

2026 Upper Turtle Lake District 9th Annual Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 15th, 11:00 a.m., Spare Time Bowl Meeting Room, Turtle Lake, Wisconsin

Welcome: Mike McCauley called the meeting to order at 11:10 am and thanked attendees for their participation and introduced Board members present today (Mike McCauley President, Kim Swenson, Secretary and Jim Gores, Barron County).

Voting Process Review: Kim Swenson reviewed the voting process for the proposed 2027 budget and the ballot for the open Commissioner's position.

Secretary's Report: Kim Swenson made a motion to accept the minutes from the August 15, 2025 Annual meeting posted to the UTLD website on August 18, 2025. Motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Mark Wolff was out of town so Mike McCauley reported out. Using July 31, 2026 account information he reported the following:

District checking account	14,553.76
Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Rapid Response Account	1,016.50
AIS Rapid Response Certificate of Deposit	<u>31,908.78</u>
TOTAL	\$47,479.04

Mike made a motion to approve the treasurer's report, it was seconded and unanimously approved.

Internal Audit Report: Cleo Gilgenbach and Dee and Vince Wissink completed the audit again this year. None of them could attend the meeting this year so Mike reported that internal audit was conducted on June 5' 2026 and the committee found no problems with the District books or processes.

CD Discussion: Mike explained the reason the district has CD's is to garner a higher interest rate than a savings or checking account. A motion was made to add an additional CD from the District checking account funds. Motion was seconded and the motion carried.

2026 Accomplishments: Mike talked about the lake treatment this spring. He discussed that post treatment mapping showed success. He discussed the difficulties some lake Associations and Districts are having getting permits to treat their lakes. We discussed the costs of harvesting to replace chemical treatment of Curly Leaf Pondweed and informed constituents that the Board is working on the District's 5 year plan. To read the pre post treatment report for 2026, go to www.upperturtlelake.com, click on the Lake Information tab then scroll down to Lake Protection and click on the link.

Fourth of July festivities were a huge success. Cindy and Mark Wolff were recognized for all their efforts in planning and coordinating the Shake of Day activity and the music. The boat parade went the furthest it's ever gone around the lake!! Congratulations to all involved!

2027 Treatment Plan: No treatment for Curly Leaf Pondweed is planned for 2027.

2027 Proposed Budget: Mike McCauley reviewed the proposed budget for 2027. He pointed out that the District would be asking for \$5,000.00 for Tax Settlement from Barron County. The decrease from last year is because costs associated with treatment will not be needed this year. He also pointed out that no tax funds are used for the Social Events (Shake of the Day, the band or the Spring Social). A motion was made to accept the 2027 budget as proposed. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Lending Authority: Mike McCauley made a motion to allow the Board to borrow money if anticipated income was delayed or an emergency came up that needed immediate attention. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Elections: Kim Swenson was unanimously elected to another 3 year term on the Board.

CBCW Update: Julie Zellmer reported that the Clean Boats, Clean Waters (CBCW) grant hours completed thus far are volunteer: 78.5 of 100 and paid hours: 78 of 100. Julie will assist with closing out this years grant and Nancy Searle will take over the grant coordination for 2027. The bin will be moved next spring to Searle's yard- across the street from where it is now. Look for updates in the Spring Newsletter. Julie stressed that we are always looking for volunteers and gave special recognition to Sharon Dunneman and Nancy Searle for all the hours they volunteered this year.

Mailing/Notification Changes: Kim Swenson just wanted to be certain that everyone remembered that last year it was agreed that newsletters would no longer be printed and mailed to constituents. Notification via social media when minutes, agendas and Newsletters are posted seems to be working well. We are seeing a huge increase in views on both Instagram and Facebook.

Public Input/Questions: There was discussion about the floating weeds that have appeared the past few weeks. It is believed to be filamentous algae, a dense, hair-like floating masses of single-celled aquatic strands that intertwine to resemble wet wool or cotton. They start growing along a lake bottom in shallow areas before trapping photosynthetic oxygen bubbles and rising to the surface as floating "pond scum". Skimming and removal can be done on lakeshore.

Request was made to leave the Wayside Landing dock in until after MEA weekend October 18. Jim Gores will make the request of the County.

Raking and removal of weeds on shorelines were discussed. All are encouraged to do this within 30' of your dock. There is a township dumpsite on HWY 63 that accepts the debris.

It was asked if an aerator would help with weeds. It was not recommended because all it does is move the weeds to your neighbor. Be a good lake neighbor and rake and remove your weeds please!

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 12:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kim Swenson UTLD Secretary