

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

Norway Town Hall

**Monday January 25, 2021
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Bruce Rosenquist, and Jim Marks. Six citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm

Approve Minutes for December 3rd and December 22nd Meetings

One minor adjustment to Dec 3rd minutes was suggested. Motion made by Bellante to approve as amended, second by Schopp. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Sauld to approve Dec 22nd minutes as presented, second by Marks. Motion passed 6-0.

There was a suggestion to add water mark to posted minutes until they are approved.

Treasurer Report

J. Sauld provided written and verbal report on end of 18 month budget. Motion by Mayer to approve, second by Marks. Motion passed 6-0.

J. Sauld provided written and verbal report on January treasurer report. Motion by Bellante to approve as presented, seconded by Schopp. Follow up discussion on checking account balance and incoming invoices. Motion passed 6-0.

Update on Racine County Tax Upload/Lake Fees

Sauld mentioned that all reimbursement checks have been mailed.

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned that he had been contacted by a couple residents that had multiple properties. Marks spoke to Lake and Pond and that the audit should be completed soon. Marks contacted the farmer that works the Muskego property with contact info. Marks also contacted the DNR reference the swans. No action on swans. DNR implemented an enhanced water quality program because of chemicals found in lakes near Madison.

Sauld mentioned that one property owner sent a letter thanking WLMD for the action regarding her tax bill.

Public Comments

Property owner spoke regarding her property being in the District. She made a verbal request to detach from the District. Discussion on why that subdivision was included in the District in 1985. Bluemel will contact the UW extension as to the process for property owners that want to detach. He will copy that information to the property owner and the Board.

Another resident mentioned that he was not notified from his realtor that he was buying in the District.

Another resident mentioned what they thought the process was to detach.

Another resident asked about the access to the lake for his subdivision.

A resident asked about the swans and the position of the Board. The Board's position is to not take any action on the swans at this time. Any action taken would be by the DNR and the Board is not requesting any action.

Old Business

Harvester Production Update

Rosenquist mentioned the December 29th tour of Inland. Schopp mentioned that the trailer and other parts were substantially completed and almost ready for paint.

Discussion of possible options for disposal of harvested weeds

Rosenquist spoke to a farmer on Malchine Road that was interested in the lake weeds. Schopp had no luck with any of his contacts and said that the Town dump had limited capacity. Rosenquist will follow up.

Discussion and possible action on SSW Grant, including future treatments

Marks and Bellante mentioned that the review/approval should be completed soon, which will allow the District to apply for reimbursement of grant funds for prior treatments (2019 and 2020). Bluemel will send invoices to DNR for reimbursement and determine remaining balance available.

Discussion and possible action on funding balance of harvester payment.

There was discussion on funding options for balance of \$101261.47 for harvester. Mayer and Sauld will work up firm numbers for further discussion. Item was tabled to February meeting.

Discussion and possible action on chemical treatment permit

See item under New Business

Discussion and possible action on laminating Lake District map

Schopp provided the options for laminating a large District map. Item was tabled to June meeting.

Update/Discussion on Lake Lot

Mayer provided update on discussions with the lake lot neighbor. There was discussion for and against the splitting of the lot. Bellante was strongly against the splitting/sale of the partial lot and requested that it be noted in the minutes. Consensus was that neighbor could present an offer to the Board for consideration.

New Business

Discussion and possible action on Annual Meeting date and location

Item was tabled to April meeting.

Discussion and possible action on Vessel Safety Check for 2021

There was a brief discussion on the VSC and the application process (no cost to District). Motion made by Mayer to have VSC on June 5th and to complete the land use agreement as part of the application process, second by Marks. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and possible action on accountant and audit backlog

Sauld met with KCG to see if they were going to be able to complete the audits for 3 years. KCG agreed to complete by the end of the month.

Discussion on Operational Plan for Harvesting/Program Checklist

There was a brief discussion on the checklist items and projected dates. There will be further discussion at the February meeting.

Bluemel will email out last operational plan submitted by the harvester Committee.

IRS/WI Tax Filing update

Sauld spoke to KCG on assisting with filing with taxes and associated forms. Schopp will provide Sauld the treasurer contact for Waubeesee Lake.

Discussion on reviewing archived WLMD documents

Item was tabled to a future meeting

Discussion and possible action on DNR chemical treatment permit.

Cost of DNR permit for chemical treatment is \$1270. Motion made by Schopp to apply for the permit (whole lake), second by Sauld. Motion passed 6-0.

Bellante proposed having Brian Suffran complete the permit process for a cost of \$350, which includes the cost of the public notice. Follow up motion by Schopp, second by Rosenquist. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion on SSW and Milfoil

There was brief discussion of treatment options and how much to spend for each.

Item was tabled to next meeting.

Public Comments

None

February was meeting rescheduled to Thursday Feb 25th

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

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

Norway Town Hall

**Thursday February 25, 2021
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Bruce Rosenquist, and Jim Marks. Three citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm

Approve minutes for January 25th meeting

Schopp made a motion to accept minutes as presented, Bellante second. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided verbal and written report. Sauld also provided update on accountant audit. Motion made by Mayer to approve as presented, second by Rosenquist. Motion passed 6-0.

Information and Correspondence

Marks stated that he was contacted by DNR about the swans and he also provided information on the Bird Flu pandemic. He stated that there are 16 new eagles in the area. Marks also provided information on GPS side-scan options. Marks also provided information on goose control options which will be added to the website.

Bluemel signed and sent in the USGS contract.

Public Comments

Citizen question on if the WLMD was going to do anything with the swans. The DNR deals with the swans. The WLMD just provided the information..

Old Business

Harvester production update

Rosenquist provided an update on the progress of the harvester. Many pieces have been painted and the diesel engine should be in next week.

Discussion of possible options for disposal of harvested weeds

Rosenquist mentioned that one contact backed out prior to the contract being signed. Other leads will be checked with an update next month.

Discussion and possible action on SSW Grant, including remaining funds

Bluemel emailed his contact and is waiting for an update.

Discussion and possible action on funding balance of harvester payment.

Mayer and Sauld provided update on finances. After assessment, both feel comfortable that there will be sufficient assets to pay balance of harvester and complete operations in 2021. With no loan needed, no action was taken.

Update on chemical treatment permit

Bellante provided update of permit progress. A few items were still required to complete the process. He is working with Brian Suffran on getting the permit process completed. The information will also be included in the spring newsletter.

Update/Discussion on Lake Lot

Mayer provided update that the neighboring property owner would like to present an offer at March meeting. Item will be added to bottom of the agenda.

Discussion on Operational Plan for Harvesting/Program Checklist

Bluemel discussed setting standards for contract with trucking firm, program coordinator, and temp agency and having them ready for the March meeting. Standards will be included in the spring newsletter.

There was discussion on bids for roadside pickup, trucking firm, and temp agency, with the plan to accept/open bids at the April meeting. There was also discussion on the specs for the Harvesting Program Coordinator, with potential selection of the coordinator at April meeting after interviews. Members should bring their recommendations to the March meeting.

Open discussion on taking delivery of the harvester and receiving training in May.

Discussion on insurance and consensus agreement that we should stay with the same firm until the main policy is due for renewal.

Discussion on storage options for spare parts and fuel. Bluemel might have an option for a trailer that will be parked on the lake lot.

Brief discussion on improving the lake lot access. Schopp will contact Town about removing dirt and bringing in stone.

Update on IRS/WI Tax Filing

Sauld contacted Waubeesee treasurer and confirmed that we don't need to file any tax forms.

Discussion and possible action on accountant and audit backlog

Discussion on that it is not a good time to switch accounting firm.
Consensus was to stay with KCG for the immediate future.

Discussion on SSW treatment and Milfoil

Open discussion on how much to treat/spend for chemical treatments.
Consensus was to treat SSW in shallow problem areas with new chemical combination and to continue regular chemical treatments similar to other years.

New Business

Discussion and possible action on process for separation from District

There was brief discussion on the criteria that was provided by Eric Olson of the UW Extension. Board will finalize the criteria at the April meeting.
There will possibly be a hearing with the property owner at May meeting.

Public Comments

Citizen question on the request to separate from the District and the criteria.

Citizen question about the Muskego Dam property and budget items.

Question about the chemical treatment permit process.

Discussion on the potential sale of portion of lake lot.

Any other business that may properly come before this Board

None

Adjourn. At 9:50pm

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

Norway Town Hall

**Monday March 22, 2021
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Bruce Rosenquist, and Jim Marks. Town Rep Ralph Schopp was excused. Three citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm

Approve Minutes for February 25th Meeting

Motion by Rosenquist to accept as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided verbal and written report. Rosenquist made a motion to accept as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided information on possible side scan option for \$250 and marine band radio for \$100.

Sauld provided information on letter received from Wisconsin Dept of Revenue regarding District boundary changes. He marked "no change" and mailed back.

Marks provided information on "new" weeds in other states that may make it way to Wisconsin.

Bluemel mentioned that DNR will provide training remotely if on-site is not possible.

Bluemel mentioned that Tichigan bought a weed puller and they are hoping to obtain DNR approval (weed pulling requires special approval).

Public Comments

Citizen suggested adding side sonar and marine radio on harvester now.

Old Business

Harvester production update

Rosenquist provided recent pictures. Unit is almost complete, just waiting on the engine. Unit may be ready by early April. Trailer is also almost done. Pictures will be added to the website. Motion made by Sauld to purchase marine radio and Helix side scan at a cost not to exceed \$500, seconded by Rosenquist. Motion passed 6-0. Marks will pick up and deliver to Inland for installation.

Discussion of possible options for disposal of harvested weeds

Mayer provided update on Gunderson option. Consensus was that Town dump should still be an option. Item tabled to April to gain input from Schopp.

Discussion and possible action on SSW Grant, including remaining funds

Bluemel stated that after multiple emails, there was still no response from DNR on grant status,

Update on chemical treatment permit

Bellante provided update on information from Brian Suffran. Permit will list new chemicals requested. Permit request has been posted in Waterford newspaper. Also update on correspondence Suffran had with Craig Helker (DNR) regarding SSW, most notably navigational channels. When permit is approved, it will be added to website.

Discussion on Operational Plan for Harvesting/Program Checklist

Marks provided option for bollards on shoreline. Four posts Installed would be about \$1200. Motion made by Mayer to contract with Kuehne Company for installation of 4 bollards, at a cost not to exceed \$1200, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 6-0.

There was discussion on enlarging the gravel area on District lot. Mayer will contact Town DPW to see if they could perform the work.

New Business

Discussion and possible action on bid standards for Trucking Firm, Temp Agency, and Roadside Weed Pickup

Motion made by Marks to renew with Hometown Services for road side weed pickup (14 pickups for a total of \$5600), seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0, with Mayer abstaining.

Temp Agency draft for payroll management was discussed with minor adjustments to letter.

Trucking Firm draft was discussed, setting liability requirement at one million dollars and scheduling notification requirements added.

Amended letters will be mailed, added to newsletter and posted on website.

Discussion and possible action on Harvesting Program Manager job description.

Suggestion to operate position May through September, Salary of \$500 per month and hourly wage will be directed through temp agency. Scheduling requirements were adjusted. Amended version will be added to newsletter and website.

Discussion and possible action on roadside weed pick up dates

Consensus on pickup dates were: June 1, 15, 29; July 13, 20, 27; August 10, 17, 31; September 14, 21, 28; and October 12, 26. Dates will be listed in newsletter and posted to website.

Public Comments

Citizen question on geese roundup requirements. Opt in form for pickup will be in left in spring newsletter.

Citizen question on harvesting operations, time and day of week,

Closed Session: Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e), the Board may vote to go into closed session to receive/discuss a potential offer to purchase the western portion of District lake lot (26220 S. Wind Lake Road).

Motion made by Marks, pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e), the Board to go into closed session to receive/discuss a potential offer to purchase the western portion of District lake lot at 26220 S. Wind Lake Road, seconded by Mayer. Motion passed 6-0.

Open Session: Any other business that may properly come before this Board

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:30

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

Norway Town Hall

**Monday April 26, 2021
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Bruce Rosenquist, and Jim Marks. Four citizens attended.

NOTE: Meeting was originally scheduled for the lower level but when the Town of Norway Annual Meeting ended early, the WLMD meeting was moved to Colonel Heg Hall.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm

Approve Minutes for March 22nd Meeting

Motion made by Bellante to accept as presented, seconded by Marks. Motion passed 6-0

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided verbal and written report on expenses. Motion by Mayer to approve as presented, seconded by Rosenquist. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion made by Sauld to increase the electronics purchase approved at previous meeting to \$650, seconded by Schopp. Motion passed 6-0

Sauld provided information on letter from Baird requesting information on any District debts.

Bluemel provided invoice for the gravel for the lot improvements.

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided information that requirements might be changing on kill switches. He also provided information on potential future grant funding.

Sauld stated that 14 goose forms came back so far.

Mayer discussed an email from the DNR providing approval for gravel the 3' area off the parking lot to the District lot.

Mayer mentioned a property owner that required paperwork to close on a property. There was a grant and CSA for rip rap on canal in 2006. Marks gave additional background information.

Rosenquist mentioned that the VSC has been approved for June 5th at both Sportsman's and the public launch. He will submit an article for the Town newsletter. Mayer will add information to website.

Public Comments

Citizen had question on goose roundup and when it would happen if it did. The program is operated by the USDA and was last completed in 2017. There is a minimum requirement of at least 50 geese in one area for the program to be initiated.

Citizen had question on the offer to purchase a portion of District lot at previous meeting.

Old Business

Harvester production update

Water test was completed last week and it went well. Unit trailered well and launched easily. Inland will provide VIN # for insurance. Delivery will be soon. Once on site, training will be scheduled. District will also need VIN and license for trailer.

Discussion of possible options for disposal of harvested weeds

Bluemel will meet with Town DPW Supervisor Scott Laux to determine what needs to be done at dump site. Mayer provided two backup options.

Discussion and possible action on SSW Grant and remaining funds

Bluemel received an email from DNR with requirements to apply for reimbursement. The original grant number and other information are required. Bellante will check the archives for the original grant paperwork.

Update on chemical treatment permit

Bellante had emailed the approved permit to Board. Brian Suffran from Lake & Pond will be completing a survey soon to determine potential treatments. Treatments might start by the second week in May, with follow up treatments the first week in June and maybe third week in June. Water temp was 56F.

Discussion on Operational Plan for Harvesting/Program Checklist

Checklist was reviewed and no changes were made.

Discussion and possible action on Annual Meeting date/location

Item was tabled to June meeting.

Discussion and possible action on criteria for Separation from District

Members reviewed the draft evaluation form. Consensus was that the criteria and form were good. Bluemel will contact Magnusson to schedule hearing for May 24th meeting.

New Business

Discussion and possible action on bids for Temp Agency

Bluemel presented two bids for Temp Agency services. On-Site bid was 1.4% and Best Fit Construction bid was 1.55%. There was a brief discussion on if references were needed.

Motion made by Sauld to contract with On-Site for the 2021 season, seconded by Marks. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and possible action on bids for Trucking Firm

Bluemel presented two bids for trucking firm. Mortle Trucking came in at \$68/hr and Kotarek Trucking came in at \$60/hr.

Kotarek was present to answer questions and agreed to the stipulations set forth in posting. If hired he will provide a Certificate of Insurance.

Motion made by Bellante to contract with Kotarek for the 2021 season, seconded by Rosenquist. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and possible action on Harvester Operator job description

Harvester Operator job description draft was reviewed and discussed.

Motion made by Schopp to accept Operator job description as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Job description will be posted on website, with applicants submitting a resume/letter of intent by May 15th. HPM Landry will review candidates and qualified applicants will be interviewed at the May 24th meeting.

Public Comments

Citizen had another question on status of offer for portion of lake lot. Item was tabled, no action taken.

Closed Session: Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c), the Board may vote to go into closed session to interview potential candidates for the position of Harvesting Program Manager

Motion by Schopp pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c), the Board may vote to go into closed session to interview potential candidates for the position of Harvesting Program Manager, seconded by Marks. Schopp requested roll call vote: BR yes, JM yes, JB no, RM no, RS no, JS no. Motion failed.

Discussion and possible action on selection of Harvesting Program Manager

Board members were provided a copy of letter submitted. John Landry explained his work experience and his vision for the harvesting program. Board members had follow up questions.

Motion made by Sauld to select John Landry as the HPM to be hired through On-Site Temp Agency for the 2021 season at the published rate and according to the HPM job description, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Sauld will set up fuel account at Country Gas & Go gas station and obtain a District credit card for Landry.

Any other business that may properly come before this Board

None presented.

Adjourn at

Meeting adjourned at 8:48pm

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

Norway Town Hall

**Monday May 24, 2021
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Bruce Rosenquist, Jim Marks, and HPM John Landry. Two citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:00pm

Approve Minutes for April 24th Meeting

Discussion on deleting section of Info and Correspondence related to a judge. Motion made by Bellante to accept minutes as amended, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided verbal and written report on expenses. There was discussion on the DNR grant reimbursement (\$25,074.51) for the harvester. Sauld has also set up a credit card for Landry. Motion made by Rosenquist to accept report as presented, seconded by Marks. Motion passed 6-0.

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided information on loons, rabbits and that a possible fish disease is being monitored. Marks also provided information on the local swans. Marks also questioned the chemical spraying schedule.

Rosenquist provided an update on the Vessel Safety Check.

Marks attended the land use hearing on District property on East Wind Lake Road. The neighboring property was approved to fill.

Mayer provided a copy of the Certificate of Insurance for Jerry Kotarek Trucking.

Bellante provided update on lake survey and upcoming spraying. Sauld provided photos of his shoreline. Follow up discussion treatments and budget line.

Mayer provided option for future storage of archived records on website.

Harvesting Program Report

Landry provided update on operations and harvester training. DNR training still needs to be scheduled. Landry has purchased fuel cans and other items needed for start up. Landry also provided two wood piers for access to the harvester. Bluemel will determine a harvesting plan and provide it to Landry.

Public Comments

Citizen had a question on the DNR treatment of the swan eggs. Citizen also had another question on geese removal. Requirement is a minimum of 50 geese in one place to qualify for netting.

Old Business

Discussion of Possible Options for Disposal of Harvested Weeds

Bluemel has not met with Scott Laux yet. No change to disposal plan.

Discussion and Possible Action on SSW Grant and Remaining Funds

Bluemel is working on grant reimbursement. There is \$42,185 remaining on the 75/25 grant. Newsletters are also reimbursable items for 2019 and 2020.

Review of Operational Plan for Harvesting/Program Checklist

Quick review of checklist confirmed that all areas were on schedule.

Discussion and Possible Action on Annual Meeting Date/Location

Rosenquist reserved the pavilions August 21st and 28th for potential outdoor annual meeting. There was further discussion on the event, including whether to have it outside or inside. Consensus was to plan on Wednesday Sept 8th at 6pm if Town Hall is available. Harvester might be made available for viewing.

There was also discussion on the dates for the remaining Monthly meeting dates. There was consensus on Aug 23rd, Oct 25th, and Dec 6th.

New Business

Discussion on Possible District Naming Contest for Harvester

There was brief discussion on how/if/when to have a naming process for harvester. Article could be placed in fall newsletter and decided at annual meeting.

Public Comments

Citizen had a question on the property owner who had requested to separate from the District. Property owner had pulled her request to separate prior to this meeting.

Citizen had another question on the District property on East Wind Lake Road.

Closed Session: Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (c), the Board may vote to go into closed session to interview potential candidates for the position of Harvester Operator

Consensus of members was to remain in open session, no action taken.

Discussion and Possible Action on Selection of Harvester Operator(s)

Mike Strzok was the only applicant and met with full approval from Landry, including an operational orientation of the harvester. Landry and Bluemel provided information on his background and his qualifications.

Motion made by Rosenquist to hire Mike Strzok as a Harvester Operator, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed by 6-0.

Bluemel will contact On-Site temp agency to set up employment for Landry and Strzok.

Any other business that may properly come before this Board

None presented.

Adjourn at

Meeting adjourned at 9pm

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

Norway Town Hall

**Monday June 28, 2021
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Bruce Rosenquist, Jim Marks, and HPM John Landry. Seven citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02pm

Approve Minutes for April 24th Meeting

Motion made by Schopp to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Marks. Motion passed 6-0

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided verbal and written report on expenses. Motion made by Bellante to accept as presented, seconded by Rosenquist. Motion passed 6-0

Information and Correspondence

Marks presented information that the USGS system was down for about three weeks for an investigation after an event at the Muskego Dam. It has since been restored. He also spoke on an outbreak of blue/green algae around Memorial Day weekend but it has since dissipated. He also spoke on the spring chemical treatment and he raised concerns about the August fireworks.

Mayer mentioned that the DNR contracted out removal of the dead trees at the public launch and they have been taken down. Mayer also mentioned that he was contacted by the USDA regarding the goose roundup on June 4th. Without sufficient groups of geese, the District declined the roundup this year..

Bluemel spoke on the new State of Wisconsin Invasive Species Specialist.

Sauld contacted the Accountant and they stated that they are working on '17/'18. He also mentioned that we have a new tax exempt status form/number.

Harvesting Program Report

Landry provided update on operations and harvester training. Harvesting was completed two days last week and this morning. There was discussion on the hauling of disposing of weeds. There were also some suggestions on additional areas to harvest.

Public Comments

Citizens comment on the great job the roadside pickup crew is doing.

Citizen question on how harvesting hours are determined.

Citizen question on previous outstanding issues not addressed.

Citizen had a question on the status of goose roundup.

Old Business

Update on Disposal of Harvested Weeds

Mayer provided update on getting Town Board approval to continue to use the Transfer Site for dumping of harvested weeds. The MOU will address the changes from the current agreement. The WLMD and Waubeesee will share the cost of moving weed piles and hauling composted weeds on annually. Schopp mentioned that the MOU will also include Waubeesee.

Update on Chemical Treatments

Bellante provided update on past treatments and potentially spraying for SSW on Tuesday July 6th. He also mentioned that groups are lobbying against chemical treatments, which would severely limit the ability to manage lakes.

Discussion and Possible Action on SSW Grant, Including Remaining Funds

Bluemel has submitted the grant reimbursement paperwork and is waiting to hear back. He also submitted the harvester grant reimbursement request.

Discussion and Possible Action on Annual Meeting Date/Location

Rosenquist stated that Colonel Heg hall was not available on Sept 8th, so he reserved the hall for Sept 7th. There was a brief discussion on date and time.

Motion made by Sauld, seconded by Schopp to have meeting in the hall on Tuesday Sept 7th at 6pm. Motion passed 6-0.

Report on VSC

Rosenquist presented information on the June 5th event and his plans for 2022. He plans to add a third VSC inspector for next year to increase the availability. Motion made by Sauld to endorse a 2022 event, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0

New Business

Ideas/Articles for Fall Newsletter

Bluemel requested articles for the fall newsletter by the next meeting. Plan is to mail it by the middle of August.

Discussion and Possible Action on MOU for Transfer Site Agreement

MOU was not ready and there was no action taken.

Public Comments

None

Closed Session: Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e), the Board may vote to go into closed session to receive/discuss a potential offer to purchase the western portion of District lake lot (26220 S. Wind Lake Road).

Motion made by Schopp pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e), the Board vote to go into closed session to receive/discuss a potential offer to purchase the western portion of District lake lot (26220 S. Wind Lake Road), seconded by Marks. Motion passed 6-0

Open Session

Discussion and Possible Action on Offer to Purchase Portion of District Lot

Motion made by Sauld to seek an appraisal to get a value on the District lot, spending up to \$800, seconded by Schopp. Motion passed 6-0. Mayer will handle getting appraisal and item is tabled until written appraisal is obtained. Bluemel reminded all members that details discussed in closed session are confidential.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Mayer suggested that we start every meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. After brief discussion, consensus was positive.

Public Comments

None

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm

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

Norway Town Hall

**Monday July 26, 2021
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Jim Marks, and HPM John Landry. Bruce Rosenquist was excused. Ten citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:03pm

Approve Minutes for April 24th Meeting

Correction to Marks comments on Muskego Dam as it was shut down for an investigation, not damage. Motion made by Bellante to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Marks. Motion passed 6-0

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided verbal and written report on expenses. There was brief discussion on current expenses. Motion made by Marks to accept as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided information on possible bird disease and possible legal changes for oversight of water quality. He also mentioned possible changes to wet land regulations.

Bluemel mentioned District emails on geese and weed harvesting questions.

Sauld mentioned the insurance audit letter and conversation with accountant.

Mayer mentioned that it would be beneficial to have a monthly lake police report. Schopp will provide monthly report during boating season.

Harvesting Program Report

Landry provided update on harvesting operations and maintenance. Harvesting in the first 4 weeks produced 27 cutter loads and 12,150 cubic feet of harvested weeds. Since inception, there was a total of 81 operator hours which included training, maintenance, and harvesting.

In the past month, there were minor repairs to the trailer and the harvester. He also reported that with the low lake levels, they were not able to off-load at Sportsman's for the past two weeks, which forced more travel time to off load at the public launch.

Public Comments

Citizen commented on land next to Sportsman's as a possible off load site.

Citizen had question on Treasurer Report.

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Citizen had question on geese round up.

Citizen had comment on Marks report on wet land.

Citizen had question on harvester storage and District lot.

Citizen had question on appraisal of District lot.

Old Business

Update on Chemical Treatments

Bellante provided update on survey of lake with Marine BioChem and recent SSW treatment. The two spots that were treated had positive results with varying degrees. He also mentioned a possible treatment by Wood Island and other areas again next week.

Update on SSW Grant and Harvester Grant Reimbursement

Bluemel said that harvester check has been mailed out. The SSW grant required additional documentation but should be completed soon.

Discussion and Possible Action on MOU for Transfer Site Agreement

MOU is not available. Item was tabled,

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution for Lake Fees

There was discussion on the proper means of billing lake dues. Consensus was that the simplest, fairest, and most consistent process is to bill each taxable property under the three designated categories. Motion made by Sauld to add "*And whereas the Board has recommended that all taxable properties in the District be charged according to those categories, including situations where one owner has multiple properties:*" into Resolution 1-2021, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Naming Harvester/Ceremony/Picture

Brief discussion led to consensus that schedule for September 7th would be to show harvester at 5:30, followed by a brief ceremony and group picture at 6pm. The Annual Meeting will then start at 6:30pm.

Discussion and Possible Action on Annual Meeting Agenda/Resolution

Sauld presented draft 2022 budget.

Motion made by Bellante to accept proposed budget with additional weed harvesting contingency of \$6000, seconded by Schopp. Motion passed 6-0.

Additional Ideas/Articles for Fall Newsletter

Bluemel mentioned that draft of newsletter needed by first week August. Mayer will draft article on proposed change to taxable properties for newsletter and website.

New Business

None presented.

Public Comments

Citizen commented in favor of selling District lot.

Closed Session: Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e), the Board may vote to go into closed session to receive/discuss a potential offer to purchase the western portion of District lake lot (26220 S. Wind Lake Road).

Motion by Schopp that pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e), the Board vote to go into closed session to receive/discuss a potential offer to purchase the western portion of District lake lot (26220 S. Wind Lake Road), seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Open Session

Discussion and Possible Action on Offer to Purchase Portion of District Lot

Bluemel stated that the appraisal came back at \$172,000. The name of the appraisal company will not be released until Mayer gets permission from business owner.

(The appraisal was completed by a Certified Residential Appraiser, Authentic Valuations LLC)

Public Comments

Citizen had a question on the appraisal and who completed it.

Seven citizens spoke in favor of the sale and the positive advantages of the sale.

Citizen spoke against splitting of lot unless it was a full value offer.

Sauld spoke on the advantage of that lot not being available for launch expansion.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

None

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:56pm

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

Norway Town Hall

**Monday August 23, 2021
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Jim Marks, Bruce Rosenquist, and HPM John Landry. Five citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:05pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for July 26th Meeting

Motion made by Sauld to accept minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided written and verbal report on expenses. He also mentioned that the harvester grant check was just deposited but not included in this report. Motion made by Marks to accept report as presented, seconded by Rosenquist. Motion passed 6-0.

Sauld also mentioned that he is still in contact with the accountant regarding the audits. There was brief discussion on possibly changing accountants if things don't improve.

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided information on new species of Lilly pads and mussels in the State. He also mentioned that hunting season is starting in September.

Sauld spoke on his conversation with a property owner about the lake level on Little Muskego. Muskego has received more rain than Wind Lake.

Harvesting Program Report

Landry provided information on harvesting operations. Year to date there has been a total of 148 personnel hours, 52 cutter loads, and 23400 cubic feet of lake weeds removed. He also spoke on the problem with the middle conveyor that happened today. Inland was out and it was repaired within a couple hours. He will complete additional maintenance this off season that should help alleviate some issues. Inland has been very responsive whenever we called. The plan is to cut until September 1st and then pull the harvester out for maintenance/winterizing.

Lake Police Report

Schopp contacted the person in charge of the lake police but has not any response back.

Public Comment

Citizen commented on the lack of information in the minutes and another mentioned that the minutes were a disgrace. Mayer stated that 3 plus pages of typed minutes for each meeting is more than adequate and the process is not going to change.

Citizen also questioned the opinion of the Board regarding the goose roundup. Bluemel explained that we may need a goose roundup next year based on the increasing numbers, and that the number of non-migrating geese is cyclical.

Citizen had a question on the map in the Newsletter. Bellante explained the markings on the map and the process for treatments.

Citizen commented negatively on the possible sale of the land.

Citizen had a question on the GPS on the harvester.

Old Business

Update on Chemical Treatments

Bellante provided update on the latest SSW treatment around Wood Island, the dog leg on the east end, and Breezy Bay. The results varied from location to location. He also mentioned that the regular chemical treatment in spring covered 28 acres. Bellante also mentioned recent DNR discussions on possible changes to future statewide chemical treatments.

Update on SSW Grant and Harvester Grant Reimbursement

Bluemel stated that the harvester grant check arrived but the SSW grant is still being worked on and will be completed soon. The SSW grant reimbursement will be approximately \$25,500.

Discussion and Possible Action on MOU for Transfer Site Agreement

There was brief discussion on the MOU that was approved by the Town. The consensus was that there should be a MOU for Waubeesee with similar language. Item was tabled to October meeting.

Finalize Plans for Annual Meeting

Discussion on sign-in, ballots needed, set up at 5pm. Harvester viewing will begin at 5:30, followed by ceremony and picture at 6pm.

Sauld will print address list. Mayer will provide sign-in sheets. Bluemel will provide paper and pencils for ballots. Volunteers needed for sign-in tables.

New Business

Marks mentioned the annual Lakes seminar in April at Stevens Point.

Public Comments

Citizen had question on Sandy Point Ranch lots.

Citizen had question on annual meeting sign-in process last year.

Citizen commented in favor of sale of property.

Closed Session: Pursuant to Wisconsin State Statute 19.85 (1) (e), the Board may vote to go into closed session to receive/discuss a potential offer to purchase the western portion of District lake lot (26220 S. Wind Lake Road).

Bluemel read the closed session statement into record and entertained a motion from the Board. Motion made by Marks to go into closed session for the purpose stated, second by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Motion made by Sauld to go back into open session, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Open Session at 9:06 pm

Discussion and Possible Action on Offer to Purchase Portion of District Lot

Bluemel verbally presented the Offer to Purchase from Todd Flunker for western portion of District lot for \$86,000, with contingency of a WLMD lawyer review by August 31st. Rosenquist made motion to accept offer as presented after reviewed by WMLD attorney, seconded by Marks.

There was discussion on the advantage of having an attorney review and that the District has used a firm in Burlington previously.

Prior to vote, Bluemel opened the floor to Public Comments.

Flunker described his offer to the citizens present. Buyer will cover costs of survey and required permits.

Citizen questioned appraisal numbers and the value of the remaining lot.

Bluemel noted that buyer is also responsible for the well (restore or abandon) on the property and Flunker agreed.

Citizen thanked for Flunker for the offer and the benefit to the district.

Sauld mentioned that the sale helps protect the harvesting program for the District.

Bellante mentioned that while the value may increase faster than the assets gained, it is the best lot for the use of the harvesting program.

After Public Comments, Bluemel call for a roll call vote.

Roll call vote: Rosenquist, Yes; Marks, Yes; Sauld, Yes; Bellante, Yes; Mayer, Yes; Schopp. Yes. Motion passed 6-0.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

None presented.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:25

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

Norway Town Hall

**Monday October 25, 2021
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Jim Marks, Bruce Rosenquist, and HPM John Landry. Five citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:10pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for August 23rd Meeting

Motion made by Marks to approve as presented, seconded by Bellante.
Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided written and verbal report on expenses. After brief discussion, Bellante motioned to approve the report as presented, seconded by Marks.
Motion passed 6-0

Public Comments

Citizen had a question on roadside pickup invoice.

Information and Correspondence

Marks presented information on the watershed leading to Wind Lake. Marks commented on the lake police report and the focus on safety by the lake police. He also touched on possibly addressing the road salt runoff.

Harvesting Program Report

Landry provided information on winterizing and the upcoming shrink wrap. He suggested more harvesting hours next year and adding a couple more operators. Mayer mentioned that we will need to upgrade the pier at some point in the near future. General consensus was the harvesting operations had a great first year.

Lake Police Report

Covered under Information and Correspondence

Old Business

Update on Chemical Treatments

Bellante provided an update on potential DNR changes to the mechanical and chemical operations of State lakes. The proposed survey requirements could be expensive and provide limited benefits. There was discussion on how best to address WLMD concerns. Bluemel will send an email on behalf of the Board.

Update on SSW Grant

Bluemel provided update on status of grant reimbursement. Payment should be arriving soon.

Discussion and Possible Action on MOU for Transfer Site Agreement

Mayer and Schopp had no update on the Waubeesee MOU. Item will be tabled until the Town drafts a MOU with Waubeesee.

Update on Sale of Western Portion of District Lot

Mayer provided update on the progress. Attorney reviewed the offer and buyer is currently waiting for a certified survey before proceeding

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Lake Dues Billing Requests

Sauld provided information on Herman Anderson who has three properties that he has combined and is requesting a one year exemption on billing for three properties until the county recognizes it as one property. Motion made by Sauld to allow a one year exemption, to charge one lake fee for all three properties (billing 25300 S. Wind Lake Road), seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0. Sauld will adjust billing spreadsheet.

Bluemel presented information on a homeowner (8240 E. Wind Lake Road) that previously had been charged at canal fee rate but was corrected last year during the audit. Motion made by Bellante that Board reviewed the property and confirmed it is a lake property and should be charged lake fee rate, seconded by Schopp. Motion passed 6-0. Mayer will contact property owner with the decision results.

Discussion and Possible Action on Removal of Tree on District Lot

Mayer will get bids and bring to the December meeting.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Marks mentioned that the gas company is relocating the gas line under the canal. Bluemel stated that the public launch parking lot was not repaved this year; but should be completed in spring.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm.

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

Norway Town Hall – Lower Level

**Monday December 6, 2021
7:30 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Jim Marks, and Bruce Rosenquist. County Rep Joe Bellante was excused. Three citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:30pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for October 25th Meeting

Motion made by Marks to accept the Minutes as presented, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided written and verbal report on expenses. After a brief discussion, Marks made a motion to accept report as presented, seconded by Rosenquist. Motion passed. 6-0

Public Comments

A citizen had a question on why there was only one Public Comment section and asked why it couldn't be moved to the end of the agenda. It was explained that the Public Comment section is at the beginning of the meeting to allow for the public to address items on the agenda before they are voted on.

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned that a new Town Police Chief has been named. He also mentioned some options for the Town to reduce road salt runoff into Wind Lake.

Sauld mentioned that he completed training on how to update the tax upload and that the upload has been completed. Lake Fee revenue for 2022 will be \$139,350.

Sauld also mentioned the Title Companies that have been contacting him with questions on the 18 month billing and he hopes that questions will dwindle next year.

Mayer mentioned that he advised the property owner from E. Wind Lake Road with the results of the property review and the action taken at the October 25th meeting.

Old Business

Update on SSW Grant

The check has been received and deposited. The grant is now complete.

Update on Sale of Western Portion of District Lot

Mayer updated the Board that the certified survey was obtained by the buyer and that the process for the variance and lot-line adjustment is progressing.

Discussion and Possible Action on Removal of Tree on District Lot

Mayer obtained two quotes for tree removal on the District lot. Options were discussed, including possibly removing both Willow trees in addition to the dead Ash tree. The item was tabled to January meeting to allow members to look at the Willow trees before voting.

Discussion and Possible Action on District Accountant (Audits)

Sauld reported that two years worth of audits have been completed and he has hope that the accountant may be caught up by the January meeting. Copies of the audits were provided to the board members.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on VSC for 2022

Rosenquist updated the Board on the plan for the VSC in 2022, including using The Anchor Bar as an overflow.

Discussion and Possible Action on Meeting Dates for 2022

There was a discussion on changing the monthly meeting date to avoid scheduling conflicts at Town Hall. Sauld made a motion to move the monthly meetings to the 4th Tuesday at 7pm (November and December still combined to the first Tuesday in December). Rosenquist seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Schopp mentioned a proposed VFW fundraiser involving placing the shell of a car on the ice type raffle. Multiple safety concerns were raised and the consensus was to not support the raffle at this time. .

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm

Wind Lake Management District
ANNUAL MEETING & BUDGET HEARING
Minutes

Tuesday September 7, 2021 at 6:30pm

Norway Town Hall

Board members present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, Racine County Representative Joe Bellante, Norway Town Representative Ralph Schopp, Commissioner Bruce Rosenquist, and Commissioner Jim Marks. Forty three citizens attended.

Call Meeting to Order - Pledge of Allegiance at 6:39pm

Introductions

Chairman Bluemel introduced the Board members.

Approve Minutes from 2020 Annual Meeting

Motion from the floor to accept minutes as presented, seconded from the floor. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Annual Meeting Project Update - A review of 2021 and present plans for 2022

Bluemel presented the highlights of 2021, including the purchase of the harvester, harvesting operations, challenges of dealing with the low lake levels. The harvesting totals included 202 hours, 59 cutter loads, 23,000 cubic feet of weeds removed.

Bellante presented information on chemical treatments, including both regular treatments and Starry Stone Wart. He reviewed the areas treated (map in the newsletter) and the level of success in each area.

Bluemel provided information on the sale of the western portion of the lake lot.

Bluemel explained that the District is required to update the Aquatic Plant Management Plan every 5 years. The District will request bids from companies next year for a 2023 to 2027 plan. The District will also apply for a grant to cover a portion of the expense.

Billing Adjustments Update

Sauld explained the process of property audit and the findings. He explained the purpose of the proposed resolution and why it is fairer to all District properties to bill each taxable property.

Budget Hearing and Approval - Resolution 1-2021

Sauld presented the budget presented in the newsletter. He explained the previous budget and the proposed budget for 2022, line by line. He recognized Jerry Kotarek for keeping our trucking fees very reasonable. Casanova's was also recognized for providing shrink wrap of the harvester at no charge.

Bluemel then read the following resolution into the record:

Resolution 1- 2021

Whereas the Board of Commissioners proposed the enclosed budget for WLMD for the year Jan 1 2022 through Dec 31 2022:

And whereas notice of Budget Hearing and Annual Meeting was provided to residents and Landowners:

And whereas the Board has proposed the annual charge be set; \$220 lakefront, \$130 canal and \$90 off lake properties:

And whereas the Board has recommended that all taxable properties in the District be charged according to those categories, including situations where one owner has multiple properties:

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:

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 2022 Proposed Budget is hereby approved:

Be it further resolved that the 2022 Annual Meeting can be scheduled after September 8th:

Be it further resolved that the annual WLMD charges will be placed on the 2021 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 authorization for short term borrowing to cover grant reimbursements not yet received is continued through this budget year:

Motion made from the floor to accept the resolution as presented, second from the floor.

Public Comments:

Citizen had a question on the goose roundup. Marks explained that it is a federal program and there are requirements. Citizen also questioned the audit process and why it has been delayed.

Citizen commented in favor of the goose roundup. He also had a question on the billing process.

Citizen commented on the goose roundup.

Citizen commented in favor of the goose roundup and spoke in favor of price increase of lake dues if needed.

Citizen had a question on the budget and wanted to make sure there was enough for harvesting. Sauld explained the changes, specifically for harvesting operations. He also questioned the Plant Management Plan and if it will be going out for bids.

Citizen questioned the budget and where the sale of the property is shown on the budget. It was explained that the sale of the property is still in progress.

Citizen had a question on the budget and the sharing of costs to haul away weeds.

Citizen requested more information on the revenue side of the budget. Sauld explained that the majority of revenue is from lake dues.

With no further public comments, Bluemel called for a voice vote on the resolution.

Motion Passed unanimously.

Election of Commissioner – Current board member Ron Mayer's term is up for re-election. Mayer accepted nomination as a current Board member. Bluemel opened it to the floor for nominations three times. With no floor nominations offered, Mayer was re-elected for another 3 years.

Discuss/Set Date and Location for 2022 Annual Meeting

Bluemel mentioned that the Board will look at options for the 2022 Annual Meeting.

New Business

Bluemel opened it to the floor for new business items.

Citizen requested better marking the buoys. Bluemel explained that the DNR has strict regulations for adding buoys and Marks explained that the Town places the buoys. The Board agrees it is an issue and will address this issue.

Citizen commended the board for their work, which was followed by applause.

Any Other Business That May Properly Come Before This Board

None presented.

Adjourn

Motion from the floor to adjourn, seconded from the floor. Motion passed on a voice vote.
Annual Meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

Board of Commissioners meeting was held immediately following the Annual Meeting

Mike Bluemel was re-elected Chairman.

Ron Mayer was re-elected Secretary.

Jeremy Sauld was re-elected Treasurer.

The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2021 at 7pm, at Norway Town Hall.

Not Approved