

# Shawano Area Waterways Management Inc.

## Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2024

Shawano Airport

6:30 pm

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**Meeting called by:** Bill Monfre

**Note taker:** Carla Osborne

**Attendance:** Karen Monfre, Bill Monfre, Jeff Puissant, Ron Schumacher, Dave Zelinger, Jeff Brunson, Bart DeFere, Nitta Charnon, Carla Osborne  
Guest: Joe Lemerond

**Agenda:** Minutes, Treasurer Report, Committee Updates, New Business, Additional Topics

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### *Minutes*

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**Agenda Item:** There was a quorum of 9 of 15 board members present.  
Bill called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

**Conclusions:** Motion to remove approving the agenda by Dave Zelinger, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Monfre, motion carried.

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**Agenda item:** Meeting minutes from September 12, 2024

**Conclusions:** Motion to accept the minutes by Jeff Puissant, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ron Schumacher, motion carried.

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**Agenda item:** Treasurer report

**Presenter:** Karen Monfre

**Discussion:**

- Should be getting \$100,000 reimbursement for the harvester. Expected by the end of the year.
- Interest income increased by approximately \$4000 due to interest income from the money market.
- Repairs and maintenance are down.
- Good cash position. Will talk about where to allocate reserves when money comes in.
- Will be getting a \$15,000 grant reimbursement from the lake studies.

**Conclusions:**

- Motion to accept the treasurer report by Bart DeFere, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Brunson, motion carried.

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**Agenda item:** Committee Updates

**Presenter:** Committee Chairs

**Discussion:**

- Lake Quality Committee – Bill Monfre
  - Lake harvest report was submitted to Brenda. Over 65 tons of weeds were removed – 25% from the lake, 25% from the river, 50% from the channel.
  - Jeff Brunson will report the number of weeds removed to the city.
  - Harvester & barge have had their maintenance done and will be moved inside for the winter.

- Buoys have been removed.
- Education and Communication Committee – Karen Monfre
  - Working on getting updated address changes when properties have sold to keep our master list current.
  - May be spending approximately \$20 - \$50 to get a report from the county.
  - Getting the changes will enable sending welcome packets.
  - The committee needs help with new ideas for articles for the newsletter.
  - Suggestion to get ideas for the newsletter from the SAWM members.
  - Committee would like the board to do strategic planning at future meetings.
  - Working on getting our website consistent with our branding.
- Fishery and Wildlife Committee – Dave Zelinger
  - Four seawalls have been replaced with riprap. Have reimbursed one property owner \$1000, the \$3000 for the other 3 properties (\$1000 each) will be requested.
  - Clean Boats/Clean Waters finished up for the year. They worked 384 hours and inspected 510 boats and talked to 934 boat owners.

**Conclusions:**

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**Agenda item:** New Business/Additional items

**Presenter:** Jeff Brunson, Joe Lemerond

**Discussion:**

- Jeff B. showed pictures of the wild celery that came in on the shore by Gumaer Rd. Jeff and his neighbors picked up 26,000 lbs. of weeds.
- They are asking for help for anyone that is in this situation. Suggestions are to keep the harvester in until after the uproot to help with pickup. Attempt to pick them up where ever they congregate.

**Conclusions:**

- Recommendation to the board is to keep the harvester and barge in the water later in the year to help pick up the wild celery and the people affected would help offset the cost.

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***Other Information***

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**Adjournment:**

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ron Schumacher, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bart DeFere, motion carried.
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 pm.