Upper Turtle Lake District Commissioner Meeting Notes

The purpose of the Upper Turtle Lake District is to preserve, protect, and enhance Upper Turtle Lake and its surroundings for today and future generations.

Date: Friday, May 26th, 2023, 9:00 a.m., Almena Village Hall, 131 Soo Avenue, Almena, WI.

Commissioners: John Vono, Mike McCauley, Carol Timmerman, Jim Gores. Absent: Ken Scheps

Guests: Dave Blumer, Dan Stoffel

Agenda:

Call to Order and Roll Call: Approved Agenda and Verification of Public Notice and notice to DNR and County. Vono

Secretary's Report: Approved meeting minutes from 2-17-23 meeting. Timmerman

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account Balance: \$23,778.12 McCauley

Old Business:

Boat Landing Separation issue: Gores to follow up with county.

2023 Aquatic Plant Management Plan: Blumer will put together email and pass along to Vono for the APMP submission to the DNR. Other information: Deer Lake has severe infestation with Zebra Mussels. CLP survey will be completed by Blumer and McCauley in June,

LEAPS Replacement: Vono to contact two replacements for Dave, Meghan from Northwest Planning Commission out of Spooner, and Sara Hatleili. Will request functional support for the Lake District and get bids. Hope to have them at our July meeting.

Rapid Response Plan: Tabled until next meeting.

Culvert Survey: Vono will send Blumer a note on this issue.

Zoom: Gores indicated Barron County has Google meetings we could use, limited to 60 minutes. Timmerman to contact Lance Peterson on the specifics of this function. Township? Scheps to address.

CLP treatment: Completed May 15th under ideal conditions.

Wisconsin Lakes Conference: McCauley attended the Conference ins Stevens Point, and recommended attendance again. McCauley picked up a good shoreland zoning video, Timmerman to put on website, and a link in the next newsletter.

Social: 40-50 in attendance, this is a great showing! All the trees were not taken, recommendation that we skip a year for trees.

CBCW Update: At the time of the meeting, Kolton had completed 10 paid hours, and we had volunteer hours. The Drain Campaign will run again this year, and we will have towels to give away.

New Business:

Independence weekend activities:

July 4th parade: Timmerman will get the trophies and judge the parade. Vono to lead the parade

Poker Run and Concert: Set for Saturday, July 1st. We have enough dock hosts. More infor to follow.

2024 Budget Planning: Timmerman, McCauley, and Vono subcommittee to meet June 30th to start budget planning. Need audit committee. Marc and Kari Kalis, and Dan Stoffel have volunteered. Vono and McCauley will finalize cash flow prior to budget meeting.

Commissioner nominee: No one has stepped forward yet.

Decontamination Station: With the infestation of zebra mussels on Deer Lake, discussion was had on putting a decontamination station in at the boat landing. Timmerman to get pricing, and discussion will be held at the next meeting.

Calendar Items:

2023 Commissioner Meetings: July 7th, 9:00 a.m. Almena Village Hall

2023 Annual Meeting: August 19th, 10:00 a.m. Ritsche Pavilion. Timmerman will get updated map and pdf of the lake district.

Newsletter: Articles need to be to Timmerman by July 14th. This newletter will have the Independence Day weekend recap, "Meet the Neighbors" article, notice of annual meeting, proposed 2024 budget, treasurers report (McCauley), CBCW update, and article on Leaps (Vono).

Public Comment and Adjourn: Adjourned 11:04 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Carol Timmerman, Secretary