

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, July 8th, 2022, 9:00 a.m., Almena Village Hall, 131 Soo Ave, Almena, WI

Commissioners Present: John Vono, Carol Timmerman, Sherry Warrick, Ken Scheps

Guests: Dan Stoffel, Sharon Dunemann, Dave Blumer

Agenda:

Call to order and Roll Call: Warrick. Approved Agenda and Verified Public, DNR, and County Notice.

Secretary's Report: Unanimously approved meeting minutes from 04-20-2022 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Checking Account Balance as of June 30th was \$14,367.37

Old Business:

2022 Aquatic Plant Management Plan Discussion:

Blumer presented several lake maps indicating the CLP changes on the lake. Based upon the presentation, the following decisions were made:

Waterway Evaluation: Warrick to follow up with Alex Smith (DNR) to see if he will do this for us, and if so, is there a cost to complete. Based upon his response, we may need to inventory culverts close to the lake. Scheps to get a township map for this.

Based upon the spring survey, a motion was made and unanimously approved to treat the southwest lakeshore and bay in 2023 (see map), subject to point intercept survey results and permit approval. Timmerman to find out from Blumer the approximate cost.

Scheps suggested to have a meeting with all farming operations for watershed runoff once the waterway evaluation is complete.

Wakeboats: Wakeboat erosion was discussed. This issue has been tabled until 2023. Blumer indicated Sand Lake put in an ordinance to limit hours wakeboats could use the lake.

Timmerman will follow up to find out how this is working.

Welcome Kit: Dunemann presented a sample bag for new Lake District members. The goal of the bag is to build community and provide reference material for the lake. Warrick to provide a lower cost binder for the bags. Motion made and unanimously approved to move forward with this initiative. Timmerman to contact the county for new homeowner information. The bags will be ready for the annual meeting.

May 7th Social and Tree Giveaway: Both the social and tree giveaway were well received and well attended. The trees ran out in 45 minutes, will order 150 for next year.

CBCW: Total volunteer hours are between 55-60 for our 100 hour commitment. The decision was made to pay Kolton the extra \$200 now, and \$200 in August once he has completed his time requirement.

Boat Landing issue: Scheps to talk to Gores on the cement landing issue. It is unknown if the issue has been resolved.

New Business:

Water Sampling: The DNR returned the June water sample in error. Because of this, there will not be a June water sample for 2022.

Independence Day weekend Activities:

Poker Run: \$3,180 was collected, of which \$1200 was paid to the "Smokin' Loons", \$600 in payouts \$300 to Kelly Catrell, \$200 to Kate from the Hoffman/Grays group, and \$100 to Tanya Rausch. The remaining \$1355 will be designated as Social Fund income for the District. Thanks to Greg Wohlers for lining up the band, and to Lisa Nelson for coordinating the run. There were substantially more people in the Poker Run than previous years. It was suggested to use the boat landing for card dealing for next year. The Band was enjoyed, but will consider music that appeals to a broader group for 2023.

Boat Parade: The morning rain may have affected participation as most floats started late. As is every year, it was difficult to get the boats to follow the lead boat. Studnickas took the "Most Original" trophy, and McDonalds took the "Most Patriotic" trophy. Concern was raised about personal watercraft driving way too close and erratic during the parade. Will consider a reminder of personal watercraft rules for next year.

Annual Meeting Preparation: Timmerman to complete Annual Meeting Notice, secretary's report, and all required documents. Warrick to complete Welcome and 2023 Accomplishments, Vono to complete budget, treasurer's report, and Internal Audit Results.

Newsletter: Articles due to Timmerman the week of July 25th. Newsletters need to be in the mail by August 6th.

Calendar Items:

2022 Commissioner meeting: The next Commissioner meeting is set for July 20th, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. This meeting will be for Warrick, Timmerman, and Vono to finalize all Annual meeting planning. Warrick to set up.

2022 Annual Meeting: August 20, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Ritsche Pavilion reserved, Timmerman to get key.

Public Comment and Adjourn

Warrick indicated that she will not be running for re-election, but indicated she has great trust in the board.