

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 February 10, 2026

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

Commissioners: Mike McCauley, Kim Swenson, Mark Wolff (via phone), Jim Gores
Guests:

Agenda

Call to Order and Roll Call: Called to order at 9:01 am.

Secretary's Report: Motion made to accept the 12/19/25 Commissioner's Meeting minutes posted to the website on 12/20/25. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Mark reported the following balances as of February 1, 2026

Checking: \$20363.09

AIS Savings : \$1014.47

UTLD AIS Rapid Response CD: \$31288.16

TOTAL: \$52665.72

Motion made to accept the report. Motion carried.

Old Business:

2026 Treatment/Permit/ Contracts Update: No update to report on permit request.

We know Lower Turtle was denied a permit to treat. Mike has been in discussions with Steve Miller from Lower Turtle Lake and has begun discussing shared ideas. Mike has made additional contacts for harvesting information. He will keep us updated.

Grant for partial plant survey and pre/post treatment update: Awarded a \$5952.00 grant to cover some lake survey costs. We will be receiving a letter informing us what costs are permissible for reimbursement. We were also notified that the CBCW grant was also awarded for 2026 (\$3750.00).

Rapid Response Plan: Plan was updated by Mike and posted to the UTLD website.

Fourth of July Festivities Update: No band hired yet. Cindy Wolff is working on logistics of the band and Poker Run.

New Business:

Spring Newsletter Assignments: Articles due to Kim by March 27th.

Kim: Ask Julie for CBCW article, Calendar of Events, Spring Social article, Everyone's Responsibility: Wake Awareness article, Newsletter changes article

Mike: UTLD Chair article with updates

Cindy Wolff: July 4th happenings article

Barron County Lakes Coalition Roundtable Meeting: Pat Brown has organized a group of lake association/district members focused on addressing common challenges and opportunities among the Barron County groups. Our first meeting was January 7th. Mike attended in person, Kim attended virtually. Key issues

discussed included: challenges in recruiting young volunteers, challenges of the CBCW programs (securing the required 25% match for the grant, payroll management and insurance coverage). The idea of involving the county to streamline admin tasks and provide centralized support was proposed. Pat will look into the possibility. Next meeting is set for Wednesday, February 11, 2026 at 11am.

WI Lakes and Rivers Convention April 15-17: No one on the Board is able to attend in person this year. Mike proposed opening it up to a Lake Owner who may be interested in attending and sharing what they learn. Kim will post dates and web link to the Conference on Facebook and Instagram.

Communication Received:

Calendar Items:

Commissioner's Meeting: Friday, April 3, 2026 9:00 am Almena Village Hall

Spring Social: Spare Time Bowl 11:00 am May 16, 2026 Confirmed

2026 Annual Meeting: Spare Time Bowl 11:00 am August 15, 2026 Confirmed

Public Comment and Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 9:36.