

Upper Turtle Lake District Commissioner Meeting Minutes

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, July 7th, 2023, 9:00 a.m., Almena Village Hall, 131 Soo Avenue, Almena, WI.

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

Guests: Todd Breuer, Dan Stoffel

Agenda:

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

Secretary's Report: Approved meeting minutes from 05-26-23 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: McCauley reported checking account balance of \$12,503.42 and rapid response savings account of \$10,086.98 (6-30-23) Unanimously approved.

Old Business:

Boat Landing Separation issue: Gores reported the boat landing issue has been resolved, however a corner broke off one of the cement slabs. Gores to follow up with the county again.

2023 -2027 Aquatic Plant Management Plan: The plan has been approved by the DNR, Vono to get clean copy from Blumer, and we will post it on the website.

LEAPS Replacement: Vono working on possibilities, nothing concrete to report at this time.

Rapid Response Plan: Tabled until next meeting.

Culvert Survey: Vono talked to Blumer, told us to delay until the APMP approved. Since it has now been approved, Gores to contact Tyler Gruetzmacher at the county.

Zoom Meetings: Gores indicated Barron County has Google meetings we could use, limited to 60 minutes. Township does not have anything but the free Zoom.

CBCW Update: No update, but several volunteers have been scheduled.

Independence weekend activities: July 4th parade: Studnickas took the most patriotic float with their "Louie's Meat float, the Millers took the Most Original with the Jurassic Beach, complaints received included not completing the entire lake for the parade, use of water balloons, and not having the parade on a weekend. The Poker Run was a success, hosts included Gerbers (Gilligans Island), Arends (Lemonade Stand), Webers (Fire Department), Petersons (Hawaiian), Searles (Hippies), Bryants (Mardi Gras), and McDonalds (Card Dealers). We collected \$2600 for the Poker Run, enough to pay the band and other expenses. The concert was a success as well, people really enjoyed the music.

Commissioner nominee: No one has stepped up to express interest. Will post on the Facebook site as well.

Welcome Bags: These have been a hit, and will be continued.

New Business:

Decontamination Station: Voted to put in budget for 2024. Approved.

CLP Survey: McCauley went with Blumer to survey the clp growth in the lake. Good news is that where we treated, the CLP is under control. There about 17 acres in the north bay that should be treated in 2024. Will budget for this line item.

2024 Budget Planning, Audit Committee: Approved to submit a \$39,850 proposed 2024 budget. McCauley to get clean budget copy for newsletter.

Newsletter: Articles to Timmerman by July 14th

Annual Meeting: Timmerman to get voting requirements, will print annual meeting notice, proposed budget, and agenda in the newsletter

Boating Etiquette: Discussion centered on wakeboats, vulgar language, music volume, and shoreline erosion. Many complaints have been received on this issue. This issue will be placed on the annual meeting agenda.

Calendar Items:

2023 Commissioner Meetings: The next meeting is scheduled for September 15th, 9:00 a.m. Timmerman to set up Almena Village Hall

2023 Annual Meeting: August 19th, 10:00 a.m. Ritsche Pavilion

Public Comment and Adjourn: 10:17 a.m.