

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 June 19, 2026

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

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

Guests: Brendan Hanehan, Sharon Dunemann

Agenda

Call to Order and Roll Call: McCauley called the meeting to order at 9:01.

Secretary's Report: Swenson made a motion to accept the April 3rd meeting minutes posted to the UTLD website on April 4, 2026. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Wolff reported that the total UTLD funds as of June 1 was \$53371.35. The checking account balance is \$20446.78; AIS Rapid Response Savings account is \$1015.79 and the UTLD Rapid Response 6 month CD balance \$31,908.78. Motion to accept the treasurers report carried.

Old Business:

July 6th Poker Run and Band: Wolff there will be 7 dock hosts for Shake of the Day on July 3rd from 3-5 pm. People can pay for participation from 1-3pm Friday at the Wolff's dock. Mike McCauley's dock will be where paid participants can complete the Shake of the Day anytime during the event. The prize amount will be determined after costs of the event are covered (\$1000.00 for the band and \$700.00 dock host payment).

The Band will play from 5- 7:30 pm. In the bay on the northeast side of the lake.

Revisit July 3rd and July 4th assignments/times: Wolff's will sell Shake of the Day maps from 1-3 pm and McCauley will perform the Shake from his dock from 3-5 pm on the 3rd. Prizes awarded during the music from 5-7:30 pm. If the weather does not cooperate, there are no plans to reschedule.

Boat parade will be at 1:00 on July 4th. Line up at the Island on the North end of the lake. Trophies for Most Patriotic and Most Original. Please be respectful of boats that do not wish to be bombed with water balloons and stay a safe distance from other boats during the parade. If inclement weather we will postpone the parade. Watch the website, Facebook and Instagram for updates,

Decontamination Station/Staffing: Swenson reported that a calendar has been developed on the Time Tree app and people are encouraged to contact Kim for an invitation to the calendar to assist with keeping the sprayer filled. The formula for the

liquid is 2 tablespoons of bleach per 1 gallon of water. A plea for help will be posted to Facebook and Instagram.

2026 Lake bedding/mapping/2026 DNR permit and treatment: McCauley reported that the treatment happened. Matt Berg will perform a post treatment survey. A Surface Water Grant was applied for. We have not yet received the first payment from the County to offset some of these costs.

Our Aquatic Plant Management plan is due in 2027. We will begin work on this and try to coordinate with Lower Turtle Lake.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters: Swenson reported that Melanie Schrieber has been hired by Integra Staff, an employment service provider the District hired to complete the paid portion of the CBCW grant hours. Integra handles the payment of the employee and workers comp insurance. We pay \$21.00 an hour for the service. The CBCW grant monies pay for this. Kim will schedule Melanie on the TimeTree app and Julie Zellmer will report hours on the SWIMS website,

Audit Committee: Wolff reported that the audit went very well. Results will be reported out at the Annual meeting in August. A big Thank you to Cleo Gilgenbach and Dee and Vince Wissink for assisting with the audit!

New Business:

Fall Newsletter and distribution: The Annual Budget and meeting agenda has to be mailed to constituents 30 days before the August 15th Annual Meeting. A one page mailer will go out by July 10th. A newsletter will be posted to the website by July 20th. Facebook, Instagram and the UTLD website will be used to inform constituents.

2026-2027 Budget: We are waiting for the post treatment report and other information. The Board will develop the budget and notify constituents of the proposal to be voted on at the Annual meeting by July 15th.

Barron County Lakes Coalition June Meeting: Swenson attended the meeting virtually. Pat Brown led the meeting. About 13 people from Barron County Associations or Districts attended in person or virtually.

Pat reported that because Assembly Bill 1034 failed to gain traction, Barron County has decided to support Assembly Bill 1033 because it lessens the impacts of wake boats.

The redevelopment of the SWIMS website is currently being tested.

It's been observed that Dock Service Providers (DSP) are not following landing rules. Power loading and not using the decontamination stations have been noted. A letter will be developed by members of the coalition, sent to Pat for

County approval and sent out by the County asking for their cooperation and their ideas about how Associations and Districts can assist. Pat will also offer advice on carrying their own decontamination sprayers.

Discussions have begun about harvesting weeds and disposal because treatment denials are increasing. Information gathering to try to have an organized sharing of resources,

Communication Received:

Mike reported he received a call on Memorial Day about wake boat traffic and loud music. He assured resident that ongoing education is being done.

Someone had requested suggestions about a rock wall for their property. They were directed to Pat Brown at Barron County.

A constituent emailed about concerns about the increase in muck on their shoreline. This is due to a number of reasons and a short article on how it develops and how to decrease the problem will be in the Fall newsletter.

Calendar Items:

Commissioner Meetings: September 11, 2026 9:00 am

Poker Run/Shake of the Day 3:00-5:00 and Band Saturday, 5:00-7:30 July 3rd; July 4th
Events: Parade on Saturday, July 4 at 1:00 pm.

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

Public Comment and Adjourn: Sharon reported that while volunteering for CBCW a county worker asked if people have asked about restrooms. He thought it was removed because of budget cuts. Sharon suggested the Board look into why it was removed and what could be done to get another. Kim will be checking with the County and DNR and contacting local providers to determine costs.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 am.