

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

Norway Town Hall

Tuesday March 24, 2026

7:00 pm

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Treasurer Todd Flunker, Secretary Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Mike Lyman, and Commissioners Pat Calliari and Jim Bluemel.

1 citizen was present for the meeting.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order by M Bluemel at 7:01pm with the Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for February 3, 2026 Meeting

-M Bluemel called for a discussion on the February meeting minutes. Flunker motioned to approve the minutes as presented. J Bluemel seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

-Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of January 1st to March 23rd, 2026. Motion by Bellante to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by J Bluemel. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

- No public comments noted.

Information and Correspondence

-M Bluemel noted that he spoke to Samantha Oliver from USGS and she is open to coming to a future WLMD meeting to discuss USGS services. A short discussion followed. The consensus amongst the board was to have Ms. Oliver present at the April board meeting if available. M Bluemel to facilitate.

-M Bluemel noted that a representative from the DNR will be presenting information on wake boats and proposed legislation at a meeting in Waterford next month. There were 2 bills introduced in the state legislature this past year. Neither was passed and the legislature is currently no longer in session. A short discussion regarding wake boats and proposed legislation followed, no action taken. Several board members noted they would consider attending the upcoming meeting in Waterford to listen to information presented.

New Business

a. Annual Audit

-Flunker noted that 2025 financial records are ready for audit by volunteers. Flunker and Calliari to work on contacting volunteers to facilitate audit of the districts 2025 financial records.

Old Business

a. Finalized Annual Meeting Date

-Calliari noted 9/10, 9/17, and 9/18 are the only dates in September that the meeting room is available for WLMD's annual meeting. A short discussion amongst the board followed. The consensus was to have Calliari check if the

meeting room is available 10/6/26. If not, he will check what other dates are still available.

b. Fence Completion

The fence installation has been completed. Flunker has the final invoice to issue payment. The districts initial downpayment was \$5,700 and final payment will be \$8,800.00. The installer still needs to add additional clamps to the last panel and adjust the roll gate after final grading has been completed. Lyman suggested checking with the fence installer regarding adding supports to help prevent the roll gates from sagging when closed. J Bluemel to check on adding the supports.

c. Update on Onterra/USGS Monitoring

-Calliari noted that this topic was discussed earlier during Information and correspondence.

d. Discussion on Weed Harvesting

i. Weed Pickup

-M Bluemel lead a conversation regarding Jerry Kotarak continuing to provide roadside weed pickup services. Jerry to present a proposal for 2026 roadside weed pickup services at next month's meeting.

ii. Harvesting Manager

-A discussion regarding hiring a Harvesting Program Manager was had amongst the board. Of note, there will now be double the responsibility due to the district acquiring a second harvester. Motion by Sauld to offer the Harvesting Program Manager position to Jerry Kotarak at a rate of \$5,000.00 per year. Seconded by J Bluemel. Motion passed 6-0.

iii. Harvesting Operators

-A short discussion regarding hiring Harvesting Operators was had. M Bluemel noted that he would advertise in the Spring Newsletter that the district is looking for additional operators.

e. Chemical Weed Abatement

-Bellante noted that Solitude has held their price for permitting and surveys for the last 3 years and the increase applied to herbicides appear reasonable. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Flunker motioned to approve the weed chemical treatment agreement from Solitude as presented. Seconded by Calliari. Motion passed 6-0.

f. Lighted Buoys for Other Side of Grass Island

-Sauld noted that he emailed Norway PD inquiring on available funding to replace buoys on Wind Lake. Officer Bennett responded noting that the PD does not currently have funding allocated specifically for buoys but is in the process of completing a needs assessment to determine where available funds would be allocated. Information on possible grants including both initial and ongoing requirements if received was shared. It was also noted that a boater education course is scheduled for April 10th and 11th. Officer Bennett acknowledged the value of the collaborative approach established between WLMD and Norway PD. If requested, he would be available to attend a future Lake Management meeting to discuss any questions or concerns related to navigational safety, buoy

placement, or water patrol operations. A short discussion amongst the board followed. Calliari motioned to approve the purchase of three lighted buoys including one red, one green, and one to replace the buoy used to mark the rock pile/hazard near Wood Island. Seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 6-0.

Adjourn

-Motion by J Bluemel to adjourn at 8:45 pm, second by Sauld. Motion passed 6-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Not Approved