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July 2014

Lower Turtle Lake Management Annual Meeting Notice

**Agenda for annual meeting:
Aug 9, 2014, 8:00 a.m.
Almena Town Hall**

1. Declaration of Quorum and Call to Order
2. Presentation by Dave Blumer
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Reading and Approval of Last Annual Meeting minutes and minutes from June 14, 2014 Meeting
5. Old Business:
 - a. Audit of Treasury Report
 - b. Budget Proposal for 2015
 - c. Grant progress update
 - d. Clean Boat Clean Water Monitoring Update
6. Business and Open Forum
7. Election of Board Members
 - a. Gary Warner term expires
8. Adjournment

Next Meeting October 11, 2014

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From the Chairman of the Board

You have an opportunity to participate in the local governing of your lake management district. Lower Turtle Lake Management District (LTLMD) is a taxing authority and is spending your tax dollars. We value the input of all of the district's members. We encourage you to consider running for election to the LTLMD Board of Directors.

This year there will be an election held at the Annual Meeting of the Lower Turtle Lake Management District which will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2014 at the Almena Town Hall in Almena, Wisconsin. Gary Warner is a current Board member and he is running for re-election. The Board of Directors values Gary's service and thanks him for running for re-election. At the June meeting, LTLMD Board member Gary Warner was installed as the Treasurer for the Board. Thank you, Gary, for volunteering for such an important position. At the same time our organization's by-laws stresses that elections should have at least two candidates running for a spot on the Board. It is healthy to have more than one person running in an election.

If you are interested, please contact me prior to the August Board meeting so ballots can be prepared. I can be reached at my home phone number, 715-986-2582. Thank you for your interest and participation.

Jerry Dietzman
Chairman, Lower Turtle Lake Management District Board of Directors

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June 14, 2014 LTLMD Meeting Minutes

Present: Jerry Dietzman, Gary Warner, Randy Rheingans, Pam Fall, Corry Walbridge, Mary Jo Bonner, Jim Gores, Absent: Frank Chiodi. 7 landowners present. Jerry called the meeting to order at 8:00A.M.

Pam gave the treasurer's report Ken and Marv will audit the books.

General Checking Balance as of 6-14-14 \$16,658.93

Grant Checking Balance as of 6-14-14 \$29,868.27

Certificate of Deposit Balance as of 6-14-14 \$13,976.16 Maturity-3-20-15

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Corry and 2nd by Gary and approved as reported.

Mary Jo read the minutes from 4/12/2014 and they were approved as read.

The board recommended Gary Warner as the new treasurer and Pam was given words of thanks and a gift for her loyalty and hard work as treasurer for the last 10 years. Pam did not run for re-election to the Barron County board and Jim Gores will replace her as a member to the Lower Turtle Lake District Board.

Old Business:

The contract with SEH was terminated and a new contract with Dave Blumer was signed. Jerry will get the water information for 2013 to Dave Blumer. The buffer project to farmers pays \$50.00 an acre and must be deeded in for 10 years. The West project cost was revised to \$2,500. Randy said that we need a written report on these projects. The side by side project was reported as no significant difference in yield but the cost was a significant difference. This project is a three year project. Sue Rheingans reported that the Clean Water-Clean Boats project was going well. She gave the members a handout detailing the hours working and the money spent. Sue is in contact with the DNR about reimbursement. The project runs for April 1st to Dec. She can

write a grant each year to the DNR and will be able to do it on-line in the future. She makes a schedule for 4 weeks at a time.

The next discussion centered around a bonus for the Clean Water-Clean boats staff. Sue made a motion that "If the staff does their jobs, arrive on time, do their written work, and complete their job through Labor day", they will receive a \$2.00 bonus for each hour worked.

The news letter was discussed. It will include minutes from last years annual meeting. Corry will write about the grant progress. Jerry will write about the new board and Sue will write about the Clean Water-Clean Boats project. The deadline will be the end of June.

Someone will ask Mark from Upper Turtle to send the board members minutes from the Grant board meeting. The next meeting will be the third Thursday in July.

New Business:

Matt Berg was seen doing the Aquatic Plant study on the lake. Randy asked that written reports be given to board members. It was suggested that Dave Blumer come to the annual meeting to give reports on water testing and aquatic plant studies done on the lake.

Ken suggested that we should limit the board to 7 members at the annual meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10

Respectfully submitted

Mary Jo Bonner, Secretary

Change in Board Membership

The Lower Turtle Lake Management District (LTLMD) Board of Directors looks different than it has in many years. Pam Fall has left the Board after many years as its Treasurer. Pam has been a Barron County Supervisor for many years and was appointed by the Board to sit as a member of our Board. She has served as our Board Treasurer for over 15 years and has done a fantastic job. Pam was honored at the June meeting of the LTLMD Board with a gift certificate and the

enthusiastic appreciation of Board members and those in attendance at the meeting . We will all miss Pam's expertise and her sparkling personality. At the June meeting, new County Supervisor Jim Gores was welcomed to the LTLMD Board of Directors. Jim is also Clinton Township Board Chair. Jim lives near Lower Turtle Lake and knows the area and people very well. He will be a valuable addition to our Board. As you happen to run into Pam, please thank her for her service to our Board. Feel free to welcome Jim and share your opinions with him and other LTLMD Board members.

If you wish to contact me with comments or concerns my home phone number is 715-986-2582.

Jerry Dietzman

Lower Turtle Lake Management District
Board Chair

Best Management Plan and Lake Restoration Grant

We are in the final year of our five-year Grant. Officially it ends at the beginning of October, 2014 with reports on all the activities planned to be completed by the end of the year. At this time we have a surplus of funds in our budget. If not spent we have the choice to apply for an extension with the DNR to extend our Grant duration. The Grant Board is actively pursuing spending these funds on long-term buffer zone contracts with the farming community.

A workshop was held on Saturday May 14 at the Almena Town Hall. All who had previous walk-arounds sponsored by the Grant were invited. A short presentation was given by Dave Blumer (Grant consultant) and Amanda Kostner—The Green Frog Co. (lakeshore restoration consultant). Afterwards, all attendees were invited to join in a one-on-one discussion to discuss their individual lakeshore restoration project and the costs to perform them. Dave and Amanda assisted them in writing up the details of

their project and a formal expense request. Approximately 20 property owners made tentative commitments to performing lakeshore restoration projects. The funding for these projects will be cost-shared by the Grant—70% by the Grant organization with the land-owner picking up the remaining 30% of the cost. These projects will be funded by the money (\$4,000) graciously donated by the Almena Township Board over the past two years. Because these funds were donated, any project funded by them are excluded from DNR restrictions including the deed restriction. At this time these funds are all spoken for but please do not be deterred, if you have a project you are interested in doing please contact Sue Rheingans—dsrheingans@gmail.com, Ken Bonner—mjkbonner@chibardun.net, or myself (Corry Walbridge)

corry@cngraphics.net or come to the next Grant Board meeting on July 17 at 4pm at the Almena Town Hall. Additional funds may be available. Funds for walk-arounds are available. Funds for larger projects are available once DNR criteria have been met.

The side-by-side comparison and no-till projects again continue this year. A Dean West farm project is also in final planning stages. It includes restoration of land which drains directly into our watershed. Again, long-term buffer zone planting is being pursued with the farming community along with landowner lakeshore restoration projects. Several other educational activities are also in the planning stages. Details will be forthcoming. All Grant Board meetings are open to the public and your presence is most certainly welcome. Have a great summer and I look forward to seeing all of you around the lake.

Respectively submitted by:

Corry J. Walbridge

District Board Member and Grant Board
Member and Treasurer

Thanks

Thanks to all the people who have volunteered their time and talents to make the Lake healthier.
Thanks to those who have left a 10 foot to 35 foot barrier between the lake and their grass.
Thanks to those who have moved their fire pits to a place that will not drain into the lake.
Thanks to those who have aimed their fireworks so they won't fall into the lake.
Thanks to those who have removed weeds from their boats before and after putting them in the lake.
Thanks to those who have developed rain gardens'
Thanks to those who have attended educational meetings about the lake.
Thanks to those who have attended Lower District Lake Meetings.
Thanks to those who have quit using fertilizers on their grass.
Thanks to those who have been concerned about Lake Shore Restoration.
Lower Turtle Lake is thankful for all you are doing.

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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