**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 July 18, 2025

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

**Commissioners:** Carol Timmerman, Mike McCauley, Kim Swenson, Jim Gores, Ken Scheps

**Guests:** None

**Agenda**

**Call to Order and Roll Call:** Timmerman called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

**Secretary’s Report:** Swenson made a motion to approve the June 27, 2025 UTLD Commissioners Meeting minutes, posted to the website on June 29, 2025. Approved.

**Treasurer’s Report:** McCauley reported a total UTLD fund balance of $45, 019.97 as of 6/30/25. Checking Account balance of $14,365.39; AIS Rapid Response Savings of $1,012.10 and, UTLD Rapid Response Certificate of Deposit of $30, 654.58. Motion made to approve the report. Carried.

**Old Business:**

Boat Parade Review: We had a lot of boats this year. The Bianchis family won the trophy for “Most Original” with Barn in the USA” and for “Most Patriotic”. Pictures were posted on Facebook and the winners will be included in the August Newsletter.

July 5th Poker Run and Band review: All activities were cancelled because of rain on July 5th. After things were cancelled and the sun returned, some of the dock hosts were out handing out their wares at 7 pm. Many people joined in. The last minute event was posted on the Facebook page. A BIG Thank You to Mark and Cindy Wolff for your work in planning and carrying out this event!

Decontamination Station/Staffing Update: McCauley some use has been observed. We have not needed to replace any of the equipment.

Clean Boats, Clean Waters Update: Swenson reported that Julie Zellmer reported Volunteers hours of 51.75 hours for may and June. Paid hours completed are 42.25 through July 8th.

Welcome Bag Update: Two bags are yet to be delivered.

**New Business:**

Annual Meeting Agenda:

* Voting for two Board positions. Need two ballots for voting. One for a two-year term to complete John Vono’s position and another for a three-year term for Mike McCauley. Mike will be running again. We will campaign for people who may be interested before the Annual Meeting in August.
* Discuss the cost of the newsletter and possible email delivery or just posting on the website.
* Weed management
* Internal Audit report
* Proposed 2026 Treatment
* 2026 UTLD Proposed Budget

Annual Budget: McCauly will contact Cheryl Clemens about consulting costs for 2026 and Carol will make contacts for treatment costs. We should also consider the cost of harvesting if treatment isn’t possible. We can remove the Water Quality line item and include the permit fee to request treatment.

Newsletter Update: Needs to be sent by the end of July. Article responsibilities, McCauly- annual budget; Timmerman- Water Clarity, Board position openings; Swenson- Boat etiquette, 4th of July wrap up, CBCW update, Dates to Remember; Mark Koegel- Weed Management.

**Communication Received:**

Facebook Messenger: Dog barking on west side of lake.

Email: Received from a property owner about damage to a newly installed dock from waves.

Weed Management request to address on Facebook and Annual Meeting in August.

**Calendar Items:**

Commissioner Meetings: Friday, September 12, 2025 Almena Village Hall

2025 Annual Meeting: August 16, 2025 Spare Time Bowl in Turtle Lake at 11:00 AM

**Public Comment and Adjourn:** Meeting adjoined at 9:55 am.