

**ALMA-MOON LAKE PROTECTION REHABILITATION DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 29, 2022**

St. Germain Community Center, St. Germain, WI
www.almamoonlake.org

Present:

Tony Waisbrot Chairman
Dave Zielinski, Treasurer
Marilyn Workinger, Secretary
Len Larsen, Commissioner
Sue Zauner, Commissioner
Ronald Kressin, Vilas County Representative

Absent:

Tom Christensen, Town of St. Germain Representative

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Waisbrot called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

II. Open Meeting Verification:

Chairman Waisbrot indicated that the meeting was in compliance with open meeting requirements.

III. Roll Call, Confirm Quorum:

The roll call was taken and the quorum was confirmed.

IV. Approve Minutes of Commissioner Meeting on August 20, 2022:

A motion to accept the minutes of the August 20, 2022 meeting as printed was made by Ron Kressin and seconded by Dave Zielinski. The motion carried.

V. Treasurer's Report:

Dave Zielinski reviewed the treasurer's report, which accompanies these minutes. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Len Larson and seconded by Ron Kressin. The motion carried.

VI. Committee Reports:

A. Fish Socking and Habitat/Alma and Moon Lake:

Tony reported that residents are being encouraged to leave dead wood/fallen trees in the water along the shoreline as it creates shelter for the fish. Eric Wegleitner, is a Fisheries Biologist for the DNR in charge of stocking fish in area lakes. Tony has contacted him and learned that we will not have stocking of musky this fall because not enough musky fry have been produced. He was also told that Alma and Moon lakes ranked near the bottom on a ranking system

implemented by the DNR to determine which lakes are stocked. The last time musky fry were stocked in our lakes was fall of 2018. Crib brushing was accomplished in late September. Thanks to Clyde Owens, Mark Wegge, Ken Beier, Carl (Skip) Armstrong, and Russ Heitz who helped find and load brush on the Aquatic Plant Management barge and to Tony Waisbrot who was lead boat in finding the cribs.

B. Water Quality/Level:

Alma and Moon lakes are seepage lakes. When the Wisconsin River is drawn down, seepage lakes see water levels go down. According to the gauge that was installed by the Discovery Center in July, the water level is down by 8.5 inches since the installation. Len Larsen reported that Moon Lake is down 18.5 inches from the high water mark in June of 2020. Tony will be checking with the Discovery Center to see if they will be removing the gauge for winter. The water quality of our lakes is excellent according to the most recent Onterra study. There was no algae bloom this summer. Commissioners Waisbrot and Zauner have been working since February to complete the application for the Surface Water Planning Grant through the DNR that is due November 15, 2022.

C. Web Site Report:

The commissioners thanked Sue Zauner for her work on the website.

D. Town of St. Germain/Vilas County Representative Report:

Ron Kressin is a member of the Vilas County Board and is a member of the Land and Water Committee. They are working to get grant funds for lake monitoring and shoreline improvement. Kathy Higley and Quita Sheehan are the contact people at the County level. Ron also reported that the Lower Eagle River Chain of Lakes Commission has a Clean Boats/Clean Waters initiative and some lake districts and associations are now hiring people to do boat monitoring at boat landings. No representative from the Town of St. Germain was present. Tony Waisbrot reported that there is no DNR Warden assigned to our area. Audrey Voight, DNR Warden will be our contact person. If there is a need for assistance from a Warden, call 1-800-TIP-WDNR and leave a message. If the issue has to do with boating and game laws, provide as much information as you can, e.g. boat description.

E. Newsletter:

Sue Zauner reported that the next issue of the newsletter will be distributed in the spring.

F. Social Committee: Marilyn Workinger reported for Social Committee Chair, Terri Beier that fourteen lake residents attended the social event at the Red, White and Brew on August 13. Roast chicken dinner was served and the restaurant owners provided h'ordeuvres and a drink ticket to each attendee. The event was well received by those who attended. Tony Waisbrot attended the event and reports that the 2023 social will be held at the Red, White and Brew on July 22nd.

Method of registration and payment for the social was discussed. He also indicated that he has met the new owners of 3C's Café and they would agree to have our group begin the 2nd Saturday Breakfast Group, which would meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9 AM. Tony will send an email to lake property owners to announce that breakfasts will begin on November 9. He will also contact Terri Beier, Social Committee Chair, to discuss the dates that have been set.

G. Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee Report:

The Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee is composed of two representatives from each of the five lakes in Vilas County. The committee implements community awareness programs about lake water quality improvement and assists individual lake organizations with management of various needs. Tony Waisbrot and Dave Zielinski are representatives from Alma-Moon Lakes and Len Larsen is the alternate. The meetings are open to the public and minutes of these meetings are available on the Town of St. Germain website.

VII. New Business:

A. Shoreline Assessment Program Update:

Len Larsen reported that he will be scheduling meetings with Vilas County Zoning, WDNR, and the County Land and Water Committee to review our Shoreland Improvement Program initiative. The purpose of these meetings will be to establish an ongoing working relationship for monitoring and improving best practices regarding lakeside property improvements. Len also discussed the issue of "Right-To-Rent" guidelines that have become a major topic of concern throughout Vilas and Oneida Counties and across the State of WI with regard to the impact on property overcapacity, rental frequency, and overall impact on our lake resources. He will explore the idea of developing such guidelines for the Alma-Moon Lake District.

B. Program for Annual Meeting on August 26, 2023:

The annual meeting will be held on August 29, 2023 at Moon Beach Camp. Suggestions for program speakers included: Mike Meyer to give an interim report on the lakes project and/or a representative from the Discovery Center to speak on a wildlife topic, such as woodpeckers and loons native to our area.

C. Set Future Commissioner Meeting Dates:

The next Commissioner meeting will be held on May 13, 2023 at 9AM at the St. Germain Community Center.

VIII. Comments from Lake District Residents:

There were no comments.

IX. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Workinger, Secretary
October 29, 2022