

LAKE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The following agenda topics were discussed:

1. **Call to order:** The Lake Committee met on May, 10th, 2018. Lamont Kiefer called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm, in the Public Works conference room. Roll call was taken and members present included: Kim Mello, Bruce Baker, John Rusch, Hal Burnham, Blaine Meyer and Lamont Kiefer. Quorum present. Steve Ewers was not able to attend. Also present: Kirk Arity, Dir. Public Works.
2. **Approve the minutes:** A motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion made by John Rusch to approve minutes, seconded by Kim Mello. Motion passed unanimously.
3. **Recognize re-appointments:** The Committee would like to welcome back Hal Burnham and John Rusch and thank them for their dedication to the committee.
4. **Elect officers (Chair & Secretary):** John Rusch nominated Lamont Kiefer to be the Committee Chair. No objections. Motion by John Rusch, seconded by Hal Burnham, to elect Lamont Kiefer as Committee Chair. All ayes. Motion passed unanimously. Lamont Kiefer nominated Steve Ewers to be the Committee Secretary. No objections. Motion by Lamont Kiefer, seconded by Hal Burnham, to elect Steve Ewers as the Committee Secretary. All eyes. Motion passed unanimously.
5. **Adaptive Management update:** Reaching out to farm owners, near the Linehan Farm, to see if there would be any interest in the adaptive management program. The City of Mauston Forrester contacted the City of Tomah wondering if the cities could work together on adaptive management program. More information to come.
6. **Discuss Lake Walter:** Pat and Dave Rice present to speak to the committee about Lake Walter. This lake is located on the north side of town. They would like to see some pan fish added to the lake. The committee would have to look at the by-laws, to see if funds can be used for other lakes, other than Lake Tomah. Will look at ordinance and have more information.
7. **Aeration of Lake Tomah:** Directory Arity believes that aerating Lake Tomah would be beneficial. Still doing research, but has found a lot of positive feedback from communities that currently aerate their lakes. John Rusch volunteered to do more research for the next meeting.
8. **Warden Update:** The fishing was good below the dam, but after the major rain event, it has slowed down. Expecting fishing to pick up in the next couple weeks. There was no catastrophic fish kill this winter, the fish are still alive. Many people fishing have had success.

9. **Website storm water education:** Would like to put more information on the City of Tomah's webpage about storm water information.
10. **Kids Don't Float:** Life jacket loaner program funded by the DNR. Due to the high volume of applicants, it is very hard to get accepted. The committee has applied for the Andres Fund requesting money to purchase life jackets. If granted the money, there will be one life jacket station to start with.
11. **Installation of piers:** One pier has been refurbished and is ready to be put in the water. The Public Works department will be performing maintenance on the south boat ramp next week.
12. **Hazardous lake tree:** Northeast side of the lake there is a hazardous tree close to shore/docks. The Ft. McCoy dive team will be coming to help move the tree and pin it to shore.
13. **Set 3rd Thursday odd month meeting date:** Motion by Blaine Meyer, seconded by John Rusch, to regularly hold meetings on the 3rd Thursday of an odd month, in the Public Works Conference room, at 5:00 p.m. All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.
14. **Update on fee structure for boat assistance on Lake Tomah:** Motion by Lamont Kiefer, seconded by Blaine Meyer, to resend previous motion to pay \$60, per time, assisting someone, on Lake Tomah. All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.
15. **Chairman's update:** Fyke netting was a success. Biologist, Kurt Olsen, says the lake is looking good and the fish population is healthy. NASA is looking for boat captains to volunteer to drive the pontoon boat. If anyone is interested, they are encouraged to call Dave Stutzman at (608) 343-7234. The committee would like to thank the Tomah Warrens Sportsman Alliance for their donation of \$250.
16. **Comments from the committee members regarding agenda items for next meeting:** For the next meeting it was requested to discuss: the opening of the Tainter gate, no parking sign placement in Winnebago Park, placing new limit signs around the lake and fish cribs.
17. **Adjourn:** Motion by Blaine Meyer, seconded by Hal Burnham, to adjourn at 6:28 p.m. All ayes. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by:

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