

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday January 24, 2023
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Mike Bluemel County Rep Joe Bellante, Jeremy Sauld, and Jim Marks. Town Rep Ralph Schopp was excused. Harvester Operator Pat Fitzgerald and five other citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for December 6th Meeting

Motion made by Flunker to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bluemel.
Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker first provided written and verbal reports for the fiscal year ending 12/31/22. Income for FY 2022 totaled \$140,630.00 and expenses for FY 2022 totaled \$68,057.70, resulting in FY 2022 ending with a \$72,572.30 surplus of income over expenses. The district ended FY 2022 \$82,702.00 under budgeted expenses. Flunker then presented written and verbal reports for the fiscal period 1/1/23 to 1/23/23. Motion made by Sauld to accept the financial reports as presented, seconded by Bellante.
Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

Citizen commented that if a Facebook page is created it should be kept public and not require users to have their own Facebook login to view it. The same citizen commented that they would like to see the previous board member who was recently not reelected continue attending monthly meetings.

Citizen commented that they are new to the area but that they feel the weeds in the area near their property were bad last year. The citizen requested more information on weed harvesting in the area in front of their property. Weed harvester operator Pat Fitzgerald addressed the citizen's concern stating that he is familiar with the area referenced and that the problem is that the lake is too shallow for the harvester to cut the weeds in that area. The same citizen then inquired about rumors regarding the dam on Wind Lake being opened during the summer to lower the water level. Mayer addressed the citizen's concerns noting that Racine County operates the dam. The issue the last few summers has been the lack of rain combined with water evaporating

from the lake resulting in lower lake levels. Mayer encouraged citizens who are hearing rumors that the dam is open to drive by the dam and see for themselves that it is not open when water levels are down.

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned that a citizen had contacted him regarding not receiving a yearly WLMD charge on his property tax bill after combining three lots together. Flunker noted that he would investigate.

Marks mentioned that PFA contamination is again making headlines in the state. The DNR is doing a 3-year study which includes random testing of some private wells. Marks noted that testing a well costs approximately \$600.

Marks mentioned that Adam Payne has accepted the position of Secretary with Wisconsin DNR.

Marks mentioned that ice fishermen are reporting above-average weed growth. Marks noted that this could change dramatically in the next three weeks depending upon ice out.

Marks mentioned that Delavan Lake Systems hired a Grant Writer/Operations Manager to write grants at a salary of \$83,000/year.

At this time, Marks requested a tax-exempt form for lodging to attend a spring convention.

Mayer confirmed that he signed the annual agreement for USGS Monitoring. The cost to WLMD is \$12,000/year.

Mayer confirmed that he has received the paperwork documenting WLMD's 1-year extension of the Aquatic Plant Management Plan. A copy of the plan will need to be kept on the harvester while it is operating in 2023.

Mayer confirmed that he renewed the contract with Marine BioChemist for the chemical treatment permit process. The cost is approximately \$1,600.00

Bluemel mentioned that a citizen had reached out to him questioning whether their property is located within the lake district boundaries. Bluemel directed the citizen where to find the map showing the WLMD boundaries and has not received any additional correspondence.

Old Business

Update on Aquatic Plant Management Plan

Mayer noted the contract with Marine Biochemists has been signed and Marine Biochemists is moving forward with creating the next 5-year plan.

Discussion and Possible Action on the NSD Lift Station #5 Project

Mayer presented on behalf of Schopp noting that there is no new information available at this time.

Discussion and Possible Action on District Mail Slot at Town Hall

Mayer noted that he went to the last Norway Town Meeting to request a mail slot at the Town of Norway. The town has approved the request. The current PO Box will expire in the next two to three months. Going forward

New mailing address:

Norway Town Hall

Attn: Wind Lake Management District

6419 Heg Park Rd

Wind Lake, WI 53185

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Removal of Transfer Site Weeds

Mayer noted that he spoke to Scott at the town and some of the old, decomposed weeds need to be hauled out of the town dump site soon. Mayer mentioned that he would like to try to have the weeds hauled out in the next month or so. The board acknowledged that further discussion will be required to determine how to split the cost of removing decomposed weeds between WLMD and Waubasee. At this time, Bluemel made a motion to authorize spending up to \$3,000.00 for the removal of old decomposed weeds from the town dump site. Motion seconded by Flunker. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

Mayer noted the Waterford Waterway Management District obtained bids last year for contract writing options and selected Hey & Associates to write grant requests. Sauld inquired regarding what grants are available. Marks noted that there is a website that lists available surface water grants. Marks also clarified that if the cost to WLMD would exceed \$10,000.00 it would require being sent out for multiple bids. Discussion continued, Bluemel mentioned that a possible project that could qualify for a future grant could include a future alum treatment. Marks noted the last alum treatment was performed approximately 12 years ago. Mayer offered to contact Hey & Associates to see if a representative come to a monthly WLMD meeting to talk about grant writing options.

Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

Mayer mentioned he would like to explore long-term planning extending up to 10 years. Board discussion ensued and possible projects that were mentioned included a future alum treatment, dredging, storm sceptor, improving buoy location, and possibly adding additional buoys. At this time, the topic was tabled till next month's meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action on Monitoring Phosphorous

Mayer mentioned that USGS currently tracks phosphorous levels in Wind Lake on a yearly basis. The preference would be to increase the frequency of tracking.

Discussion on Addition of WLMD Facebook Site.

Mayer noted that he sees some advantages to having a Facebook page for the lake district but he acknowledged that it may be tough to get someone to manage it and keep it updated in addition to the district's current website. Discussion tabled at this time.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board**Adjourn**

Motion by Bellante to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sauld, the meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm

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

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, February 28th, 2023
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Jim Marks, and Secretary Mike Bluemel. Assistant Secretary Jeremy Sauld was excused. John Landry and Operator Pat Fitzgerald were also present. Seven other citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for January Meeting

Brief discussion on the minutes. A motion was made by Todd Flunker to accept the minutes, seconded by Jim Marks. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the previous period. Motion made by Mike Bluemel to accept the report as presented, seconded by Joe Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

One comment from Citizen regarding a past board member.

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned the upcoming lakes conference and discussed the danger of possible flooding based on the lake with no ice and rain upcoming with the snow melt.

Old Business

Update on Aquatic Plant Management Plan

In Progress, nothing to report.

Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

The DNR may require a land swap for them to allow the station on their land. Too early to discuss options. There was some discussion on the federal approval and that more will be determined with an upcoming meeting in early March.

Discussion and Possible Action on District Mail Slot at Town Hall

The mail is being sent to the town hall now. We still have our PO box for a short while and we have a forwarding address at the PO.

Discussion and Possible Action on Removal of Transfer Site Weeds

Too wet and no frost. Nothing done on this yet.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

No responses yet for prospective people.

Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

Tabled

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on New HPM and Hourly Rate

John has decided to move on. Mike motioned, and Todd second to hire Pat Fitzgerald as the new HPM with a rate of \$24 per hour. Motion passed 5-0

Discussion and Possible Action on Trucking contract Renewal

Jerry asked for \$70 per hour for renewal. Todd Motioned and Joe Second to renew at \$70 per hour with Jerry. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Roadside pickup Renewal

After some discussion about the requirements for the contractor to complete this. Motioned by Mike, second by Joe to renew the contract with Butch for \$485 per time – last year was \$400. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and possible action on Temp agency Renewal

On-Site Staffing is offering to Renew at the same price. Jim Motioned and Mike Second. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Wisconsin Lakes Conference

After discussion, a motion was made by Mike and seconded by Todd to approve Jim attending the conference with a budget of \$800. Motion carried 5-0.

Update on Draft of Spring Newsletter

The board went over the newsletter to discuss changes for this year. The goal is to have the newsletter out before April 1st.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

Motion by Joe second by Todd – carried 5-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

Meeting dates are subject to change. Please visit the Wind Lake Management District website at WWW.WLMD.ORG for the latest information.

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, March 28th, 2023
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Assistant Secretary Jeremy Sauld, and Jim Marks. Secretary Mike Bluemel excused. Harvesting Program Manager Pat Fitzgerald was present along with seven other citizens.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for February Meeting

A brief discussion on the minutes. Bellante noted one spelling correction. A motion was made by Todd Flunker to accept the minutes with the spelling correction, seconded by Joe Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the previous period. Motion made by Jeremy Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Joe Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

A citizen inquired why the unapproved minutes from last month's meeting were not yet posted on the WLMD website. Mayer noted it was an oversight.

A citizen asked if there will be a goose roundup this year. Mayer noted that a decision on this is typically made at the May meeting but that he anticipates moving forward with a goose roundup this year.

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned that the federal government will be receiving more money from the Pittman-Robertson act, which is used for projects through the DNR.

Marks mentioned that PFA contamination continues to make headlines on a weekly basis. The latest problem areas that were cited are Marshfield and East Troy.

Marks mentioned that Bird-flu is still a possibility, the feds continue to monitor it. Locally, Mute Swans have nested early this year. Many times, there is conflict between the geese

and Mute Swans, but once the Mute Swan's nesting area is established, the conflict ends. Mute Swans carry bird flu.

Marks mentioned that the annual fireworks show will be on July 8th this year, which will be better for the waterfowl hunting season.

Marks mentioned that the drainage district is trying to expand its boundaries east, and although it does not affect WLMD at this time, it should be monitored going forward.

Marks mentioned that electric motors are a new trend on many local lakes and are starting to be included on larger pontoon and pleasure boats.

Marks notified the board that he will not be able to attend the Lakes Convention this year.

Mayer noted that the previously approved welcome letters have started going out to new homeowners. Additionally, Pat Fitzgerald (HPM) has been given a new cellphone which will be used as the weed harvesting hotline.

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

Ralph noted that he and Ron met with a representative from the Norway Sanitary District to discuss where to place the new lift station. The current possible options include replacing it where it is, moving it onto WLMD property, or putting it on Town property at the existing boat launch. The town currently owns a 24ft wide strip of land at the current boat launch site. Ralph noted that there will be another meeting next month with the DNR and Sanitary District to discuss the options.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

Mayer noted that he had made multiple calls to Hey and Associates requesting information and regarding the possibility of a representative coming to a WLMD meeting to discuss grant writing options with the board. At this point, the contractor has not responded, and Mayer suggested that the board should consider other options.

Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

Mayer suggested that consideration should be given to digitizing the district's old records.

Marks mentioned that consideration should be given to dredging of the finger channels on Wind Lake. Marks stated that he thinks the work could possibly qualify for a surface water grant under "fisheries" as dredging the channels could create spawning grounds for fish.

Bellante noted that WLMD owns property on Muskego Dam Road that was originally acquired with the plan to be used for a project to create a “natural filtration system” for water coming into Wind Lake. Bellante inquired if that project should be revisited. Marks noted that the goal of creating a “natural filtration system” would be to eliminate the need for future alum treatments in Wind Lake. Per Marks, the engineering was already done on this potential project, and it is potentially “shovel-ready”. Marks noted that the district would need to acquire two additional parcels to have all of the land necessary for the project. Mayer requested that the board continue to work on ideas for the district’s 10-year plan.

Update on Removal of Transfer Site Weeds

Nothing has been removed from the site at this time. Unfortunately, it has been too wet to remove anything up to this point. Mayer talked to Scott at the town and notes that at this point there is enough room at the site to proceed with weed harvesting operations. Removal of old weeds will need to be revisited in the fall.

Update on Chemical Treatment Permit and APMP

Bellante noted that the permit has been submitted. There was a discrepancy found with one of the business numbers on the permit, but it should be corrected at this point and moving forward. Bellante then reviewed the map of areas to be treated per the permit.

Mayer noted that there is no update on APMP at this time.

Update on Buoy Locations

Marks noted that buoys are typically put out around the last Saturday of April. Marks plans to check the accuracy of buoy locations after they are placed.

Update on New Operators/Advertising

Mayer noted that the employment opportunity for harvesting operators is listed on the WLMD website. Please spread the word that WLMD is looking for two additional weed harvester operators. Candidates must be a minimum of 16 years old with a valid driver's license.

Update on Draft of Spring Newsletter

Mayer noted that the spring newsletter has been printed and mailed.

New Business

Flunker noted that he received a form from the State of WI requesting confirmation that the district boundaries have not changed. Mayer confirmed that Flunker should complete and return the requested form.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Mayer called for any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board. Nothing presented at this time.

Adjourn

At 7:43pm, Schopp motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, April 25th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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

**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, April 25, 2023
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Jeremy Sauld, and Jim Marks. Secretary Mike Bluemel was excused. HPM Pat Fitzgerald present along with three other citizens.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for March 28th Meeting

-Brief discussion on the minutes. Motion made by Schopp to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Flunker. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

-Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the previous period. Motion made by Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

-No public comments

Information and Correspondence

-Marks commented on various topics, including wind rows being removed from a sod farm.

-Marks provided history on a storm sceptor project that was never implemented.

-Marks noted that the piers are in at the public launch

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

-Schopp noted that he recently attended another meeting along with the Sanitary District and DNR. The new lift station will likely be placed on town property as it has been determined that the town currently owns a 25ft strip of land where the boat launch is currently located. Mayer noted that during the meeting, the possibility of dividing the land currently owned by the town between the sanitary district and lake district was mentioned.

Mayer noted that due to the town currently owning the land where the current launch ramp is, the boat launch may need to be redesigned in the future. Marks noted that to qualify for future grants, the launch needs to maintain at least 14 parking spots. Mayer inquired whether the board would support acquiring the land from the town if it becomes an option. There was a consensus amongst the board in support of acquiring the land for use with the Lake District's Weed Harvesting Program.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

-Mayer noted that he had previously made multiple calls to Hey & Associates and did finally receive a callback but has not received a proposal from them at this time. Mayer has since reached out to a company called Onterra and notes that they were responsive to his inquiry. Mayer hopes to have additional information and possible costs for needed testing and grant writing prior to next month's meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

-Mayer noted that he has adjusted the plan to include testing lake phosphorous levels this year along with applying for an Alum grant in 2024 and a possible Alum treatment in 2025. Additional testing will help determine when the Alum treatment is needed.

-Marks noted that he would like to look at adding the storm scepter project to the district's 10yr plan. Mayer noted that this is something Onterra could assist with writing a grant for.

Update on Chemical Treatment

-Mayer noted that while putting his pier in this year, he already observed weed growth in the lake. He thinks this may be related to early ice off and the unusually warm weather early this spring.

-Bellante noted that the annual chemical permit for this year had been approved.

Update on Buoy Locations

-Marks noted that there are no updates at this time.

Update on New Operators/Advertising

-Mayer noted that one applicant has expressed interest and asked that the board continue to share the posting as help is needed.

New Business

Discussion on Geese Roundup

-Mayer noted that a decision will need to be made at the May meeting regarding whether to proceed with a goose round-up this year. Mayer asked the public to keep an eye out for geese at this time to help determine if a round-up is needed this year.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Adjourn

-Motion by Schopp to adjourn, 2nd by Bellante Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 7:00 pm

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

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Mike Bluemel, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Jeremy Sauld, and Jim Marks. HPM Pat Fitzgerald was present along with seven other citizens.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for April 25th Meeting

-Brief discussion on the minutes. Motion made by Flunker to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

-Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the previous period. Motion made by Bluemel to accept the report as presented, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

-Citizen inquired if there has been consideration given to utilizing Teams or Zoom during WLMD meetings. Mayer noted that it has not been discussed. Flunker noted that there are specific rules regarding the format of this type of meeting.

-Citizen inquired if weed chemical treatments had been done yet this year. Mayer noted that treatments had not been done yet this year. The citizen then mentioned that weeds seem really bad already this year. Mayer noted that weeds appear to be ahead of schedule this year. The citizen described the weeds she is seeing in large volumes in her area which appears to be algae. Bellante noted that he spoke with the contractor who performs the chemical treatments on Wind Lake and was informed that Curly Leaf Pond Weed has already exploded in Oconomowoc and Eagle Lakes, and he expects a similar issue in Wind Lake. The discussion on weeds continued.

-Mayer inquired if anyone had come to the meeting to discuss the geese. One citizen commented that she currently has 4 separate families of geese hanging out on her property.

Information and Correspondence

-Marks discussed PFA contamination noting that 1.25 billion dollars has been appropriated to address the issue. Marks provided additional information on the grant process and why PFAs are an issue.

-Marks discussed lake levels noting Big Muskego is currently at 11.55" and 11.52" is the height of dam. Wind Lake is receiving .03" of water per day from Big Muskego. Wind Lake is currently at 8.20" and the dam is closed. More rain will be needed to keep the lake levels up. Marks then discussed drought cycles noting they are typically 8 years in length and we are currently coming out of a drought cycle so we should not have a water shortage issue for another 8 years. The last major flood occurred in 2008 and large floods are on typically on a 20 year pattern.

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

-Schopp noted that there is no new news to report at this time.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

- Mayer noted that he has not received a proposal yet from Hey & Associates. He is still in communication with Solitude and Onterra in hopes of getting numbers from them.

Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

-Nothing to report currently.

Update on Chemical Treatment and APMP

- Bellante noted that a survey of the lake will be performed in the next few days to determine trouble spots and develop a plan for upcoming chemical treatments.

Update on Buoy Locations

-Marks noted that buoys were put in the week prior to the opening of fishing season but still seem to be not in the appropriate location.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on New Operators

-Mayer noted that Stephen Kearns submitted the only application for a position on the weed harvesting crew this summer. Steven was present at the meeting and briefly introduced himself and answered questions from the board. A brief discussion amongst board members with regards to Steven's application followed. Sauld motioned to hire Steven Kearns through Onsite Staffing at a payrate of \$20/hr. Motion seconded by Flunker. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Geese Roundup

-Mayer noted that he has received notification from the Department of Agriculture that they are currently planning to offer the roundup service this year. The cost to do the goose round-up is \$3,500 and requires a minimum of 40 birds. The roundup cost does not change based on additional birds but there is an option to donate the birds to a foodbank which would require additional testing at an additional cost (starting at \$500 and increase based on the number of additional birds captured). Bluemel noted that he currently has 13 adult geese and 34 juveniles that are on his property daily. Marks noted that he currently has about 30 geese on his property. Sauld noted that he counted 30 geese on his property today. Bellante noted that he recently counted 36 geese around his property. Flunker noted that he spoke to a property owner on W Loomis that reported approximately 30 geese on their property. Following discussion by the board, Sauld motioned to approve spending \$3,500 for a goose round-up with no additional funding approved for testing/donation of the birds. Bluemel seconded motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Additional Sampling (Pre-Grant)

-Mayer noted that the board is waiting on a price from Onterra so no action can be taken at this time.

Discussion and Possible Action on Deer Stands on Muskego Dam Property

-Mayer noted that he received a call from the DNR regarding a complaint about deer stands on the WLMD property. A discussion amongst the board followed. No action taken.

Reminder on June 10th Vessel Safety Check

-Mayer noted that the annual Vessel Safety Check is coming up on June 10th. Marks noted that he would be there to represent the district. John Landry has also volunteered to assist with the activities that day.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Adjourn

-Motion by Bluemel to adjourn, 2nd by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 7:00 pm

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

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, June 27, 2023
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Mike Bluemel, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Jeremy Sauld, and Jim Marks. HPM Pat Fitzgerald and four other citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for the May 23rd Meeting

A brief discussion on the minutes. Mayer noted a name misspelling to be corrected. Motion made by Schopp to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of May 23rd to June 26th. Flunker also reported that he took the district's 2022 calendar year financial records to the accountant for audit. Motion made by Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bluemel. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

No public comments.

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided the following comments:

- Chemical spraying for weeds and algae was done prior to the recent holiday, which was a good thing because it did not affect lake recreation.
- The recent vessel inspection resulted in 10 boats passing, 4 refusals, and several that were not worthy of inspection. Only one inspector was available.
- The water level last month was 8.02 and today was 7.76. The last rainfall was 8/10 of an inch.
- The City of Mukwonago, following complaints from citizens about geese on the public beaches, had preliminary discussions regarding the process to control the geese. Town email addresses received 8,000 emails condemning the practice.
- Phragmites are an invasive species that can compromise clean water. Previously, there were grant programs to control this problem. The north end of Breezy Bay has

Phragmites, and possibly pursuing surface water grants to address this invasive species should be considered.

Mayer provided the following comments:

- Three more welcome letters have gone out to new homeowners.
 - Mitch from Inland was recently outperforming maintenance on the current weed harvester and mentioned that there are smaller harvesting machines available.
- Currently, DNR grants are at 50% for harvester purchases. A brief discussion followed.

Old Business

a) Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

Schopp noted that he met with the Sanitary District. The Sanitary District is working with the Town of Norway to establish a 100-year lease agreement that would give the Sanitary District use of the town-owned land for the new lift station. This would also create an opportunity for WLMD to lease a portion of the land from the town. A brief discussion followed. Mayer noted that if the town vacated the land, 12.5ft would be given to each adjacent owner. If the land is leased, all 25ft would remain intact. Sauld motioned to nominate Ron Mayer as WLMD's representative to participate in talks with the Town of Norway regarding pursuing a 100-year lease of the town land. Seconded by Bellante. There was a brief discussion, Mayer clarified that nothing would be signed without first being reviewed by WLMD's attorney and approved by board vote. Motioned passed 6-0.

b) Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

Mayer noted that the contact he had been working with at Solitude has left the company, so he has since reached out directly to Onterra. Mayer advised Onterra that the WLMD is interested in grant-writing options. Mayer noted that he was told the cost of writing a grant is typically written into the grant and would not cost WLMD anything if the grant was not successful. A brief discussion followed.

c) Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

No updates at this time.

d) Update on Chemical Treatments and APMP

Bellante noted that a chemical treatment was applied on June 6th. There was a short rain delay the morning of the application, but the application was able to be completed. Bellante noted that the contractor has tentatively scheduled the next treatment for Starry Stonewort on July 5th, 6th, and 7th. A brief discussion followed. Given the increased lake recreation around the 4th of July Holiday and Fireworks scheduled for July 8th the board reached a consensus to instead request that the

contractor tentatively schedule the chemical treatment for his next available date of July 17th, 18th, and 19th.

Bellante then noted that per the APMP, a survey of the lake is tentatively scheduled to be conducted again in August.

Pat Fitzgerald (HPM) gave an update on 2023 Weed Harvesting Operations. The district has logged 71hrs cutting, 32.5 hours of maintenance, and 19hrs of training for a total of 122.5 labor hours to date for 2023. Additionally, 19.75 barge loads of weeds have been removed already this year, totaling 8,887.5 cubic ft of weeds. Mayer noted for reference that 10,000 cubic ft of weeds total was harvested in 2022.

e) Update on Buoy Locations

Marks noted that he was unable to attend the recent Police Commission Meeting. He instead plans to request a meeting with the Norway Chief of Police to discuss buoy locations. A brief discussion followed.

f) Discussion and Possible Action on New Operators

Mayer noted that additional operators are needed to help staff the weed harvester. Mayer noted that Riley Fitzgerald had expressed interest in a position operating the weed harvester and is present at tonight's meeting. Board members asked the candidate multiple questions and a brief discussion amongst the board ensued. Bluemel made a motion to hire Riley Fitzgerald at a pay rate of \$20/hr. Flunker seconded. Motion passed 6-0

Mayer noted that he would like to have board approval for a total of three operator positions and establish a more efficient process to hire new staff in the event any of the current staff quits. Bluemel motioned to approve a third operator position at a pay rate of \$20/hr with future operator positions available to be filled by the Chairman after the recommendation of a candidate by the HPM. Seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 6-0.

g) Update on Goose Roundup

Mayer noted that there was a successful goose roundup this year. A brief discussion providing additional details followed.

h) Update on VSC

Marks noted that details of the recent VSC had been previously provided during information and correspondence.

New Business

a) Discussion and Possible Action on Additional Sampling (Pre-Grant)

Nothing new at this time.

Adjourn

Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 7:59pm. Second by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday July 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

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MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, July 25, 2023
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Mike Bluemel, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Jim Marks, and Jeremy Sauld. HPM Pat Fitzgerald was present along with five other citizens.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for June 27th Meeting

A brief discussion on the minutes. A motion was made by Bluemel 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 June 27th to July 24th. Motion by Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

A citizen inquired regarding the cost of the goose round-up, Mayer noted the cost was \$3,500.

A citizen inquired if anything has been discussed regarding dredging and noted that he feels it is getting shallow behind Wood Island. The same citizen then noted he has observed several boats speeding/creating a wake behind Wood Island, which he feels pushes silt into his frontage. The citizen then requested an article be added to the fall newsletter reminding boaters to avoid making a wake in areas that are marked no wake zones.

A citizen commented that many years ago, there was a rule regarding no wake on the lake after 4 pm. Bluemel advised that approximately 20 years ago, that rule had been changed to no wake after sunset but that there is still a rule in place regarding no wake before 9 am.

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided the following information:

- The current lake level is 7.46. Normal is 8.20.
- PFA contamination has been found in Lake Michigan, but no standards have been established yet.

- Rustic Crayfish are disappearing statewide due to a possible fungal disease. Additional information was provided on Rustic Crayfish.
- Swimmer's itch is most likely to occur this time of year. Wind Lake, like many other local lakes, has Faucet Snails, which typically cause swimmers' itch. Additional information was provided on Faucet snails.
- 20 geese were recently observed in his yard. Goose season opens September 1st and hunters can each take 5 geese per day.
- DNR continues to say spraying for Starry Stonewort (SSW) should only be implemented if it becomes a navigational hazard. A short discussion on SSW in Breezy Point was had.
- DNR has record funding, so WLMD needs to put a push on for grant possibilities.
- No major algae blooms this year, other than the first one which never reached the surface.
- Mosquito spraying is recommended to be done along a property's border instead of spraying the entire property. Standing water should be discarded. 10,000 mosquitos can come from one single tire with standing water in it. Putting dishwasher detergent inside a tire is a way to prevent mosquitos. Boat covers also hold water. Mosquito eggs can last up to 7 years and hatch after an influx of moisture. Mosquitos can transmit Zika Virus, West Nile Virus, Asian Tiger, Chikungunya.

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

Schopp noted that the Norway Sanitary District's (NSD) engineer and surveyor are working on getting things set up to proceed with a land lease between the Town and NSD to facilitate the new pump station. Schopp advised the board to follow up with the town regarding WLMD's interest in pursuing a lease with the town regarding the remaining portion of the land. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Mayer to follow up with Tom Kramer regarding WLMD's interest in leasing land from the Town of Norway.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

Mayer noted that he forwarded the Alum treatment information he had to Onterra and is awaiting a response. Mayer also noted that there are potential DNR grants available that could cover up to 75% (capped at \$200,000.00) of the cost of an Alum treatment.

Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

Mayer noted there are not new updates at this time.

Update on Chemical Treatments and APMP

Bellante noted that 3 areas of the lake were chemically treated last Tuesday (7/18) for Starry Stonework. 1.5 acres by wood island, 0.3 acre in Breezy Bay, and 1 acre along the

east shore. A total of 2.8 acres were treated for Starry Stonewort. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Update on Buoy Locations

Marks noted that he left his contact information with the Police Chief's secretary today and is awaiting a callback.

Update on Harvesting Operations

HPM Patrick Fitzgerald provided a verbal update on harvesting operations through weekending 7/22/23. 2023 labor hours thus far break down as follows: 237.5 total labor hours (146 hours cutting, 41.5 hours boat maintenance, 22.5 property maintenance, and 27.5 hours training). 37 loads of weeds have been removed which is approximately 16,650 cubic feet of weeds. Additionally, Patrick is receiving lots of calls to the weed-cutting hotline and has been able to address all requests within a week.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on 2024 Budget

Flunker provided written and verbal reports regarding a proposed budget for FY 2024. A motion by Sauld to approve as presented, second by Schopp. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on 2024 Resolution

Mayer provided board members with a hard copy of a proposed resolution for FY 2024. Mayer noted that the resolution is similar to the resolution approved for FY 2023, but the dates have been updated to reflect FY 2024 and line items have been added for approval to apply for a grant for an Alum Treatment, approval to apply for a grant for the purchase of an additional weed harvester, and approval to purchase a second weed harvester if the grant application is approved. There was a discussion amongst the board regarding the resolution presented as well as the possibility of needing to increase dues to pay for an upcoming Alum Treatment. There was a consensus amongst the board that increasing yearly dues is the best way to pay for the upcoming Alum Treatment. A discussion amongst the board resulted in a consensus that the resolution presented should be amended to reflect increasing lake dues for FY 2024 to on-lake dues of \$280/yr, canal dues of \$160/yr, and off-lake dues of \$100/yr.

Motion by Bluemel to approve the presented resolution with the amendment of increasing lake dues to \$280/yr for on-lake properties, \$160/yr for canal properties, and \$100/yr for off-lake properties. Second by Sauld. Motion passed 6-0.

Following approval of the 2024 resolution, Sauld made a motion to amend the previously approved FY 2024 budget to reflect the increases in lake dues. Revenue

generated by lake dues should be amended to \$166,680.00, and the total estimated income should be amended to \$181,755.00. Second by Schopp. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action to Set Date for Annual Meeting

Discussion amongst the board on the selection of a date for the annual WLMD meeting. Board consensus was reached to schedule WLMD annual meeting at Norway Town Hall on September 7th at 7 pm.

Discussion and Possible Action on Fall Newsletter

Bluemel presented an outline of the fall newsletter and discussed the content to be included in the newsletter.

Adjourn

Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 8:31 pm, second by Bluemel. Motion passed 6-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, August 22nd, 2023 at 7:00pm

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

**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, August 22, 2023
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Jim Marks, and Jeremy Sauld. Excused: Secretary Mike Bluemel. HPM Pat Fitzgerald was present along with two other citizens.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for July 25th Meeting

-A brief discussion on the minutes. Flunker noted that a correction is needed under "Discussion and Possible Action on 2024 Resolution". Flunker motioned to correct \$166,700.00 to reflect \$166,680.00 and \$181,775.00 to \$181,755.00, Seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

-Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of July 25th to August 21st. Motion by Bellante to accept the report as presented, seconded by Schopp. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

-A citizen commented that shortly after last month's meeting, they found a dead swan on the shoreline of their property. The homeowner contacted the DNR and was told they could dispose of it and that the DNR would not need to come to assess as it was only one swan. The homeowner also noted that they observed a fishing lure that they believe may have injured the bird's stomach.

-A citizen inquired regarding the lake level and asked at what point the dam is opened. Marks noted that the dam is opened when the water level is 2" above the spillway.

Information and Correspondence

-Marks noted that the DNR budget for this year is 1.22 billion. Marks would like to see the WLMD pursue additional grants. Sauld asked Marks to obtain a list of possible grants and bring it to the next monthly meeting.

- Marks noted that it is estimated that 50% of Wisconsin water contains PFA contamination. PFA contamination is a concern regarding drinking water. Additional information was provided on PFA contamination.
- Marks noted there was recently an accident near the Wind Lake boat launch that involved a pontoon boat and a fishing boat. One person was thrown into the water, but no injuries were reported.
- Marks noted he believes there is money proposed in the DNR budget for dredging projects. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Sauld asked Marks to look into the criteria required to pursue/qualify for DNR money for dredging projects and report at the next meeting.
- Marks noted there is a Phragmites infestation in the spawning grounds near Sandy Point and East Wind Lake Rd. Additional info on Phragmites and how they affect fish spawning areas provided.

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

- Schopp noted that there are no new updates at this time.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

- Mayer noted that he spoke to the owner of Onterra. They have our information but are overwhelmed at the moment. Mayer noted that Onterra hopes to have a proposal for us after the first of the year.
- Mayer noted that he spoke to Solitude as they have a company/division that does alum treatments. Solitude is going to work on providing a ballpark cost regarding a future alum treatment based on the previous alum treatment numbers.

Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

- Mayer noted there are no new updates at this time.

Update on Chemical Treatments and APMP

- Bellante noted that he spoke to the contractor today. The aquatic plant survey is approximately 90% complete but will not be done until the end of the year. There are a few areas the contractor cannot access at this time due to the low water level. Per the contractor, there is very little evidence of Starry Stonewort near Breezy Bay and the Dog Leg along the east shoreline. However, near Wood Island, Starry Stonewort is again near the top of the water. At this time, the contractor does not recommend additional chemical treatments in the area near Wood Island as the water level is continuing to come down. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

-Bellante then complimented the weed-cutting crew's work this summer noting that he is proud of how good the lake looks. Bellante notes that he believes many areas that were unusable/navigable due to weed growth in past years look great this year.

Update on Buoy Locations

-Marks noted that the Police Chief called him back, and they discussed the Wind Lake buoy locations. Marks noted that during their conversation, the question of whether or not the current coordinates in the town ordinance are correct or not. A short conversation amongst the board followed. No consensus reached at this time. No action taken at this time.

Update on Harvesting Operations

-HPM Patrick Fitzgerald provided a verbal update on harvesting operations through weekending 8/9/23. 2023 labor hours thus far break down as follows: 333 total labor hours (214.5 hours cutting, 59 hours boat maintenance, 30.5 property maintenance, and 29 hours training). 56.5 barge loads of weeds have been removed, which is approximately 25,424 cubic feet of weeds. Additionally, Patrick noted that the weed-cutting hotline has been working well and requests that homeowners continue to call with requests.

-Plan to remove/winterize the harvester in the middle of September.

New Business

Review of Annual Meeting Process/Assignments

-Mayer noted that the meeting room reserved for the annual meeting has been booked until 6 pm for a blood draw the same day as the annual meeting and asked that board members show up a little early to help set up chairs.

-Mayer requested volunteers to assist with meeting sign-in.

Adjourn

Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 7:56 pm, second by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0.

Note: The annual meeting will be held at Norway Town Hall on September 7th, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held on Tuesday, September 26th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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

**MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, September 26, 2023
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, Treasurer Todd Flunker, County Rep Joe Bellante, and Jim Marks. Excused: Mike Bluemel and Town Rep Ralph Schopp. HPM Pat Fitzgerald was present along with one other citizen.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for August 22nd Meeting

A motion was made by Flunker to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of August 21st to September 25th. A motion was made by Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comments

-No public comments noted.

Information and Correspondence

-Marks noted that as of September 15th, Surface Grants are closed. Per Marks, surface grants work on a biannual budget.

-Marks noted that the State Lake Association received lots of complaints this year about fireworks related to ducks' breeding season. Marks noted that it is important to try to have fireworks as close to the fourth of July as possible so they occur between hatchings.

-Marks noted that USDA made a verbal announcement that goose round-up services will be available in 2024, dependent upon bird flu.

-Marks noted that phragmites are growing next to the Amoco station. Additional details on phragmites were provided.

-Marks noted that a thorough examination was done during the last dredging project, and areas previously dredged could possibly be dredged in the future. Areas not previously listed

likely cannot be dredged. Marks then noted that he had no additional information regarding potential dredging subsidies for the coming year.

-Mayer noted that he received a couple of emails from property owners following the annual meeting stating that they thought the annual meeting was excellent and appreciated how well everything is going.

Old Business

Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

-Mayer noted that he attended the Sanitary District's meeting this past month. During the meeting, he learned that the Sanitary District is no longer pursuing a lease of the land for the new pump station from the town. Instead, the Sanitary District is pursuing an easement for the use of the land needed for the new pumping station. Mayer noted that from what he understands construction of the new pump station is still on schedule for Fall of 2024. Mayer also noted that depending upon where the new sewer pipe is run, the roots of the large Cottonwood tree on WLMD property could be damaged. Discussion amongst the board followed Mayer's update.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

-Mayer noted that he will soon begin working on writing a grant application for the purchase of a second harvester.

-Mayer noted that he is hopeful Onterra will begin working on writing a grant request for a future Alum treatment after the first of the year.

Discussion and Possible Action on District 10-Year Plan

-Mayer noted there are no new updates at this time.

Update on Buoy Locations

-Mayer noted that we need to know the police department's plan for spring to get the buoy locations corrected. Marks noted that the buoys will be removed on 9/30/23. Marks then noted that the buoys are put in the water the week before the opening of fishing in the spring and removed the first week of October. Mayer reinforced that a plan is needed to address buoy locations in spring.

Final Update on Harvesting Operations

-HPM Patrick Fitzgerald provided a verbal update on harvesting operations through weekending 9/24/23. 2023 labor hours thus far break down as follows: 395.5 total labor hours (251.5 hours cutting, 81 hours boat maintenance, 34 hours property maintenance, and 29 hours training). 67.5 barge loads of weeds, approximately 30,375 cubic feet of weeds, have been removed. Prior to wrapping up operations for the year, the harvester will require year-end maintenance/winterization. Patrick then noted that Inland Harvesting was very responsive and provided exceptional customer service this past

summer. Anytime he had a problem or needed advice/service, the owner typically answered the phone and assisted him with what was needed. Based on his experience, Patrick commented that if a second harvester is purchased, he would recommend purchasing another machine from Inland. Per Patrick, standardizing equipment would also be beneficial. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

New Business

Review of Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APMP)

-Mayer noted that he had hoped we would have a draft of the 5-year plan to review, but it is not yet available. Bellante commented that he thinks it will be ready in November or December. Mayer noted that he will plan to keep this item on the agenda until a draft of the APMP is received and reviewed.

-Mayer noted that he would like to create an Operator Handbook covering the basic operation of the harvester, rules, and miscellaneous information that may not be covered by the staffing agency. A short discussion amongst the board was followed. Several members verbalized support.

Adjourn

Motion by Flunker to adjourn at 7:35 pm, second by Bellante. Motion passed 4-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will be held at Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be held in the lower level.

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

2023 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 7th, 2023, at 7:00 pm Norway Town Hall

Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Mayer called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm

Introductions - Board Members

Board members introduced themselves to the attendees.

Approve Minutes from 2022 Annual Meeting

Chairman Mayer noted that the 2022 minutes were provided in the fall newsletter and asked for any questions, corrections, or additions. A motion was made from the floor (Jay Johnson) to approve the minutes as presented. Jim Axtman seconded. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Annual Meeting Project Update - A review of 2023 and plans for 2024.

Chairman Mayer started by thanking board members for their work over the past year. Joe Bellante has taken on managing/overseeing chemical treatments, Mike Bluemel has led the production of the newsletters, Todd Flunker has done a great job as treasurer, and Jeremy Sauld has helped with performing secretarial duties.

Chairman Mayer then provided the following updates:

There was a successful goose roundup this year. (Attendees responded with loud applause.) Details of the roundup were provided.

A harvesting hotline allowing homeowners to directly contact the Harvesting Program Manager to address issues, concerns, and/or requests was established this year. Feedback has been positive.

Patrick Fitzgerald was hired as the new Harvesting Program Manager. Thank you to John Landry for 2 years of service.

Thank you to Jerry Kotarak for stepping up to be part of the solution. Mr. Kotarak hauls the harvested weeds and has saved the district a significant amount of money on trucking by offering flexible scheduling and conservative billing practices.

2023 proved to be a heavy weed year. Overall, the harvesting crew did a great job cutting weeds, and the lake looks great. To date, there have been a total of 238 hours of harvesting and 28,500 cubic feet of weeds have been removed.

Bellante then provided an update on chemical treatments performed in 2023. There were two chemical treatments performed. The first addressed weeds in 8 areas (11.25 acres total) and focused on Curly Leaf Pond Weed and Milfoil. The second treatment (5.6 acres total) treated invasive weeds as well as Starry Stonewort. Additional details were provided. Bellante asked if anyone from the floor had any questions regarding chemical treatments. No public comments noted at this time.

Mayer then provided details regarding a possible future Alum Treatment, including the benefits of Alum Treatment and how it works to decrease excess nutrients in the lake water. Alum Treatments were last performed in 2011 and 1997. Information regarding a possible grant of up to \$200,000.00 was provided. The last Alum Treatment performed in 2011 cost \$315,000.00 and was paid for by a special assessment as no grant was utilized. If performed in 2025, an Alum Treatment could potentially cost \$525,000.00. Mayer noted that the resolution being presented tonight, if approved, provides approval to apply for a grant of up to \$200,000.00 to help pay for the future Alum Treatment. Additionally, the resolution presented increases lake dues. On-lake properties would increase to \$280/year, canal properties would increase to \$150/year, and off-lake properties would increase to \$100/year. The increased yearly dues would raise approximately \$25,000.00 per year, which would be allocated to future Alum Treatments. Mayer then answered questions from the floor regarding the benefits of performing an Alum Treatment. Mayer then proceeded to note that the resolution presented tonight also seeks approval to apply for a grant toward and purchase a second smaller harvester. Mayer noted that grants are currently at 50%, and the cost of a second harvester is estimated to be about \$110,000.00. Bluemel noted that when the last harvester was purchased, the grant covered 35%. A grant of 50% is better than what was previously offered, and there is no guarantee on how long a 50% grant will be available. Mayer then answered several questions from the floor, including the benefits of each size harvester and if contracting the WLMD harvester to other lakes is a possibility. Mayer noted that contracting the harvester to other lakes is not an option if a grant is utilized to purchase it. Several miscellaneous comments from the floor were noted at this time.

Budget Hearing

Flunker provided an update on the proposed budget for 2024, including a line-by-line analysis. Citizen questions from the floor regarding the budget were answered.

Approval of Resolution 1-2023

Mayer stated that he intended to read resolution 1-2023 into the record. A motion-to-wave reading of the resolution was made by Jay Johnson. Seconded by John Przybyla. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Whereas the Board of Commissioners proposed the enclosed budget for WLMD for the year Jan. 1st, 2024, through Dec. 31st, 2024:

- 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 Board has proposed the annual charge be set; \$280 lakefront, \$160 canal and \$100 off lake properties:
- 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:
- Be it further resolved that the annual WLMD charges will be placed on the 2023 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 the WLMD Board is authorized to apply for a grant for a second weed harvester:
- Be it further resolved that the WLMD Board is authorized to purchase a second weed harvester if the grant is approved:
- 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, as may be amended by 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 2024 Proposed Budget is hereby approved:
- Be it further resolved that the 2024 Annual Meeting can be scheduled after September 8th:

Mayer then opened the floor to questions/discussion of the resolution as presented. No public comments or questions noted at this time.

There was a motion from the floor (Jim Axtman) to accept Resolution 1-2023 as presented, seconded from the floor (Ken Miller). The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Election of Commissioners – The terms of current commissioners Mike Bluemel and Jeremy Sauld are up for re-election. Nominations from the floor for a 3-year term were welcomed.

Both Jeremy Sauld and Mike Bluemel accepted renewal nominations.

Chairman Mayer called for nominations from the floor. The request was repeated three times with no nominations received.

Mike Bluemel and Jeremy Sauld were re-elected to 3-year terms.

New Business - Mayer called for any new business, no new business was brought forward. The board did field miscellaneous questions from the floor at this time.

Adjourn - There was a motion from the floor (John Przybyla) to adjourn, seconded from the floor (Jay Johnson). The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

A Board of Commissioners meeting was held immediately following the Annual Meeting to elect officers.

After a brief discussion, the following commissioners were elected to officer positions:

Ron Mayer - Chairman, Jeremy Sauld – Secretary, and Todd Flunker – Treasurer.

**Wind Lake Management District
2024 Proposed Budget**

Annual Revenue	
Lake Dues	\$166,680
Property Transfer Fees	450
Interest	14,625
Total Estimated Income	\$181,755

Expense Category	Jan 1, 2023 to Dec 31, 2023 Approved	January 1, 2023 to Current(7/24/2023) Actual	Jan 1, 2024 to Dec 31, 2024 Proposed
Meetings/Seminars	\$1,500	\$0	\$1,500
Postal Expenses	1,600	394	1,000
Office Supplies/Equipment	500	-	500
Publications	500	-	500
Insurance	7,000	251	7,500
Print/Publishing	1,600	846	1,750
Mileage/Per Diem	6,400	3,100	6,400
Misc	400	232	250
Website	1,800	687	1,500
Attorney	4,000	-	4,000
Accountant	2,200	-	750
Weed Control/Harvest/Pickup	92,950	25,542	95,858
USGS	12,000	12,055	12,750
Geese Control	4,000	3,500	4,000
Property Maintenance	2,400	319	1,080
Contingency	1,000	-	1,000
Emergency Action	4,000	-	4,000
Dam Operation	6,000	-	6,500
Aquatic Plant Survey/Plan (Harvesting Permit)	13,000	-	10,000
Alum Treatment Fund	-	-	25,000
Total Expenses	\$162,850	\$46,926	\$185,838

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BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Norway Town Hall

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7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, Treasurer Todd Flunker, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Mike Bluemel, and Jim Marks. HPM Pat Fitzgerald was also present.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for September 26th Meeting

A motion was made by Flunker to accept the minutes as presented. Bellante noted that he would like to clarify “we” under the heading of Update on Buoy Locations. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Flunker amended his motion to approve the minutes with an amendment updating “we need to know the plan for spring to get the buoy locations corrected” to “we need to know the police department’s plan for spring to get the buoy locations corrected.” Bellante seconded the amended motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of September 25th to October 23rd. A motion was made by Sauld to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

-No public comments noted.

Information and Correspondence

-Marks noted that there was a question about dredging projects he mentioned several months ago. They were proposals, none have been acted on, and none were in conjunction with lake districts.

-Marks noted that the head of the DNR quit this morning and then proceeded to provide additional information on the state’s current wolf population and wolf plan.

-Marks noted there were comments about how clear the water was this year. He then presented a bag of Zebra Mussels and noted that each one does a quart of water per day clearing out macrophytes. Additional information on Zebra Mussels presented.

-Marks noted that the bird flu was recently confirmed in two states (South Dakota & Kansas). He is concerned that prevailing westerly winds could bring it into Wisconsin.

-Marks commented on lake levels noting that the dam should be open right now. The current lake level is 7.80 and the dam should be opened at 7.81. Additional details on when the dam should be opened were provided. Marks then noted that Little Muskego is running at 11.63. The top of the dam is 11.52 and they should be releasing water.

-Mayer noted he received a call from the Dam Operator on 10/22/23 advising that the dam will be opened due to the lake being above the drawdown level and additional water coming from the lakes above us drawing down.

-Flunker noted that he received an email from Wisconsin Lakes Partnership. The 2024 Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention is April 10th through 12th. Additionally, there is a new DNR rule that went into effect in July that determines what property owners can and cannot do with their shoreline based on the ordinary high water mark. Mayer requested the informational link be added to the WLMD website.

Old Business

Update on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

-Schopp noted that there are no new updates at this time. Mayer noted that based on the information presented last month (NSD pursuing an easement, not a land lease), he is unsure if the town will give WLMD an easement to the remaining parcel, but he will pursue it. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

-Mayer noted that he will begin working on writing a grant application

-Mayer noted that grant writing for a future Alum treatment should still begin after the first of the year. Grant writing for the purchase of a second harvester after should also begin after the first of the year.

Review Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APMP) Draft

-Mayer noted that APMP plan should be available for review at the December meeting.

New Business

Discussion on Employee Rules Draft

-Mayer presented a draft titled "Harvesting Employee Conduct Policy" for discussion. He noted that the goal is still to create a Harvest Operator's Handbook. A discussion amongst the board providing feedback followed.

Adjourn

Motion by Bluemel to adjourn at 7:38 pm, second by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, December 5th, 2023 at 7:00 pm.

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

MONTHLY MEETING OF THE WIND LAKE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday, December 5th, 2023
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, and Jim Marks. Excused: Secretary Jeremy Sauld & Mike Bluemel. HPM Pat Fitzgerald, along with 2 citizens, was also present.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for October 24th Meeting

A motion was made by Schopp to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 4-0.

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of October 24th to December 5th as well as a year-end financial summary. A motion was made by Schopp to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 4-0.

Public Comments

-A citizen inquired if it is possible to get land/homeowners around the lake to organize a dredging project. Mayer noted that currently, the district does not have any dredging projects in the works but that there is information available on what dredging land/homeowners can utilize on an individual basis.

Information and Correspondence

-Marks noted that Assembly 656 and Senate Bill 680 have been introduced along with at least six other pieces of legislation. The premise of the proposed legislation is to restrict the use of wake boats on lakes if the lake meets specific criteria. Sponsors of these bills include Senator Mary Felzkowski (Senate District 12) and Representative Rob Swearingen (34th Assembly District). Marks noted that there have been public hearings on the topic of restricting wake boat use, and the topic seems controversial.

-Marks provided information on water PH and how it relates to the need for future Alum treatments. Data on Wind Lake's pH is recorded by and available via USGS.

-Marks noted that he is signed up for the upcoming Lake Conference. He plans to focus on finding information on potential grant writers who could be utilized project by project.

-Marks noted he would like to determine where the WLMD records stored in the basement of the Norway Town Hall have been moved to. He noted that there is a new (locked) filing cabinet sitting where the records were previously stored.

-Mayer noted that he received the annual contract from USGS via email. The cost went up slightly but remains within the funds budgeted. He plans to sign the contract and return to USGS.

Old Business

Review Aquatic Plant Management Plan (APMP) Draft

-Mayer noted that yesterday, he received a partial draft of the 5-year Aquatic Plant Management Plan, which was mostly maps and statistical data. He notes that a lot of work has been done on the plan, but there is still more to do to complete it. Mayer is expecting the APMP to be completed in early January. The tentative plan will be to review the new APMP at the January meeting. A short discussion amongst the board followed.

Discussion and Possible Action on Grant Writing Options

-No action taken at this time.

Discussion on Employee Rules of Conduct Draft

-Mayer presented an updated draft of the "Employee Rules Conduct" for discussion. Board members reviewed it, and a short discussion followed. Mayer noted that he would plan to put it on the January agenda for final review/approval.

New Business

Confirm Meeting Dates for 2024

-Mayer noted that keeping meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month is the best option regarding the availability of the meeting room at the town hall. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Discussion included moving the May meeting to the 21st instead of the 28th to avoid the Memorial Day Holiday. Additionally, the November/December will be combined as historically done.

2024 WLMD Monthly Meeting dates are tentatively as follows:

January 23rd

February 27th

March 26th

April 23rd

May 21st (3rd Tuesday due to Memorial Day)

June 25th

July 23rd

August 27th

September 24th

October 22nd

December 3rd (November & December meeting combined)

Adjourn

Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 7:37 pm, second by Bellante. Motion passed 4-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, January 23rd, 2024 at 7:00 pm.

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