

**ALMA-MOON LAKE PROTECTION REHABILITATION DISTRICT
COMMISSIONER MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 15, 2024**

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

Present:

Len Larsen, Chairman pro tem
Tony Waisbrot, Chairman
Dave Zielinski, Treasurer
Marilyn Workinger, Secretary
Sue Zauner, Commissioner
Ronald Kressin, Vilas County Representative
Tom Christensen, Town of St. Germain Representative

I. Call to Order:

Chairman pro tem Larsen called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

II. Open Meeting Verification:

Chairman pro tem Larsen 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:

Approval of the minutes of the commissioner meeting held on Thursday, October 12, 2023 was deferred to the next commissioner meeting.

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 Tony Waisbrot and seconded by Ron Kressin. The motion carried.

VI. Committee Reports:

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

Tony Waisbrot reported that musky fingerlings will be stocked in our lakes in the fall of 2024.

B. Water Quality/Level:

Len Larsen reported that the water levels in Alma and Moon lakes are down an estimated 21.5 inches since the high water mark of June, 2019.

C. Web Site Report:

Sue Zauner reported that the GO DADDY account has been renewed. She is working on updating 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 have been awarded grant funds for lake monitoring and shoreline improvement. There is concern that because of the mild winter, milfoil and other invasive species will grow more than usual. The Tourist Rooming House Ordinance passed unanimously on November 23, 2023. Tom Christensen was present and had no information to report for the Town of St. Germain.

E. Social Committee:

Marilyn Workinger reported for Social Committee Chair, Terri Beier that 23 lake residents attended the social event at the Red, White and Brew on July 22, 2023. The 2024 social will be held at Cira's Red, White and Brew on July 27, 2024. The Annual Meeting was held at Moon Beach Camp on August 26, 2023. Twelve residents attended the luncheon. Speakers were Kevin and Linda Grenzer who spoke about their Loon Rescue project. The AM (Alma-Moon) Breakfast Club has not been meeting regularly. There is interest in resuming this activity. The social committee will contact 3 C's restaurant to see if they would be interested in having the group meet there on the second Saturday of each month at 9AM. Lake residents will be notified of the resumption of the program by email.

F. Loon Ranger and Eagle Reports:

Marilyn Workinger reported for Terrie Beier that the Grenzlers Loon Rescue made three unsuccessful attempts to capture a loon on Alma Lake that was tangled in fishing line and a bobber. The loon was observed to be able to fly and did leave the lake in fall. Loons again nested in Engel Lake last summer. After abandoning their first nest on the nesting platform because of black flies, they were able to successfully hatch two chicks on the old nesting platform. They all survived the summer and left the lake in the fall. One eaglet was observed in the eagle's nest on Moon Lake.

VII. Unfinished Business:

A. Alma-Moon Shoreland Restoration NOVA Study:

Len Larsen reported on the findings of the Shoreland Assessments and Critical Habitat Mapping of Alma and Moon Lakes by Mike Meyer and Jim Kreitlow of NOVA Ecological Services. The following is a summary of that report:

1) A public format of the report will be posted on the Alma-Moon website and a report summary of program outcomes and action items will be mailed to property owners and/or included in the Alma-Moon newsletter. A motion was made by Tony Waisbrot to have twelve copies of the complete report printed and bound. Dave Zielinski seconded the motion. The motion carried. One copy will be distributed to each Commissioner with the remaining copies available for use by property owners working on various projects.

2) Property owners will be encouraged to work with Quita Sheehan and Cathy Higley, Lake Conservation Specialists, with the Vilas County Land and Water Department to identify and utilize information and resources available to property owners to preserve and enhance their properties utilizing information from the study.

3) The study identified excellent fisheries in our lakes. Engel Lake is a key to maintaining that fishery. The Commissioners will explore and consider participation in the Fish Sticks Program to enhance fish habitat on our lakes. This program could provide financial resources to our Lake District for implementation of the program.

4) One recommendation of the study was to protect the rich and varied vegetation in the bay on the southeast end of Moon Lake just to the north of the channel. Len Larsen has drafted a letter to the Town of St. Germain requesting that this area be designated a NO WAKE ZONE. The area will be marked with two additional buoys. A motion was made by Ron Kressin and seconded by Tony Waisbrot to pursue this designation through the St. Germain Town Board. Motion carried.

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

Len Larsen suggested a date of Saturday, August 24, 2024 at 10 AM for the Annual Meeting. The proposed place is the St. Germain Community Center, Room 6. Mike Meyer will be invited to speak on the results of the Shoreland Assessments and Critical Habitat Mapping of Alma and Moon Lakes project. Len Larsen moved that the plan for the Annual Meeting be accepted. Tom Christensen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

C. Set Future Commissioner Meeting Dates:

The next Commissioner meeting will be held on Thursday, June 20, 2023 at at 5:30 PM at the St. Germain Community Center in Room 6.

VIII. Comments from Lake District Residents:

One lake resident has expressed interest in attending the WI Lakes Convention in Stevens Point on April 10, 11 and 12. Information will be provided.

IX. Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted,
Marilyn Workinger, Secretary
February 15, 2024