

UTLD 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: 9:00 AM February 16, 2024

Almena Village Hall, 131 Soo Ave. E Almena, WI 54805

Commissioners: John Vono, Mike McCauley, Kim Swenson, Jim Gores, Ken Scheps

Guests: Cheryl Clemens

Agenda

Call to Order and Roll Call: Called to order at 9:05 am. Unanimously approved the agenda and verification of Public Notice and notice to DNR and Barron County.

Secretary's Report: Unanimously approved minutes from 12/13/2023 meeting posted to the UTLD website.

Treasurer's Report: Handout given. Additions to checking for partial county payment and interest. Checking account balance on 1/31/24 is \$21,986.54 with AIS Rapid Response Savings Account at \$10,152.41 for a total UTLD fund of \$32,138.95.

Old Business:

LEAPS Replacement: Cheryl Clemens from Harmony Environmental out of Rice Lake will coordinate the treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed for 2024 (permitting, pre/post surveys and application contacts). A \$1600.00 contract was signed for her services. Suggestions from Cheryl include: finalize the treatment plan, contract with Matt Berg to complete pre/post survey, map growth outside treatment area, increase treatment rate from 1.5 to 2, increase treatment acreage from 18 to 20, pull the permit and proceed with Public Notice (Turtle Lake Times, Spring Newsletter and posting on Facebook and the UTLD website. John will send Cheryl DNR approval letter so she can finalize the plan and begin the application process. Once finalized, Cheryl will reach out to Dale for cost. Mike will send Cheryl a \$425.00 check for the cost of the treatment application.

Cheryl suggested we begin taking water temperatures beginning two weeks after ice out. It should be taken in the same location at the end of a dock each time. The readings should be sent to Dale, Matt and Cheryl. It was also stated that water samples are not required to be sent to the DNR.

Culvert Survey: John will reach out to Tyler Gruetzmacher, Barron County, to ask if it will be completed this spring and the timeline.

Decontamination Station/Staffing: McCauley

2024 Lake bedding/mapping and 2024 DNR permit: See LEAPS Replacement above

New Business:

April Newsletter: Spring Newsletter articles due to Kim by March 11, 2024. Articles to be included: Treatment Plan Notice, Cheryl; Wake boat and Lake Etiquette, Mike; Notes from Chair, John; CBCW, Kim; Meet Lake Neighbors, Kim. Add upcoming dates for Spring Social, July 4th parade, Poker Run and no Tree Give Away.

July 6th band: John will contact Karen Heintz about band availability, interest, cost and location of event should it happen this year.

Communication Received:

None

Calendar Items:

Commissioner Meetings: May 24, 2024 9:00 am. Almena Village Hall 131 Soo Avenue, Almena, WI

Spring Social: May 11, 2024 11:00 AM Spare Time Bowling Kim will contact them in late March

WI Lakes and Rivers Convention in Stevens Point: April 10-12, 2024 No one on the Board is able to attend this year.

2024 Annual Meeting: August 17, 2024 Ritchie Pavilion in Turtle Lake at 10:00 AM. Mike has reserved the facility.

July 4th Events: Parade on Thursday, July 4, 2024; John will lead the parade, Kim will judge and take pictures, Mike will procure the trophies. Poker Run Saturday, July 6, 2024 Mike will contact Lisa Nelson to see if she's interested in coordinating again, Kim will take pictures.

Public Comment and Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 am

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kim Swenson