starry Stonewort, Eurasian Watermilfoil, Aquatic Plant Management Policy in Wisconsin and APM policy changes.

Public Comments:

J. Marks indicated that this is the only time meeting attendees may speak at the board meeting and asked if anyone wished to speak.

Landowners asked: How are we supposed to comment now when we don't know what you plan to do/talk about. J. Marks said that's the way it is. K. Aron said the comment time could be put anywhere on the agenda. It was decided to move it to the end of the meeting.

Old Business:

K. Aron reported that a 1 year grant for \$100,000 has been approved by DNR to attempt to control the Starry Stonewort in Wind Lake. A 2 year project of almost \$300,000 was applied for. DNR will be conducting the monitoring, so timeliness of the monitoring will be a challenge. DNR will survey 3 times during the summer. The SSW will be treated 2 times during the season. Another grant could be applied for in Dec 2018 for the 2019 season, however, it is highly unlikely that all the monitoring results will be complete. There will be additional monitoring of residual herbicide levels, and a possible camera monitoring. No paperwork has been received yet.

J. Marks asked about insurance coverage on the possibility of a Life Jacket Loaner program at the boat launch. K. Aron reminded the board that at the October meeting she provided information from the insurance company that there would be no additional charge at this time. That was however, when at least part of the contracts had the provision that DNR was responsible for itself. Now WLMD would be providing complete coverage for both WLMD and DNR. B. Rosenquist motioned to table the discussion on the life vest program indefinitely, second by M. Bluemel, motion carried.

New Business:

Members of the fireworks committee were present to inform the board of the status of fireworks on Wind Lake, and to ask that the use of the S Wind Lake Rd property be allowed for the activity. M. Bluemel motioned to approve the use of the property pending receipt of an insurance certificate listing the WLMD as additional insured; 2nd by J. Bellante, motion carried.

J. Marks indicated that the boat inspection will be held only at the DNR launch; that there will be no Hiliter ad, and that he was going to print 100 flyers, at a cost of about \$80. A resident indicated that cost was too high and offered to print the flyers at no cost to WLMD.

J. Marks requested that the procedures for bill payment, specifically the number of signatures on checks, should be placed on the next meeting agenda.

At J. Marks request, R. Schopp motioned to set the Annual Meeting date for September 13th, 2018, 2nd by M. Bluemel, motion carried.

Public Comments:

One landowner had a question about winter water levels. The lake drops 6 inches in winter following a court case which attempted to drop the lake 2 feet in winter. This past fall, the lake was already low because of drought conditions and was down to just below the winter level prior to the Oct drawdown date.

The landowners thanked K. Aron for all her work in getting the \$100,000 grant for the SSW Control project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
May 24, 2018

Present: J. Marks, M. Bluemel, R. Schopp, B. Rosenquist, K. Aron and 6 citizens.

J. Bellante was excused.

J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

J. Marks read a portion of State law that says residents do not have the *right* to participate in public board meetings, but that he will accommodate residents by letting them speak under Public Comments. He will not allow comments under discussion points.

Minutes: M. Bluemel motioned to approve the minutes, second by B. Rosenquist, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: M. Bluemel gave the report. Motion by R. Schopp, second by B. Rosenquist to approve, motion carried.

Information and Correspondence:

The WLMD has received the Certificate of Insurance from the Fireworks committee. This was requested for their use of the WLMD's boat launch property for staging the fireworks program. Actual firework launch site will be determined by the contractor based on weather conditions.

The lake went into Emergency Slow-No-Wake conditions because of the heavy rainfall. One problem that came up during that was the posting of the required notice. J. Marks did the posting, but it did not comply with the ordinance and was not on the primary roads. K. Aron explained that the WLMD's role in the Emergency is simply to notify the Town when conditions are approaching emergency levels. When 8.8 is reached on the WL level stage recorder, which is more than 8 inches above normal levels, the Town Chair orders the Emergency Slow-No-Wake on all 3 lakes in the Town. If the signs are not posted properly any citations will be voided. Anyone using the boat launches could see the signs but local residents could not see the signs unless they used the launch. K. Aron recommended that the Town should post to comply with their ordinance. They have officials, and staff that can and should be posting.

J. Marks said the order should never have been put in place in the first place. K. Aron showed the lake level chart for Wind Lake. The level on Big Muskego was a foot above normal, downstream was full, and people were already experiencing flooding. The emergency order was appropriately put in place. R. Schopp will speak to the Town to ensure that the process is in place and followed.

Old Business:

Regular chemical treatment and harvesting will be conducted. Chemical treatment is scheduled for the week of June 4th. The harvester is scheduled for the week of June 11th. We have received permission to use Sportsman's to off load harvested weeds. The harvester will cut all areas of the lake except any areas with SSW first. This is to help prevent the spread of SSW. The areas in the NE will be harvested last. If SSW comes up on the harvester, we will have to isolate the harvested plants at the disposal site.

Decisions on regular treatments and harvesting will be made on site at the time of the work.

DNR will be inspecting the Breezy Bay channel to determine if the harvester can cut or off load in the Breezy Bay channel. There are concerns about the damage a harvester can cause, as well as complaints about weeds if treatments aren't conducted. His decision will become part of the 5-year harvesting plan and permit.

J. Marks said he spoke with DNR about the volunteer monitoring for the SSW treatment. Treatment is tentatively scheduled for June 11.

K. Aron explained the scope of the project that includes surveys, treatments, and residual monitoring. Treatment may or may not be done on the 11th. DNR plant survey work As of this meeting, the SSW is at a low density and low height and not showing signs of growth. The SSW is covered with tiny zebra mussels.

K. Aron explained that the paperwork was not properly submitted to DNR for the two grants. J. Marks gave her the remainder of the papers that he did not send to DNR. K. Aron will redo the paperwork and submit directly to DNR.

New Business:

J. Marks asked to change to a 2-signature process on all checks. B. Rosenquist moved to have 2 signatures on checks, one being the treasurer, the other being the chairman. R. Schopp seconded. M. Bluemel said this can't happen right away - we will have to have new checks made, we have 70 checks left.

J. Marks showed the signs for the June 9th Boat Inspection that were printed as a donation by F. Bellante. He was thanked for the donation.

Public Comments:

One landowner asked about how to get a letter from K. Aron. It was clarified that it was an email. She asked to be put on the email blast list.

A question was asked about the Emergency Order and why people were upset – no citations were written for violating the order, but they were unhappy because they did not know it was in place.

A resident thought it was best to treat the milfoil in the SSW area rather than harvest it. It was asked if weeds will be picked up on the roadside in areas where there was SSW. It will be picked up.

Roadside weed pickups were in the last newsletter and are the last Tuesday in the month, through the summer through October.

A resident asked to have a copy of the newsletter sent to her and her mom.

Fireworks are scheduled for June 30th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
June 28, 2018

Present: J. Marks, M. Bluemel, R. Schopp, B. Rosenquist, K. Aron and 6 citizens.

J. Bellante was excused.

J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

J. Marks reiterated that residents do not have the *right* to participate in public board meetings, but that he will accommodate residents by letting them speak under Public Comments. He will not allow comments under discussion points.

Minutes: J. Marks commented on the minutes as proposed. He objected to a number of points. He said that the 2nd paragraph was not correct and that he put the signs in the same place every year. He said that the order to go slow no wake was improper because only one gate was open. The issue of who should post the signs was discussed. It is a town ordinance and the district has no responsibility with the ordinance. R. Schopp will get with the Town to clarify for future actions. J. Bluemel said it is a town ordinance and we should not be in this, and it should not be discussed here, it should go to the town. J. Marks asked then if we want to follow Roberts Rules of Order on the minutes and only include motions, and final actions and no discussion points. K. Aron said that the minutes should reflect what has gone on at the meetings so that anyone can pick up the minutes and have an idea about what was discussed, by whom, and why. R. Schopp said the minutes should reflect what was discussed at the meetings. J. Bellante said that if the minutes encapsulated only that discussion took place and said "discussion was held" then there wouldn't be anything in the minutes. J. Marks said that you can have discussion at the meeting, but you are not supposed to record it.

R. Schopp motioned to approve the minutes as printed, second by J. Bellante, J. Bellante, aye, R Schopp aye, M. Bluemel didn't care, B. Rosenquist no, the motion to approve the minutes was passed.

Treasurers Report: M. Bluemel gave a verbal treasurers report and said there was \$10,828.19 in the checking acct, expenses of \$17,079.87, income of \$1,533.60, Money Market of \$171,998.00, Motion by B. Rosenquist to approve, second by J. Bellante, motion carried.

Information and Correspondence:

B. Rosenquist reported on the results of the safety inspection. 19 boats were inspected and passed. 9 boats refused the inspection. 5 failed the inspection. Boats could also be inspected at their moorings. He thinks the inspection should be done earlier in the day. Two inspectors were good to have to prevent backups at the launch. A thank you to Chuck Kersey of the US Power Squadron, and Dan Janna of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.

B. Rosenquist passed around a report about AIS efforts in Washington and Waukesha Counties.

J. Marks said duck and goose hunting dates have been determined for fall 2018.

No goose roundup was done this year because there were not enough geese. There were less than 25 this year.

The aquatic plant survey by DNR found another native algae specie found in Wind Lake.

Bills for this year have just been mailed. There is one more year (2019) on the alum charges to property owners.

R. Schopp was asked if he will follow up with the Town on the Slow No Wake Emergency Order.

B. Rosenquist asked that the boat inspection discussion be put on the next meetings agenda.

B. Rosenquist said that Kidde fire extinguishers have a major recall and encouraged everyone to check the recall notice and their extinguishers. Google "Kidde Fire Extinguisher Recall" to see the list of recalled fire extinguishers.

Old Business:

The rainy, windy weather has made it difficult to get any chemical treatments done. The harvester has been on the lake and removed 31 loads. The regular treatment was done June 6th. Additional treatments will be done as needed. Weed growth is slower because of the high water. The SSW treatment was done June 20th. A total of 58 acres were treated. Four of the areas that were in 2017, were not treated because SSW was not found in the survey. Volunteers drove DNR around to conduct residual monitoring following

the treatment. The second treatment will be done in early August. Another survey will be done before the next treatment.

J. Marks explained the role of the volunteers in the residual monitoring, all day the day of treatment, and a number of days after. The results are pending.

K. Aron said that she has spoken with the new owner of Sportsman's. She is willing to allow the District to use the property for access for harvesting as long as they own the property, in exchange for not having to pay annual charges on their two lots. R. Schopp motioned to approve the use of the property, pending review of an actual agreement in writing, that includes waiving the charges, "for the benefit of WLMD". Second by B. Rosenquist. Motion carried.

New Business:

K. Aron provided draft copies of the proposed 2019 budget for discussion. Minor modifications were made, and M. Bluemel will get the year-end and month-end expense numbers to K. Aron, the end-of-June bank balances, as well as the Quicken file. The budget must be finalized at the July 28th meeting so that it can be published in time for the annual meeting newsletter.

Public Comments:

One property owner thanked J. Marks for his posting of the SNW order.

A question was asked about inspecting for weeds.

A question was asked about K. Aron's role in the SNW order. The ordinance is for all 3 lakes, and uses the lake level readings from Wind Lake. K. Aron indicated that she simply informed the Town about the lake level. The resident thinks the district should be out of the issue.

A resident said it is disturbing to hear the discussion that minutes might be white-washed. She is definitely opposed and think the minutes should reflect what was discussed. The same resident asked for clarification about the monitoring volunteers and whether they get paid. J. Marks said there was some compensation for use of the equipment (boats), but K. Aron clarified that under the grant, the district gets "credit" for the volunteer's time and equipment. The credit reduces the local share of the project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
August 9, 2018

Present: J. Marks, M. Bluemel, R. Schopp, B. Rosenquist , K. Aron and 8 citizens.

J. Bellante was excused.

J. Marks called the board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

J. Marks reiterated that residents do not have the *right* to participate in public board meetings, but that he will accommodate residents by letting them speak under Public Comments. He will not allow comments under discussion points.

Minutes: M. Bluemel motioned to approve the minutes as printed, second by B. Rosenquist, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: M. Bluemel gave the treasurers. Motion by B. Rosenquist to approve, second by R. Schopp, motion carried.

Information and Correspondence: None

Old Business:

The second starry stonewort (SSW) has been done. We have not received any data yet from DNR on either the plant surveys, or the residual monitoring. A larger area was treated this time. SSW is spreading into shallow areas. K. Aron showed the map from the herbicide contractor showing where the dense beds of SSW are, including East of Sportsman's and West of the inlet. Most of the areas were low densities and low plant heights of SSW. One project goal was to keep the SSW in the deep water, or in low densities.

The harvester was out again to open up areas with heavy coontail, as well as areas of milfoil in the SE. He is staying out of the SSW areas. J. Marks said that loads are down because of where the offload site is. K. Aron indicated that there is more involved in load counts than just lack of a transport barge. Plant growth, density, etc are important factors. J. Marks raised the question of using the harvester and off-loading in the Breezy Bay channel. K. Aron reminded the board that Craig Helker, DNR, had indicated that neither activity should take place in that channel. K. Aron will re-forward the email from Craig Helker.

Roadside pickups continue. The property owners that have weeds removed, have had a lot. Even when some piles contain other plant debris, the contractor has been collecting it. There are

The agreement for Sportsman's has not been received yet from the Attorney. K. Aron gave an update that Sportsman's has allowed us to use the site for off-loading. J. Marks said they raised their launch fee to \$10, so traffic is down. He said that people are now parking in the Windemere subdivision and trespassing on the Windemere lot to access the lake. K. Aron indicated that is an issue for the subdivision, not the lake district, and Sportsman's is entitled to charge what they want. R. Schopp said if there are complaints about parking on the road, that is a Town issue. M. Bluemel asked about the agreement and if they will be removed from the tax roll and exempt. J. Marks said that there are 5 other businesses on the lake and that setting a precedent would be bad. He said Mr. Heinze came in asking to be out of the lake district. K. Aron said that never happened and that even though Mr. Heinze's property is Off-Lake, he pays an On-Lake charge. K. Aron explained that the agreement will waive the current WLMD charges on the two parcels in exchange for a service. They will remain on the WLMD property list.

The annual meeting draft paperwork was discussed. K. Aron reminded M. Bluemel that she does not have the end-of-year budget numbers for the annual meeting. K. Aron will be gone on vacation for a week starting Friday so this presents a problem. WLMD is required to send the notices out 14 days in advance. It takes 2 weeks to get the materials printed, posted and mailed. There are 2 options: one, postpone the annual which is not recommended – it would raise a number of red flags in property owners' minds; two, send it out with just the proposed budget, the a notation that the final year-ending numbers provided at the annual meeting. The discussion at the June meeting was for M. Bluemel to pay those last couple of bills, then generate the year-ending numbers from Quicken and send the file to K. Aron. M. Bluemel motioned to approve the paperwork as presented/discussed/amended with astericks to replace the year-ending

expenditures column, second by B. Rosenquist, motion carried. J. Marks said he would rather not have a request in to the police department to have an officer present at the annual meeting. K. Aron indicated that if people conduct themselves appropriately, there won't be a need to have them there.

New Business:

B. Rosenquist indicated that the Lure-U-Inn and DNR have approved the use of the properties for the Boat Inspection in 2019. The on-water boat inspections will be done earlier in the day. It would take place on June 8, 2019. B. Rosenquist motioned to conduct the project, second by M. Bluemel, motion carried.

There is no need for a meeting in 2 weeks. B. Rosenquist motioned to cancel the August meeting, second by M. Bluemel, motion carried.

Public Comments:

One property owners commented that other businesses aren't on the lake and don't provide a service to the WLMD, like Sportsmans' does. They asked about SNW signs during emergencies and it was indicated that the Slow-No-Wake issue is a Town responsibility.

Others asked about harvesting in the NE end of the lake, on either side of the inlet canal or up into the canal. The harvester does not go up into the canal. The harvesting permit, developed during the plant management planning project, dictates what can be done and where. The district focuses a lot of time trying to keep that area open.

Another asked about the results of the Little Muskego drawdown. No results are available yet.

A question about the winter drawdown was asked – the lake will go down 6 inches in October.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.



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THE 2018 ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING

Will be held Thursday September 13 at the Norway Town Hall. The meeting will begin promptly at 7 pm. All residents and landowners are encouraged to attend. Annual meetings are always very important, with a number of votes taken on various issues. The proposed budget for the year, the agenda and the minutes from the 2017 meeting are included in this newsletter.

Aquatic Plants (Weeds): Milfoil is less of a problem in 2018, but is still the dominant plant in the NE part of the lake. Curly-leaf pondweed, which dies off in mid-summer, was much more prevalent than last year. Native plants are abundant, covering much of the lakebed. Some of the native plants, like Chara, continue to be abundant and can cause a problem for boaters near shore.

Invasive Species: We are trying to contain the highly invasive aquatic plant called Starry stonewort (*Nitellopsis obtusa*). Starry stonewort (SSW) was found in Wind Lake in August 2017. Big Muskego and Little Muskego in Waukesha County, Long Lake (Ke-Nong-Go-Mong Lake) in Racine County, and Silver Lake and Pike Lake in Washington County, and around the entire Door County peninsula. The invasive is also in at least two lakes in Minnesota. It is still too early to tell how well herbicide treatments will work in Wind Lake, but this summer we are using a \$100,000 grant to try to reduce the problem and prevent it from moving into all the shallow shoreline areas.

Algae: Filamentous algae is a slimy mat-type algae that accumulates along the shorelines. Nitrogen levels in runoff fuels filamentous algae growth early in the season. Filamentous algae was more of a problem this year.

Weed Chemical Treatment: We have conducted a couple of chemical treatments this year, targeting

navigational areas. The high water and rainy, windy weather has caused complications with getting treatments done. All treatments are done under supervision of the DNR. We take every effort to open up areas when allowed. Treatments can only be conducted when either invasive species are present, or when a nuisance condition exists. A nuisance condition is interpreted as plant growth that interferes with lake use.

Harvesting: As of the end of July, there has been one harvesting so far. The harvester focused on making sure navigational lanes were open for boaters, and cutting the milfoil and curly-leaf.

Road-side Weed Pick-up: The road-side weed pick-up program continued this summer to give landowners a place to go with the raked lake plant debris. Because the amount of invasive weeds continued to be down this year, the amount of roadside weeds picked up was also low early in the summer. Although the board initially decided to discontinue the pickups, heavy floating plants in late August and September led to the program being re-instated. Pickups are done once a month.

Goose Control: No goose control roundup was conducted this year because on a couple dozen were found, below the minimum needed for control. Goose control will continue next summer.

Boat Inspection: The WLMD partnered with the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Wisc. Power Squadron conducted the boat inspections. Nineteen vessels were inspected and awarded safety decals, 9 vessels refused the inspection, 5 vessels failed the inspection, no registration on board was the major reason.

MINUTES - Annual Meeting Sept 7, 2017

Present: R. Mohr, B. Rosenquist, J. Marks, R. Schopp, K. Aron, J. Bellante, and approx. 100 residents.

J. Bellante called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Introductions of the board were made.

The 2016 Annual Meeting minutes were approved as printed.

An update on the past year's activities was given, including:

- Voting: K. Aron discussed voting eligibility. Anyone who owns property in the District, is listed on the tax roll, or is a legal voter and living in the District is eligible. State law does not allow absentee or proxy votes.
 - Lake Level: Wind Lake had high water levels until July 30. The dam was open until July 30 and it has been closed since. There has been minimal rains since the end of July. A report from Julie Anderson, from Racine County and the County's dam engineer, there has been no complaints or questions from any land owners about the dam. There is a display showing the water levels of the entire system, along with informational materials to read. The Wind Lake dam controls the water level in Wind Lake. The Rochester dam controls the water level in the Fox River up to the Waterford dam, as well as the water level in the Wind Lake canal below the Wind Lake dam. Everyone is encouraged to review the provided materials.
 - Little Muskego is drawing down their lake by up to 7 feet. The test drawdown will see if Starry stonewort can be controlled by freezing. Some lab work showed it was affected by freezing. Wind Lake levels will be maintained normally during the drawdown. The Little Muskego drawdown must be complete by October 1.
 - Plant Management: Starry stonewort was found in Wind Lake August 15th. Display maps show where it has been found in Wind Lake. It is primarily in the 4 to 9 foot depths, much deeper than other lakes where it has been found in the 0 to 4 foot depths. Based on the directives of previous Annual Meetings, we are waiting for approval from DNR to treat the almost 50 acres found in the NE part of the lake. Five isolated SSW patches were treated August 30. The plant survey and maps were completed very quickly to provide the information needed by DNR.
- A question was raised about how much money will the board spend to control/deal with this. The board is very concerned about cost effective approaches to all plant management, including for SSW. The board has to live within the budget that the annual meeting approves. Long term plans to deal with this haven't yet been developed - this was literally found three weeks ago. SSW is now found in many states, and continues to spread in Wisconsin. Lake users are asked to please clean your boats and equipment between lakes. Milfoil growth was down again this summer. Curly-leaf pondweed growth was also down.
- Chemical Treatments: There have been two treatments this summer other than the SSW treatment, primarily to maintain navigational access.
 - Harvesting: Approximately 130 hours of harvesting was done on Wind Lake for \$29,000.
 - Roadside Weed Pickup: Once a month pickups have been done this year since the end of May. Two more pickups will be done the end of Sept and the end of October.
 - Geese: The roundup was done in 2017. A total of 53 geese, 14 adults and 39 juveniles, were removed. The processed meat was given to a food pantry and wild animal reserve.
 - The water quality of Wind Lake is out of the eutrophic (high nutrients) range and into the mesotrophic range. This is what the district has been trying to achieve since its inception and the development of the first lake plan. The USGS continues to monitor the water quality throughout the year. The clarity is now very clear, ranging from 9 to 15 feet in 2015, and 12 to 15 feet in 2016 and 9 to 15 feet in 2017. The phosphorus level averaged approx. 27 mg/L, almost exactly our water quality goal. The alum treatment is continuing to have a very good impact on the quality of the lake.
- J. Bellante asked Richard Mohr to approach the board. J. Bellante gave a brief history of R. Mohr's service to Wind Lake, in both creating the District and serving on the board for many years. The meeting thanked him for his service.
- A brief presentation from the Wind Lake Fireworks committee was given. The group answered questions from the residents and wanted input from the WLMD community about support for the project. A motion was made to approve a WLMD charge \$25 per lakefront landowner to give the fireworks committee

the fireworks was seconded. Residents spoke about the issue with most questioning why WLMD would be involved. On the vote, the motion was defeated.

J. Bellante read the Budget Resolution 1-2017. There was a motion to approve the Resolution, a 2nd and the motion carried, approving the budget as presented.

G. Bellante is up for re-election as commissioner. J. Bellante called for nominations from the floor. M. Bluemel was nominated for the position. The two candidates were asked to give a short presentation of themselves and why they are seeking the position. After the vote, M. Bluemel was elected to the board for a three year term.

The 2018 Annual Meeting date will either be the 1st or 2nd Thursday in September, depending on the Green Bay Packers schedule.

J. Bellante asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting. A resident asked to have the police removed from the lake. The lake patrol is the responsibility of the Town of Norway. A resident asked about the property next to the boat launch. Right now the property is a staging area for the district and its contractors. The evaluation of the need for the property should be brought to the board meetings to develop possible courses of action.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

PREVENTING THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE SPECIES

History has shown us that once invasive species are present in a lake, it is pretty much impossible to completely eradicate it. So prevention is the key:

- Don't move your boat and fishing equipment from lake to lake without thoroughly decontaminating it.
- Remove all plant fragments from your boat, trailer, anchor ropes, live wells, etc.
- Dump all your bilge water when leaving a lake.
- Do not transport fish in water. Dump all water and put your fish on ice.
- Flush your motor cooling system between lakes.
- Keeping your boat and equipment dry docked for a week will help prevent spreading invasives.
- Try to avoid launching into a lake with a "dirty" boat launch, one that has lots of weed fragments floating around.
- Check out the Wisconsin DNR website for more information on Clean Boats.

ADDRESSES ON PIERS

Please consider putting your house numbers on the end of your pier so they are visible from the lake. This will greatly help with the plant management on the lake, making it easier for the contractors to find specific areas.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Who is eligible to vote: Anyone of legal voting age, who owns property, or lives within the boundaries of the Wind Lake Management District.

Can I get an absentee ballot or can I designate a proxy: No. Because of the way state law governing lake district's is written, one must be present to vote at a lake district annual meeting.

Can the annual meeting change our taxes without us knowing in advance: Yes. Under current state law, residents present at the meeting have the right to modify the tax and budget without prior notice to property owners.

My neighbor lives in Illinois-he can't vote: Yes he can. Lake districts are the only form of government in Wisconsin to allow a non-resident (as long as they own property in the lake district) to vote or hold office.

NEW DREDGING RULES IN WISCONSIN

DNR is now accepting applications for general permits for small-scale dredging projects. The new general permit streamlines the approval process.

This process allows waterfront property owners to remove small volume amounts of lake bed to improve navigation or recreation. The permit is valid for 5 years and allows up to 25 cubic yards to be removed in eligibility criteria and conditions are met.

These permits are not available for areas that have been designated Sensitive Areas or Areas of Special Natural Resource Interest.

Permit applications must be submitted online. Go to DNR.wi.gov and search for "dredging permit".

8/16/2018	2018/2019 PROPOSED ANNUAL BUDGET					
	A	B	C	D	E	F
	REVENUE	2015/2016 Actual	2016/2017 Actual	2017/2018 Proposed	2017/2018 Actual	2018/2019 Proposed
1	Special Charges & Assessments	127,376	132,132	126,530	133,994	128,000
2	Grants		6,658	8,878	0	93,471
3	Loan Rcts/Payments - alum	21,379	20,167	17,624	19,107	16,234
4	Property Transfer Fee	540	870	500	1,520	1,000
5	Interest	197	248	100	286	200
	Total Revenue	149,492	160,075	153,632	154,906	238,905
	EXPENSES					
6	Meetings/seminars	1,377	1,144	2,500	1,412	2,500
7	Postal Expenses	1,427	1,206	1,500	1,184	1,500
8	Office Equip/Maint.		404	100	146	150
9	Office	140	157	300	378	300
10	Phone/Faxes	453	497	500	563	575
11	Publications	253	754	275	429	500
12	Insurance	1,218	1,249	1,500	1,354	2,000
13	Print/Publishing	1,259	993	1,500	1,402	1,500
14	Mileage/per diem	4,825	4,733	4,800	4,799	4,800
15	Misc	324	543	400	322	400
16	Website	599	3,034	1,200	779	1,200
17	Secy, Tech supp., DP	8,844	8,844	9,600	9,604	9,600
18	Attorney		90	1,000	0	1,000
19	Accountant	525		600	525	1,500
20	Weed Control	total 27363	19,854	78,000		138,603
21	- harvesting & roadside pickup	12,355	11,240		31,475	² 10,700
22	- Chem Treatment	11,108	3,664		14,404	² 3,275
23	- Starry Stonewort expenses	2,100				² 124,628
24	Aquatic Plant Survey/Plan (Harv Permit)		0	14300	11,850	³ 0
25	Engineer. Erosion	0				
26	USGS	9,257	18,995		0	⁴ 10,000
27	Fish Survey/carp removal					
28	Goose Control	2,516	1,324	3,000	2,201	3,000
29	Land Maintenance-Properties	800	800	2,400	1,946	2,400
30	Contingency		0	4,000	0	4,000
31	Emergency Action		0	4,000	0	4,000
32	Non-lapsing State Fund loan payments					
	26220 S Wind Lk Rd	15,188	15,188	15,188	15,188	¹ 15,188
	Alum Treatment	36,350	36,350	36,350	36,350	¹ 36,350
33	Dam Operation	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
	Total Expenses	117,718	137,064	174,713	142,312	247,066
	Notes:					
						¹ Amounts cannot be reduced: irrevocable tax approved at 2010 Ann. Mtg.
						² Provided for informational purposes- see Line 20 for total plant control
						³ Must be done every 5 years to get a harvesting permit
						⁴ 2017-2018 charge paid already.
	Checking acct balances June 30, 2018	20,462				
	Money mkt acct balance June 30, 2018	172,084				
	Dam operation account June 30, 2018	1,036				
	AIS Summit account June 30, 2018	closed				
	Total available funds	193,583				
	Debt balance- property loan (110,000)	11,853				
	Debt balance- Alum loan (300,000)	101,349				

ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING AGENDA - WLMD
Thursday September 13, 2018 at 7 pm Norway Town Hall

Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions - Board Members, Guests

Approve Minutes of 2017 Annual Meeting

Project Update - A review of 2018 and plans for 2019

Budget Hearing and Approval - Resolution 1-2018:

Whereas the Board of Commissioners has proposed the enclosed budget for the WLMD for the year July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019;

And Whereas, notice of the Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting was provided to residents and landowners;

And Whereas, the Board has proposed the annual special charge be assessed at \$220 lakefront, \$130 canal and \$90 off lake;

And Whereas, the Board recommends the projects presented herein;

And Whereas, the 1997 annual meeting gave the Board authority for short term borrowing to cover grant reimbursements not yet received;

And Whereas, the 2010 Annual Meeting approved the levy of irrevocable taxes to repay the State Loans;

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the projects included in the budget, as may be amended by the Annual Meeting, are hereby approved;

Be It Further Resolved, that the WLMD is authorized to bill property owners as directed by the Annual Meeting;

Be It Further Resolved, that the WLMD board is authorized to apply for available grants;

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 WLMD board shall take swift, and immediate action if / when invasive species are found in Wind Lake;

Be It Further Resolved, that the special charges approved by this Resolution shall be payable from July 1, 2018 to October 1, 2018 at which time unpaid special charges will be placed on the December 2018 tax rolls and will **include a \$20 surcharge**.

Election of Commissioner – Current board member Jim Mark's term is up for re-election. Nominations from the floor are welcome.

Set date for 2019 Annual Meeting - First or Second Thursday of September (Depending on Packer Schedule)

New Business

Adjourn

A Board of Commissioners meeting will be held immediately following the Annual Meeting to elect officers. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2018, at the Norway Town Hall.

WIND LAKE WEBSITE/EMAIL

www.wlmd.org
info@wlmd.org

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Lake District Line	514-3238
Jim Marks	895-7872
Joe Bellante	895-6694
Ralph Schopp	414-531-6020
Bruce Rosenquist	895-3942
Mike Bluemel	895-2502

Commissioners meetings are usually held the 4th Thursday of every month, with the November and December meeting combined. Meetings begin at 7:00 pm at the Norway Town Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend. Note that meetings may be rescheduled: check the website for the latest information.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

If you do, check out our website. The site has:

- Meetings, schedules, agendas, and minutes
- Information about who to contact for various activities.
- Links to other lake-related sites
- Information about who to contact for various activities
- The latest lake depth map of Wind Lake
- Other special notices as needed are also posted on the site.

You can also send an email to info@wlmd.org. You will be put on a list to receive meeting notices and updates. If you do provide your email address to us, please be aware that your address then becomes part of our formal records. Then we have to provide them to someone making a request under the Open Records laws.

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Wind Lake Management District
30910 Royal Hill Rd.
Burlington, WI 53105

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
October 25, 2018,

Present: M. Bluemel, R. Schopp, B. Rosenquist, J. Bellante, R. Mayer, K. Aron and 3 citizens.
M. Bluemel called the board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: R. Mayer motioned to approve the August and September board meeting minutes as printed, second by B. Rosenquist, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: R. Mayer gave the treasurers report. Motion by B. Rosenquist to approve, second by R. Schopp, motion carried.

Information and Correspondence: None

K. Aron distributed the lake level chart, which showed the lake went up over the emergency slow-no-wake level over the weekend. However, because of the timing, the Town chair decided to wait until after the town board meeting to put SNW in place. By Tuesday, the lake was down to just at SNW level, so it was not posted. R. Schopp said there was confusion among the town board about the requirements for the ordinance, including establishing the locations for the SNW signs (which was on the town board agenda that night). He explained the issues to the town board. M. Bluemel expressed frustration about the lack of action by the Town. It is the only the Town chair's responsibility to impose SNW. Even on weekends, the DPW would install the signs. The only District responsibility is to notify the Town when the lake level is rising near 8.8. The SNW levels are imposed on all three lakes. K. Aron asked R. Schopp follow up to ensure that the additional signs that are needed are ordered.
The lake is at its winter level now.

The annual meeting directives were discussed. There was an advisory motion that passed to investigate purchasing harvesting equipment. M. Bluemel and B. Rosenquist were directed by then-chairman J. Marks to conduct the investigation and present their findings to the District board. K. Aron gave M. Bluemel the previous equipment quote from 2011, a book detailing all aspects of putting together a harvesting program (of which K. Aron was one of the authors along with DNR and UWEX), and budget projections for a harvesting program from previous investigations in 2011, 2014 and partially from 2018. The projections were compiled from actual, current harvesting programs in this area. Only 25% state funding is available for harvesting equipment, but not trucks, vehicles and staffing, down from 50% in the past. Lake property owners would pay approx. \$667 for their fees under the draft budget. There are limits on the amount of charges a District can charge property owners. The district currently harvests between 1 to 3 weeks, depending on the need. The program is dictated by the harvesting plan and permit. Having equipment does not mean plants could be cut throughout the lake, in shallows, or that native plants could be cut. Harvesting disposal area is also severely limited at the town transfer site and would be an issue with a full time program. Local farmers have not wanted to take any harvested weeds. Timing and land access are the issues. The state will only award funds, even the 25% funds, if a certain minimum area is harvested.

The county tax roll will be uploaded next week.

There is no information yet on the results of the Little Muskego drawdown. There have been reports that the SSW is still there. DNR is saying that the milfoil though was controlled by the drawdown. Whether that will prove to be the case remains to be seen.

Public Comments:

One resident said that they need to see all the information on costs, benefits, amount of harvester use, where harvesting equipment will be stored, parked during use, what limits on using the harvesting, operational costs, etc should be brought to the annual meeting before any further discussion of starting a program.

The ability to use a harvester in shallow areas and cutting lily pads, was clarified for a resident.

Old Business:

One last SSW treatment was done in the two navigational channels (Breezy Point and Wood Island), using Diquat and Cutrine Ultra. It was very successful and completely eliminated it. Although it will probably come back, we will have to see how quickly it comes back. It is very important to keep it out of the shallow navigational channels to prevent it spreading.

The draft agreement for Sportsman's was distributed and discussed. The consensus was that the agreement looks fine, except there should be an "out" clause, that would allow either party to end the agreement. The attorney will be contacted to write that with a 180 day notice.

New Business:

The issue of the number of signatures required on checks was discussed. The board had previously voted to require two signatures on all checks. However, there are a number of regular payments that are much less, and included in the budget. After further discussion, R. Schopp motioned to require 2 signatures on all checks over \$1,000 and for checks to the Treasurer, 2nd by J. Bellante. Motion carried.

The water quality agreement with USGS has been received for 2019. It is now \$10,410 for the year. The budget was approved with \$10,000. Two people are now required to go out in USGS surveys. The board reviewed the recent data from USGS, showing Wind Lake is in the mesotrophic range. This was the goal of the work conducted under the Lake Management Plan.

The question was raised about changing the meetings from Thursdays to Tuesdays. There was a couple of board members who would not be able to make meetings on Tuesdays. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
November 29, 2018,

Present: M. Bluemel, R. Schopp, B. Rosenquist, J. Bellante, R. Mayer, K. Aron and 4 citizens.
M. Bluemel called the board meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes: R. Mayer motioned to approve the October board meeting minutes as printed, second by J. Bellante, motion carried.

Treasurers Report: R. Mayer gave the treasurers report. He has created a new format for the board's report. Motion by R. Schopp to approve, second by J. Bellante, motion carried.

Information and Correspondence:

K. Aron said the tax posting has been done, Approx \$8753 for alum and \$51,760 annual charges which includes the \$20 surcharge. Payments will be received in Jan, Feb, and Aug from the county.

Public Comments:

Residents commented that they like the treasurer's new format.

One resident said that they need to see all the information on costs, benefits, amount of harvester use, where harvesting equipment will be stored, parked during use, what limits on using the harvesting, operational costs, etc should be brought to the annual meeting before any further discussion of starting a program.

The ability to use a harvester in shallow areas and cutting lily pads, was clarified for a resident.

Old Business:

K. Aron put together the first grant re-imbursement for the AIS grant (starry stonewort) and had M. Bluemel sign it. It will be sent in to DNR and should take about 2 weeks. The District pays 25% of total grant project.

Another component of the grant is the volunteers and equipment. Each volunteer and the equipment owner needs to fill in the details on the forms K. Aron provided and they should sign them. The important sections have been highlighted and layed out for their convenience. M. Bluemel asked when the paperwork needs to be completed by. It is unknown what paperwork J. Marks maintained during the work. The completed forms should be given to K. Aron at the next meeting so they can be included in the next reimbursement request.

The board reviewed the modified agreement to be submitted to Sportsman's for continued use of their launch for the harvesting off-load. R. Schopp motioned to approve, 2nd by R. Mayer, motion carried. K. Aron will contact the Corrao's and hope to have it back by the next meeting.

New Business:

It is fairly often that the January meeting is not held for various reasons. K. Aron has a conflict with the meeting date on Jan 24, 2019 and would like to change the date. After discussion, the board agreed to combine the Jan and Feb meetings into one and hold it on Feb 7, 2019. We still plan to have the March meeting on Mar 28.

In going through all the paperwork, R. Mayer noticed that the fees were more than the interest, which didn't seem right with more than \$100,000 in the bank. He met with the VP of Business Accounts at Town Bank to discuss the District's bank accounts. They were able to put the District into a business account that should not encounter any fees. It allows up to 400 checks at no charge and pays interest. No board action is necessary at this time.

Public Comments:

One resident asked about the success of the treatments in the channel. We will have to see what happens in late spring.

Another asked about suction harvesting/dredging.

Another pointed out that the potential for buying harvesting equipment must be thoroughly investigated, including financial ramifications, personnel, use per permits, etc.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.