

Minutes
Wind Lake Management District Board of Commissioner Meeting
May 27, 2010

Present: R. Mohr, R. Schopp, M. Benish, J. Marks, K. Aron and 20 citizens.

Excused: J. Bellante

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

Motion by R. Mohr, second by M. Benish to approve the minutes, motion carried.

R. Mohr presented the treasurers report. M. Benish moved to accept the treasurers report as presented, 2nd by J. Marks, motion carried.

INFORMATION AND CORRESPONDENCE

Chemical treatments have been done twice, the second finished up today after overheating their motor on Tuesday. The harvester is expected June 7, however, he has indicated that he can start on Weds June 2 if we prefer. The board agreed that conditions warrant an early start. K. Aron will contact the harvester and the town. J. Marks and R. Mohr will check the disposal site each night to ensure that its locked. The grant application for the alum treatment was submitted to DNR by May 1. The packet is very comprehensive, with a significant amount of data to support our request. We hope to know by the June meeting if we will receive a grant.

J. Marks has attended a number of meetings about the drainage district. The drainage district is pushing to complete the plans and specs in time for a winter drawdown, and a November assessment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

J. Marks read a short summary of the land acquisition and then took public comments. A number of residents attended to comment on the purchase. Residents expressed concerns about the acquisition process, the cost, the use of the property, and the need for the property. The board reminded the audience that the annual meeting for at least the past 2 years has approved funds in the budget for land acquisition to ensure access for harvesting. The same process was used for the acquisition as previously. There are no plans to add boat launch parking on the site. The land was purchased for below assessed value and below the asking price. Meeting agendas are posted online and at the three posting locations: DJ Custom, Ace Hardware, and First Banking Center, and all items have been properly noticed. The board will get a short term loan from First Banking Center, and then re-finance from the Board of Commissioners of Public Lands in September. The loan will be paid back over 10 years. There will be no increase in the annual charges to pay for the property. Some defended the board's actions and said these issues have been discussed for at least 3 years.

OLD BUSINESS

First Banking Center will loan the WLMD funds for the land acquisition. R. Mohr motioned to accept the loan offer from First Banking Center for \$97,500 interest only mortgage with 1% fee and 7-7.5% interest; second by M. Benish, motion carried.

Discussions are ongoing with the drainage district, and unfortunately they are still in non-compliance with open records requests. It will be difficult to work with the district when they still refuse to provide records that are required by State Stats. The attorney will respond with legal arguments to the Racine County DA's decision on the records complaints.

The DNR warden sent comments to the town on the proposed revision to the boating ordinance. After discussion about the process, R. Mohr motioned to submit the current version to the town for passage, second by M. Benish, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

WLMD has received information about Workman's Comp insurance. Because we are a lake district, we are required to have workman's comp insurance for board members. The cost will be about \$250-\$290 and will put us slightly over budget for insurance. R. Schopp motioned to purchase the coverage, second by R. Mohr, motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next board meeting of the WLMD is scheduled for June 24, 2010.