

Upper Turtle Lake District 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: Friday, September 23, 2022, 9:00 a.m., Almena Village Hall, 131 Soo Ave, Almena, WI

Commissioners: John Vono, Carol Timmerman, Mike McCauley, Jim Gores, Ken Scheps

Guest: Sharon Dunemann

Agenda:

Call to order and Roll Call: Unanimously approved the Agenda and Verified that Public Notice and notice to DNR and County occurred as required.

Secretary's Report: Timmerman (Approved meeting minutes from 07-08-2022 meeting.)

Treasurer's Report: Vono (Unanimously approved) will pay LEAPs in full prior to yearend.

August Beginning Balance (Ckg): \$14,256.10

Income: \$ 3,483.85

Expenses: \$ 2,789.79

Ending Balance (Ckg): \$14,950.16

2023 Division of Duties: Motion made and unanimously approved the following duties: Vono-Board Chair, Timmerman-Secretary, and McCauley-Treasurer.

Old Business:

2023 Aquatic Plant Management Plan Discussion

Vono: Responsible for LEAPs relationship, will be primary contact for Blumer. Will finalize with LEAPs the DNR permit, clarify bed mapping survey, finalizing APMP prior to December meeting, 2023 Surveys/Treatment.

McCauley: Responsible for Endangered Resources (Matt Berg) relationship. Will be primary contact for Matt Berg. 2023 will be pre and post treatment surveys. Will request information provided to the board in addition to Dave Blumer on work provided to the Lake District.

Waterway Evaluation: Scheps presented a map of culverts affecting the lake. Volunteers will be needed to check spring runoff (Timmerman and McCauley volunteered). Meeting with farmers has been tabled until the APMP is complete. Scheps is also working in conjunction with Almena Township, DNR, and Barron County to develop a presentation on effective land stewardship from a farming perspective. This presentation is projected to be completed by August 2023.

New Business:

CBCW: Kolton indicated he has been paid in full. The board agreed that Kolton did a good job for the Lake District, and would like to hire him back in 2023. Vono will follow up on this.

The Board unanimously approved CBCW for 2023. Sharon Dunemann and Kim Swenson to lead this effort, and they will apply for the 2023 CBCW grant.

2023 Calendar Events: Spring Thaw Social, Tree Giveaway, Boat Parade, and Poker Run: Discussion was had concerning moving the date of the Boat Parade to accommodate a request for a weekend function. The Board approved to keep the Boat Parade on July 4th at 1:00 p.m. There was also approval to move forward with the Spring Thaw Social, Tree Giveaway, and Poker Run. Timmerman to talk to Lisa Nelson on the Social and the Poker Run. McCauley to take ownership of the Tree Giveaway.

Line of Credit/Signature Cards: Vono indicated the Bank will have these available in October.

Annual Meeting Recap: The consensus was that the Annual Meeting was a success.

Calendar Items:

Next Commissioner Meeting: Friday, December 16th, 9:00 a.m., Almena Village Hall

2023 Annual Meeting: Saturday, August 19th, 10:00 a.m., Ritsche Pavilion (Note: Pavilion has been reserved) Vono to contact Blumer to see if he can attend.

Public Comment and Adjourn:

Boat Landing Issue: Gores to follow up and find out the status of the cement slabs. Gores to also make sure the boat landing dock stays in until at least October 24th.

Adjourned: 10:43 a.m.

Respectfully submitted: Carol Timmerman, Secretary