



July 2015

Lower Turtle Lake Management Annual Meeting Notice

**Agenda for Annual Meeting:
Aug 8 2015, 8:00 a.m.
Almena Town Hall**

1. Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order
2. Reading and Approval of Last Annual Meeting (8/9/14) minutes
3. Treasurer's Report – review of previous year's budget and expenditures
4. Audit of District Financial Records (Marv, Ed, and Ken)
5. Budget Proposal for 2016
6. Determine if an Emergency Fund for the District is necessary, how that would work and what would be the parameters
7. Consider By-laws changes;
 - a. Amend Article I - ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT, Section 2-NONRESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS: Every person whose name appears on the District assessment role prepared for purposes of real property taxation, **including spouse or legal guardian if such individuals are not listed**, or who has provided proof of title to real property in the district, and who is a U.S. citizen 18 years of age or older, shall be an eligible elector of the District and may vote in accordance with Article II Section 2. Any corporation, partnership or association that owns real property in the District may appoint an official representative who shall be an eligible elector of the District.
 - b. Amend Article II - VOTING, Section 2 to read: "Section 2- NON-RESIDENT MULTIPLE OWNERS: When more than one person owns a parcel of real property, the joint tenants or tenants-in-common shall select no more than two of the co-owners, **or their spouses or guardians**, who shall represent them and shall each cast one vote. Such multiple owners must notify the Secretary of the Board of

Directors of this body as to who the two voters shall be. If a spouse of a joint tenant or tenant-in-common is chosen to represent them, that spouse shall be considered an elector for purposes of Article I above. A change in representative can be made by notification to the Secretary of the Board of Directors of this body."

(Italicized and bolded wording are the proposed changes)

8. Election of Board Members; Corry Walbridge and Jerry Dietzman terms expire.
9. Open Forum
10. Adjournment of Annual Meeting

Agenda for Regular Meeting to be held immediately following annual meeting:

1. Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order
2. Reading and approval of minutes from June 13, 2015 Regular Meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Old Business:
 - a. Grant progress update; West project, Grant Treasurer's report, including a handout.
 - b. East dock replacement; update from Lake Association and Mike Mullin
 - c. Shoreline restoration.
 - d. Wetland creation discussion; Corry to report on discussion with Tyler.
5. New Business:
 - a. Determine if we want to pursue a spillway, or dam, at the outlet of the lake. If yes, determine the process to do so.
 - b. Determine if we want to hire a consultant who can tell us what is causing algae blooms that we are experiencing.
6. Open Forum
7. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

Next meeting October 10, 2015



**August 9,2014 LTLMD
Annual Meeting Minutes**

Present: Jerry Dietzman, Gary Warner, Randy Rheingans, Frank Chiodi,, Mary Jo Bonner, Jim Gores. Absent: Corry Walbridge. 4 landowners present.

1. Jerry called the meeting to order at 8:00A.M.
2. Presentation by Dave Blumer:
 - a. Approximately 5200 acres in the watershed, No Till acres in 2010-121 acres, No Till acres in 2014- 630 acres.
 - b. Buffer Project in Progress
 - c. Shoreline Improvement Project – 12 Landowners from Lower Turtle Lake and 12 from Upper Turtle Lake are working on projects with direction by Amanda Koster and a 70% cost share.
 - d. Curly Leaf Pond Weed grant: Everything is on hold. There are two grants written. There has not been a change in the amount of Curly Leaf Pond Weed from 2008 to 2014.
 - e. There should be a comparison report on the whole land plant survey 2008 and 2014.
3. Secretary’s Report- The minutes from the 2013 Annual Meeting and the June 14, 2014 meeting were approved.

4. Treasures Report as follows:
Balance as of 8/01/2013 \$11,930.71

Receipts:	
Tax Assessment:	\$5966.42
CBCW	\$ 956.25
Total	\$6922.67

Disbursements:	
Operational Costs:	\$ 583.21
Advertising:	\$ 454.69
CBCW Payments:	\$2939.09
CBSW Signs:	\$ 516.15
Total:	\$4493.14
Balance as of 7/31/2014	\$14,360.24

Assets of 7/31/2014	
General Checking Account	\$14,360.24
Certificate of Deposit**	\$13,976.16
Transferred to Grant	\$30,000.00
Total Assests	\$58,336.40

Grant Account Balance \$28,686.93
**updated after annual meeting- matures 3/20/2015

5. Marv Karth, Ed Koran, and Ken Bonner audited the books in July. The books were approved by that committee and were now approved by the Board.

6. Budget Proposal for 2015 LTLMD
Fiscal 2015 Budget Proposal
August 1 2014 – July 31, 2015

Income:	
Tax Assessment:	\$6000.00
Expense:	
Operating Expenses	\$500.00
Advertising	\$500.00
Neighborhood watch	\$1,000.00
Emergency Fund	\$500.00
Clean Boats/Clean Water	\$1,200.00
Total Expenses:	\$3,700.00

Prepared by Gary Warner, Treasurer

7. Grant Update:
Grant is completed November 1, 2014. Reports will most likely be ready for the next meeting. Matt Burg has completed the new plant survey. This should be reported at the next meeting. Ken said that landowners participation has been very bad.
8. CBCW Monitoring Update
The program, directed by Sue Rheingans, has been very effective. We can submit a grant proposal every year for the continuation of the program. More information will be available at the next meeting.
9. New Business:
Randy requested that we receive more written reports about the grant and the condition of the lake.
10. Election of Board Members:
Gary Warner’s term expires. He offered to run again seeing that he has just replaced Pam Fall as treasurer.
11. Adjournment:
It was moved and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourn at 9:10 A. M.
Mary Jo Bonner, Secretary

**Lower Turtle Lake Management District
2016 Budget Proposal**

Income:	
Tax Assessment	6,000.00
Expense:	
Operating Expense	500.00
Advertising/Printing	500.00
Neighborhood Watch	1,000.00
Curly Leaf Pondweed Treatment	6,500.00
Shoreline Restoration	2,500.00
East Dock Contribution	1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$12,500.00

From the Chairman of the Board

Things You Might Like to Know

Here is an update regarding the activities of the Lower Turtle Lake Management District Board of Directors. Our first meeting of the year was held on May 9th at the Almena Town Hall. A number of ongoing projects were discussed, such as the State Grant that we have been administering for the past five years and shoreline/rain garden projects.

New to the discussion was the intent to attack weeds within the lake. Two ideas were explored, with one being approved and the other set aside for further discussion. The Board approved spraying some lake areas to kill the invasive species Curly Leaf Pondweed. The estimated cost was \$5,550 and the spraying was completed successfully. The second item is mechanical weed harvesting. It has not been determined if we need to pursue this further. We have been gathering information about harvesting. Both projects are intended to remove nutrients from the lake which contribute to algae blooms and to provide for navigation of the lake through weeded areas.

We also continue to be interested in creating wetland areas to reduce drainage from local farms. Along with that, we will continue to ask individual land owners to do their part by creating buffer zones to reduce drainage into the lake from their own properties.

Two people represented the District at a Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) Conference in Cumberland on June 20th. While we do not, thankfully, have EWM in Lower Turtle Lake, there is always a danger that it will be introduced to our lake. We need to be alert and prepared to deal with it should that occur. We also need to be extremely careful when bringing a boat into the lake that has been elsewhere. The boat and trailer need to be clean of all weeds.

At our June 13th meeting we discussed whether we should spend money to participate in replacing the dock at the East boat landing. We may do this in partnership with the Lake Association. We are continuing to gather information and get bids.

Since we are spending some of your tax money it is in your best interest to join us. The Annual Meeting is at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 8th at the Almena Town Hall. We will be electing two Board members so come and join us and consider volunteering your time for one of the Board seats. The terms of Corry Walbridge and Jerry Dietzman are expiring. Both are long time members of the Board and have expressed interest in continuing on the Board of Directors.

A third candidate has decided against running. It is always good to have at least one more candidate than the number of openings. So if you are interested in running for the Board please come to the meeting and express your interest. Write-in candidates are allowed.

We will be considering a new budget for 2016 and amendments to by-laws regarding who can vote at meetings. We will also consider whether to set aside an emergency fund in case we have to deal with something like Eurasian Milfoil. The proposed budget for 2016 includes money for spraying Curly Leaf Pondweed again and for replacing the East Boat Landing dock.

Feel free to contact me if you have questions, comments, and/or wish to volunteer. Thank you.
Jerry Dietzman, Chairman, Lower Turtle Lake Management District Board of Directors
Home phone: (715) 986-2582

A Note from the Secretary of the Board

Sandy Scheps has expressed interest in running for the LTLMD Board. Sandy and her husband Dale live and actively farm in the LTL Watershed and have had deep regard and interest in Lower Turtle Lake since 1989. Dale has just recently served on the Lake Protection Grant as a stakeholder board member and they participated in several activities that ran through the Grant, No-Till Farming and Visit the Farm Workshop. She would be an excellent candidate to the board. Sandy along with Corry Walbridge and Jerry Dietzman will be on the official ballot at the August 8th Annual Meeting. Write-In candidates will also be an option.

Can you believe, I am going to miss my very first Lake District meeting and it is a very important meeting. I am hoping that lots of people will come to this very important meeting and vote using common sense. Right now I believe that in the next few years there will be some great discoveries in the area of algae removal from the lake. Algae has a potential of becoming a biofuel after it has dried. I have heard programs on the radio talking about the uses of algae. I believe that if we wait and do some research, we will be able to make some very good decisions about the reduction of nutrients in our lake.

Please come to the annual meeting and make your voice heard.

Mary Jo Bonner, Secretary

Best Management and Educational Grant Project

Our five year grant project (now in its six year) is nearing its end. The Dean West farm-yard restoration project is expected to be completed soon. The Almena Township funded shoreline restoration projects are now completed. Finishing touches are being made on the Pamphlet highlighting those projects and when completed will be printed and distributed to Almena Township Board and all those in the both Upper and Lower Turtle Lake watershed districts. This is a finely done piece and worth your review. These projects are a great start to the effort being made to lessen the resident nutrient runoff that occurs on both the lakes. As residents, much more is still to be done on our part and perhaps this resource will help stimulate ideas for pursuing your own shoreline restoration projects.

The nuisance weed addendum to Aquatic Plant Management Plan and the Grant final report are scheduled to be done by the end of August. The plan is to have copies of these documents available for review by request at the October District meeting and available for review at the Almena web site. Final reimbursement requests to the DNR will be submitted early this fall. The Grant is scheduled to expire December 31, 2015.

Respectively submitted,
Corry J. Walbridge, LTLMD Board member and Grant Treasurer

Crime Watch signs are still available for those who have not received one yet or for anyone who wishes to have an additional one. Please call 715.357.6089.

Newsletter Information

Sue Rheingans and Mary Jo Bonner are co-editors. All are welcome to submit articles by sending articles by mail or e-mail to Mary Jo Bonner at mjkbonner@chibardun.net or 1208 4 1/4th Street, Almena, WI 54805.

Or Sue Rheingans at dsrheingans@gmail.com or 1272 3 3/8 Street, Turtle Lake, WI 54889. Issues will be sent out in July each year preceding the Annual Meeting held on the Second Saturday in August..

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