

UTLD Commissioner 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 December 19, 2025

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

Commissioners: Mike McCauley, Kim Swenson, Mark Wolff, Jim Gores (absent) Ken Scheps (absent)

Guests: None

Agenda

Call to Order and Roll Call: McCauley called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

Secretary's Report: Swenson made a motion to accept the minutes for the September 12, 2025 meeting minutes posted to the UTLD website. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mark Wolff has taken over Treasurer duties and reported the following as of 11/30/25

Checking Account balance \$12,415.78

AIS Rapid Response Savings Account \$31,013.77

UTLD Rapid Response Certificate of Deposit \$1,288.16 for total UTLD funds of \$44,717.71

Motion to accept Treasurer's report carried.

Old Business:

Review Commissioner's Roles and Responsibilities:

Mike McCauley will perform the President roles and responsibilities

Mark Wolff will perform all financial duties as Treasurer.

Kim Swenson will continue her role as Secretary

2025 CBCW Update:

All requirements have been fulfilled for the 2025 grant. Julie Zellmer will get Kim the hardcopy records for the Lake District's files.

2026 Treatment/Permit/ Contracts Update:

Mike reported that permits have been applied for. Matt Berg and Dale are lined up if permit request is granted for treatment

A Plan B will be made if chemical treatment is not approved. Mike will contact Harmony Environmental and Pat Brown about options. Kim and Mike will attend a Countywide Roundtable offered by Pat Brown to gather information from other Associations and Lake Districts concerning treatment options.

Grant for partial plant survey and pre/post treatment update: McCauley

Harmony Environmental assisted in writing a grant for partial reimbursement of treatment costs.

Instagram Update: Swenson

The Upper Turtle Lake Instagram page is live under upperturtlelakedistrict.

Postcard printing and postage costs: Swenson

The **UPS Store**

For the postcard costing: we can get 2 post cards per page.

Light cardstock - 0.59\$ per page

Heavy cardstock - 0.69\$ per page

Sizing: Common sizes for postcards are 4x6 and 5x7.

Postage: we would have to purchase stamps to affix to the cards for .61. The cost only includes the printing. We would still need to purchase the address labels from the county to affix to the postcards as well.

We could create the postcard in Microsoft Word and send it to them to print. Usually completed in one day.

New Business:

2026 CBCW: Swenson

Julie Zellmer emailed that the 2026 grant has been approved.

July 2026 activities and Dates: All

Poker Run to be held Friday, July 3rd

Parade held on July 4th at 1:00. Kim will order and pick up awards from Sports World Awards in Barron.

Cindy Wolff is working on a band for the festivities.

Plant Management Plan: All

Good until 2027. We will look at updating later in 2026.

Rapid Response Plan: All

Mike will update names and links and send to Kim to post to the website.

WI Lakes and Rivers Convention April 15-17: All

Kim will review Conference materials and her calendar.

Communication Received:

Pat Brown email RE Countywide Roundtable Invite- Kim and Mike will plan to attend.

Constituent called Mike with a question about his tax bill. Mike explained that the amount is based on the assessed value of the property, which the county just reassessed in 2025, and not the lake frontage of the property.

Calendar Items:

Commissioner Meetings: February 10, 2026 at 9:00 am (confirmed)

Spring Newsletter Date:

Articles from the Board to Kim by March 27 for Newsletter distribution via mail in the first week of April. **NOTE:** This will be the final time a newsletter will be sent to constituents. Postcards will be sent to notify Lake District property owners of its posting to the Upper Turtle Lake website. More information on this in the Spring 2026 Newsletter.

Spring Social Date and Location:

May 16, 2026 at 11:00 am at SpareTime Bowl in Turtle Lake (confirmed)

2026 Annual Meeting Date and Location:

August 15, 2026 at 11:00am at SpareTime Bowl (confirmed)

Public Comment and Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 10:23 am.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Swenson, UTLD Secretary