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 September 11, 2026
Almena Village Hall, 131 Soo Ave. E Almena, WI 54805

Commissioners: Mike McCauley, Mark Wolff, Kim Swenson

Guests: Sharon Dunemann

Agenda

Call to Order and Roll Call: McCauley called the meeting to order at 9:03.

Secretary's Report: Swenson reported that minutes from the June 19, 2026 Commissioners meeting were posted to the UTLD website on June 21, 2026. Motion to approve the minutes was made by McCauley, seconded by Wolff. The motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Wolff reported the following balances as of August 31, 2026

Checking	$28,889.94
AIS Rapid Response Saving Account	$ 1,016.85
UTLD Rapid Response CD	$31,908.78
TOTAL	$61,815.57

McCauley made a motion to accept the Treasurers report, Swenson seconded, motion carried.

Old Business:

2026 CBCW Update: Swenson reported that the grant hours were completed September 8, 2026. Huge thank you to Sharon Dunemann and Nancy Searle for all the volunteer hours.

July 4th suggested activity changes: Announce winners as a family not single name for Shake of the Day winners.

Annual meeting recap: Went well. Had about a 28 person voter turn out. Need to find a way to increase participation. Like venue but SpareTime is up for sale. Swenson will contact them about reserving it for 2027.

Annual budget and annual meeting notification requirements: Annual meetings must be scheduled between May 22 and September 8, unless approved at previous annual meeting. Written notice must go out 14 days before the meeting date. Notice must include proposed annual budget.

New Business:

Duties and Roles of Commissioners: Duties will remain the same for the year; Mike McCauley Board President, Mark Wolff Treasurer, Kim Swenson Secretary

McCauley would like to begin discussions concerning changing the number of lake shore owner commissioners from 3 to 5. Maybe having interested individuals attend meetings and learn about the Lake District before commitment. The concept would need to be discussed and voted on at the Annual meeting.

Suggest list of duties, dates due, people/places to contact: Swenson will create a shared calendar with the Board where members can add responsibilities and timelines. Wolff will develop a Spreadsheet with more detail to share with Board members concerning tasks, people to contact and times.

Budget development discussion: Rebalancing the banking account: Wolff discussed closing the AIS Rapid Response Savings account, adding it to the UTLD Checking Account then move $20,000 from checking to the CD. The transfer was approved by voters at the Annual Meeting in August. The CD comes due this month, Wolff will go to the bank next week.

Community fund donation: McCauley discussed past practice for community donations. Sharon Dunemann shared her recollections. It's been proposed that a percentage of the July 4th proceeds be held in the community fund to be donated somewhere in the community. The community fund is not taxable monies from the county but rather proceeds from organized events. The Board will continue discussions.

Surface grant application: McCauley reported that the grant has been awarded and will be used in the Spring of 2027 to off set costs for Curly Leaf Pondweed (CLP) bed mapping.

McCauley has completed the paperwork for the Aquatic Plant Point Intercept Survey Grant, Swenson signed and will be sent in this week.

2027 Clean Boat, Clean Waters Grant: Approved at the Annual meeting to apply again this year. Nancy Searle will be coordinating and reporting out for 2027.

5 Year Aquatic Plan: The Board will be working with Harmony Environmental LLC again this year to assist us in developing the 5 Year Aquatic Plant Management Plan for the District. McCauley completed the paperwork for the Aquatic Plant Point Intercept Survey Grant, Swenson signed and will be sent in this week.

Tree Giveaway 2027: Discussed and decided to forgo the giveaway again this year.

Directors and Officers (D&O) Liability Insurance: Determined to be for Lake Associations only. The Board will be looking into insurance options/costs for next year.

Calendar Items:

Commissioner 's Meetings: December 9, 2026; April 9, 2027; June 11, 2027; September 10, 2027; December 10, 2027 all at 9:00 am Almena Village Hall

Spring Social Date: May 15, 2027 11:00 am TBD

2027 Annual Meeting Date: August 14, 2027 11:00 am TBD

Communication Received:

Facebook Messages- Swenson reported on a lot of requests for sales and lost animals or floating toys and equipment.

Email- Swenson reported that an individual was reported to be syphoning water out of the lake into a large container and driving it across the highway. The

person witnessed this happening twice on the same day. When confronted he said he does it all the time.

Other:

McCauley discussed his conversations with Steve Miller, Lower Turtle Lake, and Harmony Environmental and suggested coordinating services that make sense.

McCauley also attending the Barron Couty Lake Coalition (BCLC) meetings and learning about the CBCW app that was bata tested this summer and will go live Spring 2027. He explained the importance of our continued attendance at these meetings.

Public Comment and Adjourn: McCauley made a motion to adjourn, Swenson seconded, meeting adjourned at 10:21.

Respectively submitted by: Kim Swenson , UTLD Secretary