

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday January 25, 2022
7:00 pm**

Present: Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, County Rep Joe Bellante, Jim Marks, and Bruce Rosenquist. Chairman Mike Bluemel was excused. HPM John Landry was also present. No other citizens attended.

Minutes

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

With Chairman Bluemel excused, Mayer acted as Chair for the meeting.

Approve Minutes for December 6th Meeting

Motion made by Schopp to accept the Minutes as presented, seconded by Sauld.
Motion passed 5-0.

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided written and verbal reports on end of year and monthly expenses. After a brief discussion, Schopp made a motion to accept both reports as presented, seconded by Marks.
Motion passed. 5-0

Sauld also provided an update on the remaining accountant audits.

Public Comments

None

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned that maintaining proper water levels is important to ice integrity.

Schopp mentioned he had spoken to a homeowner that has shoreline damage. Consensus was that it is an act of nature and all shorelines receive damage at some point.

Mayer mentioned that the DNR has postponed the paving of the public launch until prices level out. Updates will be provided in the Town Newsletter, WLMD Newsletter, and WLMD website.

Old Business

Update on Sale of Western Portion of District Lot

Mayer stated that the sale process is proceeding, with the Town passing the issue to the County and the County approving the lot line adjustment and variance. The WLMD Attorney still needs to review the easement language but the closing could happen soon.

Discussion and Possible Action on Removal of Tree on District Lot

Mayer stated that this item was tabled so Board members could review the site before determining the best course of action. Mayer obtained a quote to cut down the dead Ash and both Willows for a price of \$2000.

Schopp made a motion to remove trees and also have a landscape plan developed, seconded by Rosenquist. After a brief discussion, Schopp amended his motion to have the trees taken down for quoted price of \$2000, but dropped the landscape plan requirement at this time, seconded by Rosenquist. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Harvester Operator Job Description

Mayer suggested changing the Salary to "\$14 and up, based on experience", which will allow the board to set the salary on an annual basis.

Sauld made a motion to amend the job description salary to "\$14 and up, based on experience", seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Waiving Fee for Combined Lots

Mayer presented a request from a property owner (Boticki) that combined lots in 2021 and is requesting a one year refund.

Marks made a motion to approve the one-time refund, seconded by Schopp. Motion passed 5-0. Sauld will handle the refund.

Discussion and Possible Action on Waiving Sportsman's Lake Fee

Sauld stated that this is the annual refund to Sportsman's as a trade off for use of their launch for weed harvesting.

Schopp made a motion to approve the refund the lake dues, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0. Sauld will handle the refund.

Discussion and Possible Action on Roadside Weed Pickup Renewal

Butch's Hometown Services submitted a bid for roadside weed removal at the same price as 2021.

Motion made by Schopp to renew contract for 2022, seconded by Sauld.
Motion passed 5-0.

Review 2022 Operational Checklist

Mayer provided a work-in-progress checklist to help provide a game plan for 2022. There was brief discussion on the list and the APMP process.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Marks mentioned that he is considering going to the Wisconsin Lakes and Rivers Convention in April.

Adjourn

Motion by Bellante to adjourn, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0.
Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

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

Norway Town Hall – Lower Level

**Tuesday February 22, 2022
7:00 pm**

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

Minutes

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

With Chairman Bluemel attending remotely, Mayer chaired the meeting.

Approve Minutes for January 25th Meeting

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

Treasurers Report

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

Public Comments

One citizen questioned why Mayer was running the meeting. There was brief discussion on procedure for when the Chairperson is not available.

Another citizen made a suggestion for a tree vendor if needed for District lot.

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned that DNR may be getting additional funds for grants.

Sauld also contacted the accountant again on remaining audits but received no response.

Old Business

Update on Sale of Western Portion of District Lot

Mayer stated that the approval process is proceeding through the County for the lot line adjustment and variance. The WLMD Attorney still needs to review the easement language but the closing could happen soon.

Discussion and Possible Action on Wisconsin Lakes Conference

There was discussion on the Conference and associated costs. Marks is considering attending in-person and stated that costs for travel, hotel, and conference fees could total \$600. Mayer mentioned that he might attend virtually which is \$50 per day. Sauld made a motion that up to two Board members could attend, with expenses to not exceed \$600 each, seconded by Rosenquist. Motion passed 5-0.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Non-Cashed Checks from Refund

Sauld provided information on 3 checks totaling \$660 from the 2020 refund that were not cashed in over a year. After a brief discussion, Schopp made a motion to reclaim the funds, seconded by Rosenquist. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on HPM Job Description

Mayer presented proposed change to the HPM job description to allow for salary increases. After brief discussion, Sauld made a motion to approve the HPM job description as amended, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Renewal of Employment Agency

Sauld contacted On-Site and they offered to maintain services at the same price. Motion made by Schopp to renew with On-Site Services, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Renewal of Trucking Contract

Mayer presented the bid from Kotarek Trucking which was for the same rate as last year. Sauld made a motion to renew the contract with Kotarek, seconded by Bellante. There was follow-up discussion to allow for additional compensation if fuel prices spike. Sauld amended his motion to still renew the contract with Kotarek but to also allow the Board to provide additional compensation if diesel fuel goes above \$5 per gallon, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Setting Dates for Roadside Pickup

There was brief discussion on pickup dates, including the Monday before and after the holiday weekends of July 4th and Labor Day. Suggestion made by Sauld to add August 15th, the Monday before the fireworks weekend. Mayer will set dates and place article on website and in the spring newsletter.

Discussion and Possible Action on Chemical Treatment Permit

Bellante provided information on the proposed chemical treatments and permit process. There was also a brief discussion on DNR meeting today regarding chemical and mechanical treatments. After review of the proposal, Schopp made a motion to approve the contract with Marine Biochem for annual permit process, regular chemical treatments, and SSW treatments for a total not to exceed \$15,000, with any additional funds requiring further Board Approval, seconded by Sauld. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Salary Increase for Operator MS

Mayer presented the case to increase hourly rate for Operator MS in order to retain his services. There was discussion on the benefit of experienced Operators and how all salaries have changed in the past year. Sauld made a motion to increase the hourly rate for MS to \$20, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Recruitment of New Operators

There was discussion on recruitment process, with the consensus to advertise on our website and in the spring newsletter. HPM Landry will interview candidates and submit his selections at the May meeting for Board approval. Bluemel was also contacted by a local person that is interested and could be a good fit.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Bellante provided information on the process of surveying the lake for a 5 year plan and a RFP from Fox Wolf Water Shed Alliance as a point of reference.

There was also brief discussion on the grant process and possibility of applying for an extension. Board consensus was to look into extension process.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2012 hrs

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday March 22, 2022
7:00 pm**

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

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for February 22nd Meeting

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

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided written and verbal reports for the previous period. Motion made by Mayer to accept the report as presented with the corrected date, seconded by Bellante.
Motion passed 6-0.

Sauld also provided an update on the audits, with no progress by the accountant. He also filed the proper paperwork for District properties to remain tax free.

Public Comments

None

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned that there was a Mercury health warning for fish from some Wisconsin lakes. He also mentioned that the spring DNR hearings will be held virtually this year and that We Energies is in the process of replacing the natural gas line by the dam.

Rosenquist mentioned that the VSC will be held on Saturday June 11th this year.

Marks signed up for the Wisconsin Lakes Conference.

Old Business

Update on Sale of Western Portion of District Lot

Mayer stated that there was nothing new to report.

Update on Renewal of Chemical Treatment Permit

Bellante provided update on the permit application process and that it should be completed soon.

Discussion and Possible Action on Aquatic Plant Mgmt Plan

Schopp and Bluemel provided information on the grant process and the extension process. There was discussion on applying for an extension to allow time to apply for a grant. Motion made by Sauld for District to apply for a one year extension of our current plan, seconded by Bellante. Brief discussion followed. Motion passed 6-0.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Harbor Point Out Lots

Harbor Point HOA representative spoke on the two out lots being charged lake dues and requested a permanent waiver. There was discussion on how to proceed and the consensus was that in order to be fair and consistent, the District would continue with the precedent that all taxable properties in the District will be charged a lake fee.

Discussion and Possible Action on Addis Property Out Lot

Citizen presented his situation of a small out lot next to his home in Windermere. He is considering combining the lots and was advised that when he can show documentation on combining the lots, the District would consider a fee waiver.

Discussion and Possible Action on HPM Salary Increase

Mayer spoke on the need to improve the compensation for HPM Landry. Motion made by Schopp to raise HPM pay to \$20, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Pier Upgrade Options

Mayer spoke on the need to upgrade the pier sections used for accessing the harvester and requested approval of funding for reimbursement if he could find used sections. Motion made by Marks to allow Mayer to spend up to but not to exceed \$4500 for two sections, seconded by Schopp. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Buoy Locations

Marks provided history on buoys not being properly placed and what has been done in the past to rectify it. The buoy anchors move with the ice and the buoys need to be placed by GPS location, not necessarily where the anchor lands. Marks will contact the Town Police to hopefully solve the issue.

Discussion and Possible Action on Spring Newsletter

Bluemel spoke on potential spring newsletter contents. Consensus was to move forward with items discussed for an April mailing.

Discussion and Possible Action on Possible Relocation of Lift Station #5

Bluemel was contacted by a member of the Norway Sanitary District board regarding the pending upgrade of lift station #5 on West Wind Lake Road. The NSD is looking at two options: Upgrade the lift station at the current location or move the lift station near the launch, potentially on the District lot. The NSD was not offering any compensation for the use of the land and the lift station would severely restrict harvesting operations. Consensus was to oppose moving the lift station to the District lot.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Marks asked Bluemel to develop a landscape plan for the District lot. Bluemel agreed to take a look.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:36pm

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday April 26, 2022
7:00 pm**

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

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for March 22nd Meeting

After a brief discussion on the minutes, a motion was made by Schopp to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante.

Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided written and verbal reports for the previous period. Motion made by Bellante to accept the report as presented, seconded by Marks.

Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

None

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided information on the Lakes Conference, including potential WDNR grant funds available to improve water quality. He spoke on a proposed 1995 plan to improve the water coming from Big Muskego. He also spoke on a Waukesha water project outside the District, bird flu precautions, and duck/goose hunting seasons. Marks also mentioned some of the courses that he attended at the conference.

Mayer mentioned that the DNR crew that put the pier in at the public launch appreciated the removal of the willow tree, but also suggested the District replace the SSW sign by the launch. Mayer will handle getting a new sign made.

Old Business

Update on Sale of Western Portion of District Lot

Mayer stated that there was nothing new to report.

Update on Renewal of Chemical Treatment Permit

Bellante provided update on the permit application process and the approval. The permit and approval cover letter will be added to the District website. Marks commented about the proposed SSW treatment.

Update on Extension for Aquatic Plant Mgmt Plan

No changes at this time. Bluemel will send letter requesting extension with the intent to apply for grant this fall and request bids for 2023.

Update on Pier Upgrade

Mayer provided update that two 16 foot sections of used aluminum pier were purchased for a price of \$1800. The pier sections have been dropped off at the District lot and will be installed before the harvesting season.

Update on Buoy Locations

Marks could not attend the Police Commission meeting but left his contact info with the Norway PD.

New Business

Discussion on Possible Goose Round Up

There was discussion on the cost of a round up and that a decision will be necessary by the May meeting. There was further discussion that we will need to provide location of geese and boats to push geese onto land. Sauld has the permission slips from property owners for land access.

Discussion and Possible Action on Use of Muskego Dam Road Property

Sauld mentioned a letter he received from USDA reference the District land on Muskego Dam Road and wanted to confirm the current farm use does not jeopardize or affect the District tax exemption status. The current deal is a verbal agreement that brings no revenue back to District and should not affect tax exemption status.

Discussion and Possible Action on Removal of Weeds from Transfer Site

Town of Norway Public Works Foreman Scott Laux was in attendance and spoke on the condition of the Town Transfer Site. He mentioned that the current pile of weeds is too wet to move right now and space is limited at the site, but that he will work with us to keep the site operational. Suggestion was made to consider removing decomposed weeds during winter months.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Bluemel spoke on the Spring Newsletter and reminded HPM Landry that applications may be coming in soon. Bellante had questions on the proposed water quality treatment plan from 1995.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday May 24, 2022
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, County Rep Joe Bellante, Jim Marks, and Bruce Rosenquist. HPM John Landry was also present. No other citizens attended.

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:01pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for April 26th Meeting

After a brief discussion on the minutes, a motion was made by Sauld to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Rosenquist.

Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided written and verbal reports for the previous period. Motion made by Schopp to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante.

Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

None

Information and Correspondence

Marks provided information on the lake levels of Wind Lake and Big Muskego. He also provided information on Avian bird flu and Faucet snails.

Old Business

Update on Sale of Western Portion of District Lot

Mayer stated that there was nothing new to report.

Update on Extension for Aquatic Plant Mgmt Plan

Bluemel will follow up with the DNR regarding the extension.

Update on Buoy Locations

Marks stated that he spoke to the lake police officer and he stated that they used the GPS to locate the buoys but the buoys still don't look correct. Marks will try to get GPS coordinates of current locations and compare them to where they should be located. Any citizen concerns regarding buoy locations should be directed to the Town Police Department.

Update on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

Mayer provided update on NSD meeting and follow up onsite meeting. Mayer had also contacted WDNR in an attempt to open a discussion between NSD and WDNR on possibly locating the lift station on the public launch property. The WDNR declined to have a meeting with the NSD. Discussion followed and consensus was that Schopp will contact State representatives to assist with the public launch site. Bluemel will contact an attorney for feasibility and potential costs of a legal review of proposed lift station on the District land.

Discussion and Possible Action on Goose Round Up

Mayer reported that the costs for round up from the USDA increased to \$3500 without food pantry testing and that if there is Avian Bird Flu within 6 miles, the USDA may decline to collect geese. There was discussion on round up requirements including permission slips, boats to corral the geese and personnel to assist. Motion made by Sauld to contract with USDA, second by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0. Mayer will reply to USDA email and Bluemel will complete application form.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Two New Operators

HPM Landry interviewed three candidates for two positions and recommended Steve Kerns and Pat Fitzgerald. He provided a brief background on each and recommended a starting wage of \$16. Motion made by Schopp to request On-Site to hire both for the 2022 season, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0. Sauld will contact On-Site to have them added.

Discussion and Possible Action on Annual Meeting Date/Location

After a brief discussion on where and when to hold the Annual Meeting, consensus was to check if Town Hall was available on. September 8th at 7pm, with September 13th as a backup date. Schopp will check on availability.

Discussion and Possible Action on Lakes Conference Reimbursement

Sauld reported that Marks expenses exceeded the approved \$600. After a brief discussion, Rosenquist made a motion to reimburse \$700.19 to Marks, seconded by Bellante. Motion approved 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Migalski Waiver Fee Request

After review of the map and a brief discussion, consensus was to maintain the current practice of charging fees to all taxed properties. Bluemel will respond to property owner to deny the request but offer to waive the fee for one year if the lots are combined which is also current practice.

Update on meeting of Racine County Lake Districts / Associations

Mayer attended an informal meeting of representatives from Tichigan (WWMD), Eagle Lake, and Waubeesee/Long Lakes. He provided background on what was discussed, what other lake districts doing and the possibility/benefits of this group meeting again.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Rosenquist reminded everyone of the VSC on June 11. Rosenquist, Marks, and Landry will be there representing the WLMD.

Bellante and Brian Suffran did a lake assessment and found significant amounts of algae. Discussion on why it occurred early and if the Alum treatment might be weakening. The first chemical treatment will be in early June. There was also a discussion on tracking the Phosphorus levels.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday June 28, 2022
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, County Rep Joe Bellante, Jim Marks, and Bruce Rosenquist. HPM John Landry was also present. No other citizens attended.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for May 24th Meeting

After a brief discussion on the minutes, a motion was made by Marks to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante.

Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided written and verbal reports for the previous period. Motion made by Schopp to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante.

Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comments

None

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned he had contact from a home owner about a buildup of silt and that the bird flu warning had been rescinded. He also provided information previous harvesting totals.

Rosenquist provided an update from the 2022 VSC.

Bluemel provided correspondence from property owners with questions on fish and dredging requests.

Sauld mentioned his contact with homeowners on the canal reference shoreline protection and another that had beavers chewing on her trees. He also went to KCG Accounting to again ask on the status of the audits.

Mayer mentioned that the DNR contracted with Limb Walkers to remove three large trees on the south lot line of the public launch.

Bellante mentioned a recent newspaper article on the disappearance of Walleye in State lakes.

Old Business

Update on Harvesting Program

Landry provided an update, stating that harvesting started on June 20th, getting only 3 loads. Per Craig Helker, weed growth is about a month behind. Fitzgerald has completed his DNR training and will get two more observation shifts before operating independently. Kerns has been out of town and has not started his training yet.

Update on Sale of Western Portion of District Lot

Mayer stated that the Closing will be soon

Update on Extension for Aquatic Plant Mgmt Plan

Bluemel provided update grant and suggested that we formulate a RFP for the APMP. Mayer will work on a draft RFP for the next meeting.

Update on Buoy Locations

Marks said that it is a work in progress. Buoys are misplaced but changing anything will take time.

Update on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

Schopp mentioned that had had contacted State representatives to request their assistance to gain DNR consideration of the public launch location.

Bluemel mentioned that he contacted a lawyer to determine the rights of the WLMD. The NSD cannot use eminent domain because there already in a lift station in service and they can't take land without compensation. The price would have to be negotiated and based on appraisal.

Update on Chemical Treatment

Bellante provided update on the recent chemical treatments. It took multiple trips, but the treatment was completed.

Update on Goose Round Up

Mayer provided update on why the USDA denied our request. The USDA has requirements for respirators and special suits when dealing with geese potentially infected with Avian flu, but the USDA was not prepared or willing to meet those requirement and therefore, denied our request this year.

Update on Annual Meeting Date/Location

Schopp confirmed the Hall is available on September 8th at 7pm.

Update on Proposed DNR Program Changes

DNR has proposed dramatic increases for chemical treatment permits and harvesting permits. There was a brief discussion on how to best address the increase in fees.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Legal Consultation (Lift Station)

(Addressed Previously)

Discussion and Possible Action on PFD Station at Public Launch

Rosenquist mentioned a program that offers PFDs for the public to borrow. The Coast Guard Auxiliary donated 10 PFDs. Rosenquist requested permission to investigate the possibility of the program.

Sauld made a motion to allow Rosenquist to investigate the cost and issues with operating a program, seconded by Schopp. Discussion followed on getting the Town more involved. Motion passed 5-1, with Bellante in the minority.

Discussion and Possible Action on Roadside Weed Pickup Contract

Mayer stated that there was an insurance issue that has since been resolved.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Marks mentioned the option of contracting with a grant writing firm. WWMD is considering the same option and may provide the groundwork.

Sauld mentioned a property owner that had previously requested a fee waiver had now combined lots. That item will be added to the next agenda.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:22pm

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday July 26, 2022
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Mike Bluemel, Secretary Ron Mayer, Treasurer Jeremy Sauld, County Rep Joe Bellante, Jim Marks, and Bruce Rosenquist. Town Rep Ralph Schopp arrived at 7:15pm. HPM John Landry was also present. Three other citizens attended.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for June 28th Meeting

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

Treasurers Report

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

Sauld also mentioned that he contacted the accountant again reference the audits.

Public Comments

Citizen question on why the geese round up was not performed. Mayer explained the process with USDA and why they refused the WLMD request for a round up.

Citizen question on where the beavers had damaged trees (along channel).

Citizen question on the NSD lift station re-location.

Citizen commented on verbiage used in Treasurer Report.

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned that the geese are air born as of July 15th. He also spoke on Milfoil and SSW. He also spoke on the effectiveness of the previous alum treatment.

Schopp mentioned a call from a homeowner purchasing a house with a boat lift on their frontage. Information was limited and no resolution offered.

Old Business

Update on Harvesting Program

Landry provided an update: Weeds are light this year so far and water level is good for this time of year. Fitzpatrick has completed his training. Kerns has not completed his training and will be considered for next year. There was a brief discussion on having residents contact HPM directly with concerns next year.

Update on Sale of Western Portion of District Lot

Bluemel spoke on status that as soon as legal description is confirmed, closing will be completed.

Update on Extension for Aquatic Plant Mgmt Plan

Bluemel stated that once the RFP is completed, the extension can move forward.

Update on Buoy Locations

Marks provided update on discussion to improve locations. His contact with the Town PD has been limited.

Consensus was that the goal should be to get them positioned in correct spot in spring. Item was tabled to January meeting.

Update on Chemical Treatment

Bellante provided information treatments completed, including maps of regular chemical treatments and SSW treatments. The area by Wood Island has significant SSW but the Breezy Bay area looks good. There could be additional treatments this year.

Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

Mayer and Schopp provided update that the NSD has emailed state representatives and will keep WLMD informed.

Discussion and Possible Action on PFD Station at Public Launch

Rosenquist provided update the potential program. He stated that our insurance should cover the program. He feels that through grants and donations, it could be a cost free program. Discussion followed with many questions and concerns. Rosenquist requested more time to research the project costs/issues. Item was tabled o a future meeting.

New Business

Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 2023 Annual Budget

Sauld presented draft budget for 2023, including increases in the harvesting line to allow for a heavy weed year if needed. The proposed revenue is to increase by \$8000 because of the additional property fees and the proposed budget expenses is to increase by approximately \$13,000.

Discussion followed on line items, including a breakdown of the Harvesting / Plant Management line.

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

Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution 1-2022

Mayer presented draft resolution and discussion followed. Consensus was to remove agenda item reference setting date for next annual meeting and to change “Board Members” to “Commissioners”.

Sauld made a motion to accept the resolution with the two changes, seconded by Bellante. Motion Passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on VSC 2023

After a brief discussion, Sauld made a motion by Sauld to move forward with a VSC in 2023, seconded by Marks. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on Draft APMP RFP

Mayer presented draft RFP and discussion followed. Consensus was to set October 15th as the proposal deadline and to make Bellante the point of contact.

Motion made by Sauld to accept the RFP with changes, seconded by Schopp.
Motion passed 6-0. Mayer will make changed and forward to Bellante.

Discussion and Possible Action on Fee Waiver (Addis Property)

Sauld presented information on the two Addis properties that had been previously discussed. Properties have now been combined and owner is requesting a one year waiver.

Motion made by Schopp to provide a one year waiver refund, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 6-0

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Bluemel provided a breakdown of fall newsletter and potential articles. Plan is to send newsletter to printer by first week of August.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday August 23, 2022
7:00 pm**

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

Minutes

Meeting Called to Order at 7:01pm followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Approve Minutes for July 26th Meeting

Brief discussion on the minutes, specifically a typo in the PFD section and the wording used to describe the increased revenue. Motion was made by Bellante to accept the minutes as amended, seconded by Sauld.

Motion passed 6-0.

Treasurers Report

Sauld provided written and verbal reports for the previous period. Motion made by Bellante to accept the report as presented, seconded by Schopp.

Motion passed 6-0.

Sauld provided copies of the completed audits and also mentioned that the accountant is working on the last audit. He also mentioned that he was working on completing the EMC audit for Worker's Compensation.

Public Comments

Citizen question on why the PFD issue was brought up again when the program was voted down years ago. Bluemel explained that the issue is only being researched at this time. Another citizen also spoke against the PFD program.

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned that there will be a bass tournament on Wind Lake this weekend. He also mentioned that hunting season will be starting soon. He also spoke on well testing, mosquitoes, and buoy placement.

Rosenquist mentioned that there is a DNR grant available for a PFD program. He also mentioned again that the WLMD insurance coverage should be increased.

Old Business

Update on Harvesting Program

Landry provided an update: There was no cutting last week due to scheduling issues. Harvesting will continue this week but operations are winding down. Landry later provided the year to date total of 42 harvester loads so far.

Update on Sale of Western Portion of District Lot

Bluemel mentioned that the closing on the lot was today and he forwarded a check for \$84,752 to the treasurer.

Update on RFP and Extension for Aquatic Plant Mgmt Plan

The RFP was completed as per July meeting and Bellante sent it out on August 4th to the 3 local firms that were discussed. Bluemel will complete the extension application.

Update on Accounting Audits

Audits were previously covered in Treasurer Report.

Update on Chemical Treatments

Bellante provided map and recommended areas for treatment. There was discussion on whether to treat so late in the season versus the potential benefit.

Motion made by Sauld to move forward with the recommended treatments, seconded by Schopp. Motion passed 6-0.

Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

Schopp and Mayer presented information on the recent meeting with NSD, DNR, Town of Norway representatives and state representatives. No decision was made and further deliberations will be required.

Discussion and Possible Action on Annual Meeting

There was discussion on hall setup and checking IDs. Sauld will provide list, Mayer will provide sign in sheets. Volunteers needed for sign in.

New Business

Discussion on concept of a “Welcome to Wind Lake Program”

Mayer described proposed program as a means to provide information to new waterfront property owners. The packet would include a letter from the Board, a lake map, and a copy of the most recent newsletter. Mayer felt that program could be completed at little to no cost. Consensus was to move forward. Mayer will draft a letter for further discussion at October meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action on Two Signature Requirement Checks

Sauld requested increasing the amount required for two signatures on District from \$1000 up to \$2500. Discussion on retaining requirement that Treasurer cannot sign checks made to himself/herself. Motion made by Marks to increase limit to \$2500 and retain the no self sign requirement, second by Rosenquist. Motion passed 6-0.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8pm.

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday October 25, 2022
7:00 pm**

Present: Chairman Ron Mayer, Treasurer Todd Flunker, County Rep Joe Bellante, Town Rep Ralph Schopp, Jim Marks, and Jeremy Sauld. Secretary Mike Bluemel excused due to personal emergency. HPM John Landry and Weed Harvester Operator Pat Fitzgerald also present along with three other citizens.

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for August 23rd Meeting

Marks asked that the minutes be amended to remove that the comment that PFD program was previously voted down. The statement that Marks wanted changed was in the Citizen Comment section. The comment was made and the minutes were accurate.

Motion made by Schopp to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 4-1 (Marks opposed).

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the previous period. Treasurer notes we are on budget for all categories except insurance, which will need to be reviewed and possibly increased prior to next fiscal period. A question was posed if insurance on weed harvester could be reduced during off-season when not in use. Mayer noted that the insurance policy yearly premium does account for the fact the harvester is only used for a portion of the year and stored for the rest of the time. Motion made by Schopp to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 5-0.

Public Comments

Citizen requested that the board clarify role changes that were implemented following annual meeting in September.

Citizen asked for copies of monthly treasurer report, copy provided.

Citizen asked if the PFD program was going to be eliminated since the board member driving the initiative was not reelected to the board. Mayer noted that discussion of the PFD program is on this meetings agenda and will be addressed later in this meeting.

Citizen commented that the Town website listed a WLMD monthly meeting for September but there was no monthly meeting that took place in September other than the yearly WLMD meeting.

Information and Correspondence

Marks talked about PFAS contamination, specifically, that WI DNR will start testing of public water systems Nov 1, 2022. Current state standard is 70 parts per trillion and the current Federal standard is 20 parts per trillion. Marks listed several communities where private wells will also be tested. More to come on DNR considering matching Federal standard

Marks then noted that new invasive species (Aradiloes & Nutria) have integrated into Southern Illinois and could eventually make their way into Wisconsin waters. Additionally, Marks mentioned that bird migration patterns have changed from a north-south pattern to more of an easterly perpercitiy. This change in migration could result in movement of Hydrila and Bird Flu. Per Marks, Hydrila is a weed that can grow up to 6 inches per day.

Marks talked about National Legislation called “Recovering American Wildlife Act” that could result in Wisconsin receiving 18-20 million dollars per year. Where the money would be allocated is still undecided. Additionally, Marks noted that The Pittman Robertson Act which places a tax on all sporting goods could be repealed which would result in the WI DNR losing 16.4% of their budget.

Marks noted that the DNR issued 1500 tickets for failure to carry the required number of readily accessible PFDs. 23 of 26 drowning deaths in the last year lacked life jackets.

Old Business

a) Final Update on Harvesting Program 2022

John Landry provided update – 100 hours on harvester, Fuel cost was \$483 (\$530 in 2021), 140 labor hours (185 labor hours in 2021), 12,000 cubic feet of weeds harvested in 2022. John Landry announced that he will be stepping down as HPM but would like to stay on in a part-time role to assist with launching and pulling of harvester as well as assisting with mechanical repairs. John recommended Pat Fitzgerald as a possible candidate to succeed him as HPM. John received verbal thanks from both citizens and board followed by applause for helping to get the harvesting program up and running.

b) Update on Extension for Aquatic Plant Management Plan

Mayer noted that Mike Bluemel sent an email to DNR requesting to apply for an extension. No response from DNR at this time but per a

previous email a contractor is needed to formally apply for the extension.

c) Final Update on Chemical Treatments 2022

Bellante provided board with written summary of 2022 chemical treatments. 21.2 acres total treated chemically. Marks noted that due to weather delays the final chemical treatment was applied the week prior to a holiday weekend. Marks suggested moving it to after the holiday weekend in the future if it is again delayed due to weather.

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

Schopp provided update, he has been following-up with Representative Wittke but DNR has not responded to the request to place sanitary station on DNR lot.

e) Discussion and Possible Action on PFD Loaner Program

Marks announced that WLMD qualified for a grant from the Norway Community Fund but that the board took action and denied the grant. Mayer clarified that the board did not take action and deny the grant. Instead, application for said grant was never discussed or approved by the WLMD board. Sauld expressed disapproval of Marks representing board by applying for grant without board approval. Mayer noted that he did additional research on current PFD programs in Wisconsin and none are currently run by a lake district. Schopp expressed concern over the PFD program becoming a liability issue and that each boat owner needs to be responsible for all required safety equipment. Sauld expressed concern over ongoing cost of replacing lifejackets that go missing.

Schopp made a motion to deny pursuing the PFD loaner program and eliminate it from future discussion. Motion passed 4-1 (Marks opposed)

f) Discussion and Possible Action on "Welcome to Wind Lake Program"

Mayer presented possible letter to utilize for program. Bellante suggested creating multiple welcome letters specific to all new property owners in district including on lake, on channel, and off lake properties. Program tabled till December meeting.

New Business

a) Discussion and Possible Action on Aquatic Plant Management Proposals

Mayer noted that 3 RFPs were sent with 1 proposal received back from Marine BioChemists. Marks asked if RFP was sent to Hey & Associates. Mayer noted that the RFP was sent to Hey & Associates,

Lake & Pond, and Marine BioChemists. Marks expressed that he would like potential treatment/cutting options for Starry Stonewort removed from the APMP. Bellante noted that the APMP lays out weed management options but does not dictate what treatment must or will be done. Bellante noted that he does not want to limit Starry Stonewort treatment options based on the APMP as each treatment is recommended by the treating professional and approved by WI DNR.

Schopp motioned to approve quote by Marine Biochemist to provide 5 year Aquatic Plant Management Plan, Sauld Seconded. Motion Passed 4-0, Marks abstained from vote.

b) Discussion and Possible Action on Potential Investments

Flunker noted that WLMD currently has a Government savings account with a floating interest rate. WLMD is currently earning 2.42% interest on saving account.

c) Discussion and Possible Action on Trucking Fuel Compensation

Mayer referenced original motion that approved trucking bid and discussion that was had with regards to possibly covering a diesel surcharge due to increased diesel cost. Tabled till December meeting.

d) Discussion and Possible Action on Duty Re-Alignments

Mayer mentioned that he would appreciate assistance with updating website. No action taken at this time.

e) Discussion and Possible Action on Purchasing South Eastern Wisconsin Planning Commission Booklets

Mayer noted that Mayer, Bluemel, Marks, and Bellante all currently have a copy of the booklet. Mayer noted that he will work on getting copies for board members who do not currently have one.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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

Norway Town Hall

**Tuesday December 6, 2022
7:00 pm**

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

Minutes

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

Approve Minutes for October 25th Meeting

Motion made by Bellante to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Flunker. Motion passed. 4-0

Treasurers Report

Flunker provided written and verbal reports for the previous period. He also uploaded the lake fees to the County for billing, 968 properties for total of \$137,150. Motion made by Schopp to accept the report as presented, seconded by Bellante. Motion passed 4-0

Public Comments

Citizen had a question on when the minutes are uploaded to the website. Mayer explained the delay this month.

Citizen had a question on a Town Board meeting agenda that was mailed to her house.

Information and Correspondence

Marks mentioned that the harvester was shrink wrapped and that the buoys were pulled off the lake. He also mentioned that Big Muskego was late drawing their lake down, which delayed the Wind Lake drawdown. The DNR board took no action on limiting wake boats, leaving it to local ordinances.

Old Business

Update on Extension for Aquatic Plant Mgmt Plan

Mayer stated that the extension for 2023 has been approved but that the District missed the window to apply for a grant in 2022, but that it was necessary to move forward with the APMP.

Update on Trucking Fuel Compensation

Mayer stated that he spoke with Jerry Kotarek and Jerry felt there was no need for additional compensation.

Discussion and Possible Action on NSD Lift Station #5 Project

Schopp provided a brief update, with no change at this point.

Discussion and Possible Action on “Welcome to Wind Lake Program”

Mayer provided draft letters for the welcome program. After a few suggestions to the letters, Schopp made a motion to move forward with the program, seconded by Flunker. Motion passed 4-0.

New Business

Confirm Meeting Dates for 2023

Mayer provided proposed monthly meeting dates for 2023, the 4th Tuesday of every month through September and the combined meeting Nov/Dec meeting in December.

Discussion and Possible Action on District Address Change

Mayer provided a possible option to have a mail slot at Town Hall instead of a Post office box, which would be more convenient and provide a consistent address moving forward. The Town Board will discuss that option at an upcoming meeting. Consensus was to proceed with requesting a mail slot at Town Hall.

Any Other Business that May Properly Come Before this Board

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.