

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

**Norway Town Hall**

**Tuesday October 28, 2025  
7:00 pm**

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

5 citizens were present for the meeting.

**Minutes**

**Meeting Called to Order by Chairman M Bluemel at 7:00 pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance**

**Approve Minutes for September 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting**

-M Bluemel called for a discussion on the September meeting minutes. Flunker motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Second by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

**Treasurers Report**

-Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the period of September 23<sup>rd</sup> to October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Motion by Bellante to approve the treasurer's report as presented, seconded by J Bluemel. Motion passed 6-0.

**Public Comments**

-Patty Miller (25011 W Loomis Rd) commented that she thinks the harvesting crew did a really great job this year but at the end of the year the amount of floating weeds was crazy. She questioned if the harvesting crew had cut too quickly to pick up the weeds. Sauld noted that he lives just down from Patty and observed that the weeds released from the bottom and wind had pushed all of the weeds into shore. A short discussion between the board and the resident followed.

**Information and Correspondence**

-No Information and Correspondence

**Old Business**

**Harvester Maintenance / Shrink Wrapping**

-M Bluemel noted year end totals for harvesting include: 325 harvesting hours and 104,000cuft of weeds removed. Last year 58,000cuft of weeds were removed.

-The harvester yearly maintenance has been completed, and a few other needed repairs were found. Needed repairs include replacing an idler roller on the conveyor, replacing the alternator belt, and replacement of a fuel sensor switch. The total for the needed repairs is estimated at \$1,200.00. Sauld motioned to move forward with the repairs and approve up to \$1,500.00 for the repairs, seconded by Flunker. Motion passed 6-0.

-M Bluemel noted that the repairs can be completed next Thursday and then the harvester can be wrapped. Calliari confirmed that he has the contact info for the individual who has wrapped the harvester in the past. Calliari noted that Mitch from Inland had advised that the entire machine does not need to be wrapped but instead, just the tower/mechanicals need to be wrapped. A short discussion amongst the board regarding shrink wrapping the harvester followed. The consensus amongst the board was to proceed with wrapping just the tower and mechanicals on the harvester. Calliari confirmed he would take care of facilitating wrapping of the harvester.

### **New Fence for Launch Property**

-J Bluemel noted that he obtained 4 bids for a fence (including a 24ft roll gate) that would extend the length of the property. Companies providing quotes include: Nimmer, Post Holes Unlimited, Yutka Fence, and State. Details of each bid's materials and work to be performed was provided. A discussion amongst the board on the bids and the need to remove the remaining portion of fence followed. Jerry Kotarek provided input that it would be beneficial to have two gates allowing him to drive through instead of having to back in especially when trucks with trailers in the launch area are parked into the lane of traffic. A discussion amongst the board followed. The consensus amongst the board was to have J Bluemel request updated quotes that include two 24ft roll gates and to proceed with removal of the remaining section of fence.

### **New Business**

#### **Weed Pickup Discussion for 2026**

-A discussion was had regarding the current process used to pick up roadside weeds. Currently, Jerry Kotarak is manually picking up the roadside weeds with a pitchfork. Sauld noted the current process is not sustainable. Jerry noted that he is interested in continuing to provide the service for the district but that he will need to look at purchasing equipment to do so. Jerry noted that a tractor and dedicated dump trailer to use for roadside weed pickup would be best. The consensus amongst the board was to have Jerry to put together a proposal on how he would like to proceed.

#### **Lower of the Dam and Timeframe**

-M Bluemel noted that he recently spoke with Tom Halter who is the Dam Controller for Wind Lake. A brief history of how the current dam operation order was reached was provided. Under the current order, Wind Lake is to be drawn down by October 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Tom advised that although Wind Lake is drawn down by October 15<sup>th</sup>, Little

Muskego draws down later which results in additional dam/water level management later into November to maintain Wind Lake's draw down level. Tom advised that the DNR has approved variances to perform drawdowns based on water temperature instead of a static date. WLMD would need to contact the DNR to seek a variance. Obtaining the variance appears beneficial for all parties involved. Performing the draw down based on water temp could potentially result in Wind Lake's water level being drawn down later in the year and would eliminate the dam controllers need to essentially perform a second draw down to manage the additional water from Little Muskego's drawdown. The consensus amongst the board was for M Bluemel to move forward with contacting the DNR to discuss seeking a variance to perform the fall drawdown based on water temp instead of a static date.

### **Onterra Report Discussion**

-M Bluemel noted that the purpose of the Onterra Report is to gather data to support obtaining a future grant when the next alum treatment is needed. The last alum treatment was performed in 2011, 14 years ago. The alum treatment performed prior to 2011 lasted approximately 15 years. Although an alum treatment does not currently appear warranted it will need to be done in the coming years. A discussion amongst the board was had regarding benefits of performing an alum treatment and contributing factors affecting both water quality in Wind Lake and longevity of an alum treatment. The importance of gathering data by monitoring water quality in the lake and the quality of water coming into the lake from various sources was discussed. M Bluemel noted that he would contact Craig Helker to discuss what the DNR recommends testing and or monitoring pertaining to the need for a future alum treatment.

-M Bluemel called for any other business. Jeff Otten (25420 S Wind Lake Rd) commented that he noticed there were less geese around this year than last year which he appreciated. Jeff also inquired who is responsible for removing the buoys and pulling out the dock at the public boat launch. M Bluemel noted that the Town of Norway Police are responsible for the buoys, and the WI DNR is responsible for the dock at the public launch. Jeff then noted that he would prefer the buoys are removed later in the year.

### **Adjourn**

- Motion by Schopp to adjourn at 8:29 pm, second by Flunker. Motion passed 6-0.

Note: The next monthly meeting will tentatively be held at the Norway Town Hall on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

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