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New Lake Goals for 2020
Does your lake have a goal to stay high quality? The State of Minnesota has updated the pollution reduction goals for 2863 lakes based on recent water quality samples. If local citizens complete enough projects, their lake should be able to maintain it's best water quality.

Using data from volunteer collected water samples the MN DNR was able to model the annual nutrient load to those 2863 lakes, determine which lakes had the highest sensitivity to additional pollution, and identify a nutrient reduction goal that should maintain the lake at it's best water quality. In Otter Tail County pollution reduction goals range from around 50 pounds for Little McDonald Lake a moderate sized headwaters lake to over 8000 pounds for Otter Tail Lake a large lake fed by two rivers. For easy comparison one raingarden can reduce pollution by about one pound.

Using these pollution reduction

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OTTER TAIL COUNTY TO HOST 2020 MINNESOTA GOVERNOR'S FISHING OPENER

ST. PAUL, Minn. (May 11, 2019)

— Next year's Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener will be held May 7-10 in Otter Tail County, with Thumper Pond Resort serving as event headquarters.

Explore Minnesota, the state's tourism promotion office, organizes this event each year in coordination with a host community. The 73rd annual Governor's Fishing Opener will be hosted by a committee of volunteers from Otter Tail County.

"Otter Tail County offers terrific fishing," said Governor Tim Walz. "Thank you to all the community leaders for hosting this Minnesota tradition. I'm excited to kick off the summer fishing season in central Minnesota and I can't wait to get out on the lake."

Located in west-central Minnesota, Otter Tail is one of the largest counties in the state at more than

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Greetings from MAISRC!

Dear friends,

It was another exciting and productive year at the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center! I continue to be inspired by our researchers – from the first semester students to the tenured professors – all working toward a common goal of finding research-based solutions to Minnesota's AIS problems. As I look back on 2019, it is amazing what has been accomplished.

Six research projects concluded this year, each advancing our scientific understanding and providing new tools and options for managers, professionals, and the public. These projects included work on invasive bighead carp, non-native Phragmites, and zebra mussels – highlights are included in the following pages. The approaches to each project were as varied as the species, but all remained focused on solutions-oriented research and end

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AIS Decon Station

Hunter Eldien, Otter Tail County Level 2 Watercraft Inspector, cleans up after conducting a watercraft decontamination at the Otter Tail Lake Sportsman's Public Water Access, Summer 2019. The decontamination station was staffed 7 days a week from May 24 to September 6, 2019. 158 decontaminations were completed.

President's Corner



Scott Simdorn
OTLPOA
President

By the time you receive this years first edition of the Lakeshore news many of us will be thinking of spring. Mother nature has been a little less challenging this winter with January low temperatures being above average. Unfortunately for those of us who like to ice fish, the snow conditions have made it difficult for moving around on our lakes.

Once again, it's that time of year again. Yes, our membership drive has begun. This Lakeshore News and membership renewal go out to approximately 1700 property owners. We reached a record number of members last year with over 1100, and would like to see all property owners as members. If you aren't currently a member, please consider joining your lakes association. If you currently are a member, challenge yourself to finding one new member per year. New neighbors/property owners are a great place to start. The first letters for membership renewal have been sent out. You may also renew your membership and make a donation to the foundation on our website, otlpoa.com. We encourage everyone to sign up on our website and take a look around it if you haven't previously. We have posted new information on lake water testing results for our

lakes and many other Minnesota lakes. Thanks again to everyone who has made contributions to the foundation! Remember, these donations help us with larger projects such as AIS. However you decide to renew, please make sure your email address is correct and your current lake property address is correct.

As in the past years, our number one concern is AIS. By this time most everyone is aware of the increased number of lakes infected with zebra mussels and now starry stonewort. Please keep in mind these are only a couple types of AIS. There are many more which have not been found in our lakes group but are present in other lakes in our area. Starry stonewort is one of the most destructive invasive species we have seen. Your directors have toured some of the lakes infected with this species. It's difficult to image how much damage this can do to your lake without seeing it. We continue to work with the AIS task force, Minnesota COLA, DNR, Minnesota Lakes and Rivers, Ottertail County, Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center, (MAISRC), and the state government to aid us in stopping the spread of this and other AIS. These groups are all working on new methods to help protect our lakes. Some of these items will be featured in this newsletter with others to follow. There are also articles on our website. Please see the AIS task force information article also in this newsletter.

Directories will be delivered this summer. Please make sure your summer address is correct when renewing your membership. This makes sure it's correct in the directory and makes it much easier

for those of us delivering your directory. Remember, we hand deliver these to your lake property.

The association has been working diligently on the Rearing pond project. The committee has been working with private lake property owners, businesses, and other clubs to secure the money to purchase this property. They have done an excellent job and are close to raising the total dollars required to do so. We ask your help in supporting this project. Hopefully with your help, the project will be completed this spring with a grand opening of the property this summer. If you have any questions, please see our website or contact one of your board members. This is a great project and part of our mission. It will secure a property for all future generations to enjoy. A great thanks to all who have stepped up and supported this project and all those who have put many hours of their time into it.

We look forward to seeing everyone out enjoying our lakes this summer. The foundation will be sponsoring swimming lessons again this summer. Our annual meeting is tentatively set for June 27th at Zion Lutheran of Amor. Please mark this on your calendar. We invite you to send us your favorite pictures of our lakes for publication in the newsletter. You may forward them to any of the directors. Please remember these are your lakes to enjoy! It is everyone's responsibility to care for and respect our lakes. With everyone's help our lakes will be enjoyed by many generations down the road.

Have a great summer!
Scott Simdorn,
OTLPOA President

goals community members can develop a Clean Water Roadmap for their lake. These roadmaps identify which projects are suitable for your watershed, how many projects it would take to achieve your goal, where projects would be most effective, what those projects might cost, and who could fund them. See the pollution reduction goals and sensitivity ranking for all 2863 lakes online at: https://mnnaturalresourceatlas.org/gis-tool/?id=lakes_of_phosphorus_sensitivity For assistance accessing your lake's information or developing a Clean Water Roadmap contact Steve Henry Freshwater Sciences Project Manager RMB Environmental Laboratories steve.henry@rmbel.info 320-491-9647 Cell 218-846-1465 Main Office

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“Otter Tail County is a classic lakeside Minnesota getaway,” said John Edman, director/CEO of Explore Minnesota. “Our organization is incredibly excited to work with these friendly, energetic communities on one of our biggest cooperative promotional events of the year.”

Otter Tail County lakes are as diverse as the fish that live in them, including walleye, yellow perch, northern pike and sturgeon. Visitors can fish, swim, paddle and boat on this 14,000-acre body of water. Nearby Glendalough State Park and Trail, Maplewood State Park and Inspiration Peak, the highest point in the county, offer additional recreation.

“Otter Tail County is honored to be hosting the 2020 Minnesota Governor’s Fishing Opener,” says Nick Leonard, external relations director with Otter Tail County. “We are excited to celebrate the extensive angling opportunities in the county. Our goal is to carry on the rich tradition of the Governor’s Fishing Opener, while making the 73rd annual event one to remember.”

The Governor’s Fishing Opener has been a tradition in Minnesota since 1948. The event was designed to promote the development of Minnesota’s recreation industry, and in recent years, it has served as an iconic kick-off celebration for the summer tourism season. Travel and tourism generate \$15.3 billion in leisure and hospitality gross sales in Minnesota annually.

The Minnesota Governor’s Fishing Opener provides the host community with an opportunity to highlight local fishing and other travel activities, attractions and points of interest. Media from throughout the

Midwest region attend the event, resulting in significant publicity for the host community and Minnesota as a whole.

The Minnesota Governor’s Fishing Opener is organized by Explore Minnesota with a volunteer host committee, and supported by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the many sponsors that make the event possible. More information about the Minnesota Governor’s Fishing Opener is available at mngovernorsopener.com.

About Explore Minnesota
As the state’s tourism promotion office, Explore Minnesota pursues an entrepreneurial approach, leveraging the state’s tourism investment with increased involvement by the private sector. Tourism is a \$15.3 billion industry in Minnesota, and a key sector of the state’s economy. The leisure and hospitality industry—a major provider of tourism services—employs more than 270,000 workers, representing 11 percent of Minnesota’s private sector employment. Leisure and hospitality also generates 18 percent of the state’s sales tax revenues. Minnesota welcomes more than 73 million domestic and international travelers annually. A video highlighting Minnesota’s tourism and economic impact can be viewed here.

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| Amor | Otter Tail | SEAS/REC IMPROVED | VERLA KOLBE REVOCABLE | INVESTMENTS FROM EARTH, LLC | \$116,000 |
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| Amor | Otter Tail | RESIDENTIAL < 4 UNITS | HERBRANDSON,KAY A | TERNUS,JESSE M & TONI L | \$175,000 |
| Amor | Otter Tail | RESIDENTIAL < 4 UNITS | HERBRANDSON,KAY | SCHMIT,DEAN & JOLEEN | \$564,100 |
| Amor | Otter Tail | RESIDENTIAL < 4 UNITS | UNDERSORE H PROPERTIES | MARQUART,STEVE A. & MARY E. | \$165,000 |
| Everts | Otter Tail | SEAS/REC IMPROVED | FERKINHOFF,DEAN J | CALLINAN,SEAN M | \$593,815 |
| Everts | Otter Tail | SEAS/REC IMPROVED | MCLAEN,STEVEN D | MCLAEN,AUSTIN D & MATTHEW S | \$325,000 |
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| Otter Tail | Otter Tail | SEAS/REC IMPROVED | TORBERT,JANET G | THIMJON,TROY & DARLA | \$224,200 |
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user engagement. Congratulations to the project teams for getting their work over the finish line and beyond!

As old projects sunsetted, new projects began – MAISRC launched ten new projects in 2019, seven building off ongoing projects and three new lines of research informed by our comprehensive research needs assessment. It is exciting to track the progress of our work: first, from needs identified by stakeholders, then to proposals, then to active projects, and, ultimately, to applied outcomes. I am confident that this next group of projects will push the science even further and provide critical insights into the prevention, management, and control of Minnesota's most problematic AIS.

On behalf of all MAISRC researchers, I say "thank you!" to the many individuals and organizations that have supported our work over the last year. We are grateful to the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and the Minnesota Legislature for provid-

ing funding for our research. We also thank lake associations and individual donors for their generosity and commitment to finding research-driven solutions to AIS.

We are also thankful for the countless in-kind contributions of time, advocacy, advice, and words of encouragement. We truly appreciate it and could not do it without you!

Lastly, as we look forward to 2020, I would encourage all of us to find opportunities to work together toward our common goal. We are making progress. We are all getting smarter, partnerships are getting stronger, and public engagement is as high as it has ever been. Having the privilege to lead MAISRC, I can tell you that I'm optimistic that we can solve our AIS problems, and I hope you are too.

Dr. Nicholas Phelps
 Director, Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center
<https://www.maisrc.umn.edu/2019-researchreport>

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**Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association, Inc.
 Board Meeting Minutes (Approved)**

August 22nd, 2019 - 7:00pm at the Ottertail Community Center

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Meeting was called to order by President Simdorn. Members present: Wentz, Steeves, Kemling, Sndyer, Cave, Bope, Wing, Ness, Gedde, and Fetters Absent: Hunke, Anderson, Rizk, Mourtisen

Approval of Agenda - unanimously approved as distributed

Approval of Minutes - unanimously approved as distributed

Approval of Bills - Approved unanimously as distributed

Presidents Report - Pres. Simdorn discussed that he had stopped at Sportsmen access and talked to AIS decon workers. They stated that it was working well and people were very supportive of it being there. Many boaters/fisher people are using it.

Steeves introduced Steve Vertin from Ottertail Lake. He has an interest in joining the board.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Snyder reported we are at 1089members. This is a record membership for OTLPOA. More applications are in the mail. Board approved a motion to state that members Fred Rizk, Deb Ness, and Ken Wenz are approved to have access to Box 21 at Battle Lake Post Office.

Auditing/Finance - Budget should be completed by next meeting.

DNR/GOV'T - Steeves reported that there will be cost sharing AIS inspections again next year. Steeves will be attending AIS meeting at U of M AIS Center Sept. 18th.

Water Testing/COLA - Ottertail reading is 20 ft. and Blanche at 11 ft. Long Lake at 11 in. Cave reported that a 5 yr. watershed plan is being implemented. This will give us good information for the future.

Communications - a few board members reported getting an error message of website under repair. Bope will look into and get fixed.

Worm - nothing to report at this time.

Foundation - Foundation Board will meet on Sept. 19th previous to OTLPOA meeting on Sept. 19th. Two old buoys for sale at 150.00 per buoy. Contact Bernie Steeves if interested.

Rearing Pond - Bope reported that fundraising is going well. Discussions continue on what will be in the final deed when all of money is raised for property purchase. Signage at the property is also under discussion.

Social - Discussed Sept. 19th meeting at Beach Bums. 6pm drinks/social 630pm short meeting/dinner. Motion made and passed to pay for everyone attending.

Marc will contact water testers and Bernie will contact foundation members and report numbers to Becky.

Old business - Nothing to report.

New Business - Bope made a motion to donate 500.00 to Glendalough Visitor Center project. Motion passed.

Snyder requested looking into emailing out the COLA newsletter to our membership. Steeves will talk to Jon about how we did this in the past and let the board know.

Lake Shore News contract was discussed, in the past we have always had a contract presented to board for year coming up. President Simdorn will talk to Jon Anderson about this and report back to board.

Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 8:35PM.

Next meeting is Sept. 19th 6PM at Beach Bums

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Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes (Approved)
September 19th, 2019 - 7:00pm at Beach Bums
CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:
 Meeting was called to order by President Simdorn. Members present: Wentz, Steeves, Kemling, Hunke, Sndyer, Cave, Bope, Rizk, Anderson, Wing, Mouritsen, Ness, Fetters. Absent: Gedde
Approval of Agenda - Beach Bums Appreciation dinner for water testers and foundation members
Approval of Minutes -
Approval of Bills - Approved unanimously as distributed
Presidents Report- President Simdorn welcomed everyone. Water testers and foundation members were introduced and President Simdorn thanked them for all of their work over the past year.
Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 630PM.
 Next meeting is Oct. 24th at 7PM.
Next meeting is October 24th 7PM at Ottertail Community center

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Walk For Glendalough
Sat., April 18, 2020
9am-12pm
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Meeting with Gene Kelm the Mayor of Battle Lake:
 Questions: Tell us how the Battle Sportsman Tournament got started and what it has met for the community over the past 4 annual fishing tournaments:
 Answers: It started with 6 guys who wanted to help fund outdoor youth activity including high school fishing tournaments and trap shooting. We have seen our annual tournament reach its highest attendance last year with 2,500 participants. In 2020, we are estimating 2,000 participants. We figured the numbers would be lower due to the current ice conditions. On Friday night before each tournament we have a large-scale firework show. We support our local high school fishing and trap teams. Our goal is to build a rifle range on 20 acres and we are looking at raising \$150K. Once we own the land there are grants available.

Questions: What are some other things happening in Battle Lake?
 Answers: We will have a busy summer water and sewer project that hasn't been updated since 1964. We also have the Hatchery Row project where as the city and EDA of Battle Lake have purchased the entire block and will be torn down this spring. We have a developer working on quite a few businesses interested in renting. There is also going to be apartments on the north. This will require utility infrastructure upgrades. The RV Waste station on north side of Battle Lake will be moved to the west side of town on the old rail road tracks which will provide easy access and allow for winter disposal. Will are also

replacing a city well that has been in use since 1934.
 Questions: What about the current restaurant environment?
 Answers: Our Going Strong Oasis will be come a tap house brewery which is currently being renovated. Stella's and The Rusty Nail both have new owners. We also have several possible developers inquiring about putting in a car wash.
 Question: Tell us about the upcoming Otter Tail County Governor's fishing tournament?
 Answer: Otter Tail County is the location for the fishing opener. Thursday is media day at Thunder Pond. Friday is community picnic at Phelps Mill and each community can participate in the event. Saturday is the shore lunch in front of Beach Bums on Otter Tail Lake. The Birak Shrine Club will be assisting in cooking, greeting, shuttling media, and fishing. This is huge opportunity for our county to show off our businesses and the many lakes that make our lake life.

Question: Anything else you have in the future that you are working on?
 Answer: Actually, I have decided to move on from Battle Lake as mayor and throw my hat in the Otter Tail County Commissioners race for District 3 coming this November, since Jon Lindquist will be retiring. I believe with my many experiences over the years and the recent developmental growth in Battle Lake, I would like to step up and assist the county and continue all of Otter Tail County's forward motions.

Gene Kelm
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2020 Upcoming OTLPOA Board Meetings

March 26 • April 23 • May 21 • June 25 •
July 23 • Aug. 20 • Sept. 17 • Oct. 22
7pm • Ottertail Community Center (103 Lake Ave. S)

Annual Meeting June 27

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association Inc.

2020 Membership (Check one)

Property Owner Member: _____ Associate Member: _____
(Owners Lake Property) (Does not own lake property or shares ownership)

Name of Property Owner living _____

at lake property address: _____

Address of Property _____ House/Street # _____
(this is the blue house number/street for your lake home) City/State Zip _____

Summer "mailing" address (5/15 – 8/30): _____ House/Street # _____
(must be valid US Postal deliverable address) City/State Zip _____

Winter mailing address (9/1-5/15): _____ House/Street # _____
City/State Zip _____

Email: (please print legibly) _____
Notification of date for tent caterpillar/worm spraying, updates of possible lake changing issues, etc. (If you don't personally have an email address, you can substitute one for a family member who will let you know of these notifications).

Annual Dues (Jan.-Dec.)

- Membership \$25.00
- Foundation \$10.00

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The OTLPOA Foundation was established to obtain financial resources to maintain water quality for recreation, fishing, and enjoyment when Government resources are not provided.

(Total enclosed) \$ _____

Make check payable to: OTLPOA and mail to: PO Box 21, Battle Lake, MN 56515
Or visit www.OTLPOA.com to pay by credit card (under the membership section)

How can the association better serve you? (On another sheet of paper)
What lake related topic or issue is most important to you? How do you think our Association can help?

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Lakeshore News
The Official Newspaper Of Otter Tail Lakes Property Owners Association

As an organization, OTLPOA recognizes the importance of a well-informed, well-educated membership. Strong effort has been made to not only increase membership, but to assure our members are well-informed through our "Lakeshore News" publication. By teaming with Midweek Publications, we have improved our five publication/yearly news source by increasing the number of members' photos included, informing members in an up-to-the-minute fashion of critical events, legislation, and problems/solutions, and by addressing individual members' concerns when possible or referring them on to a source for answers. Additionally, because of our concern and belief regarding not only a well-informed membership but a well-informed public, stacks of The Lakeshore News are placed in businesses in the surrounding communities.

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Commissioner Betty Murphy, center left, Sheriff Barry Fitzgibbons, far left, Land and Resource Director Chris LeClair, center right and Spencer McGrew, Aquatic Invasive Species Specialist, welcomed attendees from across the state to the Minnesota Association of Planning and Zoning Administrators annual Conference, October 2019. Among the subjects of the conference, Otter Tail County officials and staff lead discussion on the County's Dock and Riparian Use Ordinance. The Ordinance requires registration of docks and lifts when moved from one body of water to another. 50 pieces of equipment were registered in 2019.

Visitors Church Directory 2020 *Join us in worship!*

BAPTIST

Basswood Baptist Church B.G.C. 38188 340th St., Richville, MN 56576
Bert Holmquist, Pastor—218-495-3800
Church—218-495-3771
Sunday School 9:30 am, refreshments following
Worship Service 10:45 am
Bible Study, Youth Group & Kids Club - Wednesday 7 pm
Ladies' Bible Study - 3rd Thursday
Men's Prayer Breakfast - 1st Saturday 7 am
Potluck Dinner - 2nd Sunday

First Baptist (ABC) - Battle Lake
"The Little Brown Church on the Hill"
Lynn Hansen, Pastor—651-485-7378
www.firstbaptistbattlelake.org
Sunday Worship 9:30 am
Fellowship & refreshments 10:30 am

CATHOLIC

Father Leroy Schik, Pastor
Mass Times—218-864-5619
www.ollsj.org

St. James Catholic - Maine Township
Saturday Mass 5 pm, October 1 - May 1
Sunday Mass 8:30 am - May 1 - October 1

Our Lady of the Lake - Battle Lake
Sunday Mass 10:30 am
Saturday Mass 6:00 pm, Memorial Day-Labor Day

Saint Edwards - Henning
Saturday Mass 4:00 pm, May 1 - October 1
Sunday Mass 8:30 am - October 1 - May 1

LUTHERAN

Bethel Lutheran Church
Battle Lake Campus:
Meets at Lakes Area Community Center
112 West Main St., Battle Lake
218-862-4903
Sunday School 9:15 am
Worship: 10:30 am
Website: bethellutheran.church

First Lutheran - ELCA
505 W. Holdt St., Battle Lake
Bradley Skogen, Pastor
blfirstlutheran.org
Church—218-864-5686
Coffee Fellowship: 9:00 am
Worship: 10:00 am

Sverdrup Lutheran Church
PO Box 70, 209 Southeran Ave. E., Underwood
Nancy Monke, Pastor
Church—218-826-6919
Worship 9:00 am

LUTHERAN

Tingvold Lutheran Church
6 miles north of Underwood, Co. 1 & Co. 35
Nancy Monke, Pastor
Church—218-826-6487
September 1-May 31: Worship 11:00 am
Fellowship 9:30am
June 1-August 31: Worship 10:30
Fellowship 9:30am

Zion Lutheran - ELCA
36051 Co. Hwy. 74, Amor
Hwy. 1 & 74, 10 miles north of Battle Lake
James Gronbeck, Pastor • Church—218-495-2563
Email: zionamoroffice@prtcl.com
Website: www.zionamor.org
Summer Services: May - September
Worship 8:15 am & 10:00 am
Fellowship & refreshments between services
Regular Services: Worship 10:00 am
Fellowship & refreshments after service
Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays
Bible Study - Tuesday 10:00 am (year round)
Contemporary Worship Services - 2nd & 3rd Sundays

METHODIST

Ottertail United Methodist Church
104 Shore Drive, Ottertail
Rod Turnquist, Pastor
Church—218-367-2270

Richville United Methodist Church
130 SW 1st Ave., Richville
Rod Turnquist, Pastor
Church—218-346-5656
Joint Worship 10:00 am at Ottertail United Methodist Church while renovation is being done at Richville United Methodist Church - Call either church phone number for updates.

PRESBYTERIAN

Maine Presbyterian
30761 Co. Hwy. 45, Maine Township
2 miles north of Phelps Mill
Tom Junkert, Pastor
Website: mainepresbyterianchurch.org
Church—218-495-2539
Summer - Worship 9:30 am (Thru September)
Coffee Following Worship Service
Winter - Worship 10:00 am

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What do I need to apply?

The federal REAL ID Act requires additional documentation. You need to bring:

- One original or certified **document proving identity.**
- One original or certified **document proving social security number.**
- **Two different documents proving current Minnesota residency.**

A **complete list of acceptable documents** is on the **back of this page.**

Save time during your office visit and get your documents in order by pre-applying online at drive.mn.gov now!



PRE-APPLY HERE

Other tips:

- Your name must match on all of the documents you provide. If it doesn't, you will need to bring a marriage certificate, divorce decree or court order to show each of your name changes.
- Make sure your name change is updated with the Social Security Administration before you apply. More information is online at REALID.dps.mn.gov



OTLPOA Mission Statement

The object and purpose of this corporation shall be to promote the community welfare and civic development of all areas of Otter Tail County bordering on or approximate to the shoreline of Otter Tail Lake and such other land areas further removed therefrom as its members shall from time to time determine, and to assist the property owners within said area in the preservation of their civic areas and those of Otter Tail Lake itself, including the planting and promulgation of fish therein and the protection and preservation of wildlife on the land areas adjacent to Otter Tail Lake as may be determined by the members, to promote and develop the horticultural development of the areas described, to promote the cultural and social lives of the inhabitants of said area and to provide a vehicle by which legal or political problems common to the areas and the inhabitants thereof, including tax problems, may be resolved in any manner provided by law for the common welfare of the members of this corporation; and to that and this corporation may acquire by purchase or other means such real or personal property as may be necessary in carrying out its stated objectives and to mortgage or sell or exchange the same and to do any and all other acts permitted by the laws of the State of Minnesota in furtherance of its stated purposes.

Commonly-used documents are highlighted in green, but any document on the list is accepted for REAL ID applications.

LIST A – PROOF OF IDENTITY and DATE OF BIRTH, and LEGAL PRESENCE in the United States (ONE DOCUMENT required from this list)

- Valid, unexpired **US passport or passport card**
- **Certified copy of birth certificate issued by a government bureau of vital statistics or equivalent agency in the applicant's state of birth, which must bear the raised or authorized seal of the issuing government entity**
- Valid, unexpired permanent resident card (Form I-551) issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security or the former Immigration and Naturalization Service of the United States Department of Justice
- Certificate of naturalization (Form N-550 or N-570) issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security
- Certificate of citizenship (Form N-560 or Form N-561) issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security or by the United States Department of Justice
- Unexpired employment authorization document (Form I-766 or Form I-688B) issued by the United States Department of Homeland Security
- Valid, unexpired passport issued by a foreign country and a valid, unexpired U.S. visa accompanied by a Form I-94 as documentation of the applicant's most recent lawful admittance into the US. If the Form I-94 is endorsed "DS" then a Form I-20, Form DS-2019, or Form I-551

NAME CHANGES: If the name on the identity document above is not the same as the name you currently use, a name change document must be submitted. If you have changed your name more than once, since the issuance of your proof of identity document, then you must submit documentation for each name change.

- Certification of Marriage certified by the issuing government jurisdiction
- Certified court order that specifies the name change
- Certified divorce decree or dissolution of marriage that specifies the name change

LIST B – PROOF OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER (ONE DOCUMENT from this list. Must have applicant's current name). Laminated documents or documents with any alterations or erasures will not be accepted.

- **Social Security card — Laminated cards will not be accepted**
- Federal Form W2
- Federal Form SSA-1099 or other federal Form 1099 with Social Security number
- Computer-printed US employment pay stub with name, address, and Social Security number

LIST C – PROOF OF RESIDENCE IN MINNESOTA

(TWO DIFFERENT DOCUMENTS from this list. Must have applicant's name as used at print and current MN address. A P.O. Box will not be accepted. Must be submitted for change of address applications)

- Valid, unexpired **Minnesota driver's license, or instruction permit — must have current address listed.**
- **Valid, unexpired Minnesota ID card — must have current address listed.**
- **Home utility services bill issued no more than 90 days before the application (will not be accepted if two unrelated people are listed on the bill)**
- **United States financial information with account numbers redacted including:**
 - **Bank account statement — issued within 90 days of application**
 - **Canceled check — issued within 90 days of application**
 - **Credit card statement — issued within 90 days of application**
- Minnesota college or university ID card with certified transcript from the college or university, issued no more than 180 days before the application
- Employment pay stub issued no more than 90 days before the application that lists the employer's name, address, telephone number
- Unexpired Minnesota professional license — must contain a current MN residential address
- Home utility services hook-up work order issued no more than 90 days before the application (will not be accepted if two unrelated people are listed on the bill)
- U.S. high school identification card with certified transcript from the school issued no more than 180 days before the application
- Federal or state income tax return or statement for the most recent tax filing year
- Minnesota property tax statement for the current year that shows the applicant's principal residential address both on the mailing portion and portion stating what property is being taxed
- MN vehicle certificate of title issued no more than 12 months before the application
- Mortgage documents for the applicant's principal residence
- Residential lease agreement for the applicant's principal residence issued no more than 12 months before the application
- Military orders that are still in effect at the time of application

PULL THE PLUG ON AQUATIC HITCHHIKERS







Actions Required by MN Law to prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species:

- ✓ **Clean** aquatic plants, zebra mussels, and other prohibited invasive species off watercraft, trailers, and equipment before leaving the water access.
- ✓ **Drain** water from boat, ballast tanks, portable bait container, and motor before leaving a water access – and drain bilge, livewell, and baitwell by removing drain plugs. **Keep drain plugs out** while transporting boats.
- ✓ **Dispose** of unwanted bait in the trash. It is illegal to release live bait into the water, or to dump worms on the ground.



Otter Tail County's AIS Prevention Aid Program: A Snapshot of Accomplishments in 2019

Program Summary

| Category | Metrics |
|---|---|
|  AIS Prevention Aid Used | \$ 427,861.28* AIS Prevention Aid used in calendar year 2019 per Auditor's Report 1/7/20 *does not include calculated cost of AIS Deputy's salary of \$47,564.72, which due to accounting, will be processed with 2020 dollars. \$ N/A saved in a contingency fund |
|  People Doing AIS Work | 1 full-time staff dedicated to AIS work N/A part-time staff dedicated to AIS work N/A seasonal staff with AIS duties (other than inspectors) 25 Level 1 Watercraft Inspectors of which, 9 were trained as Level 2 \$ 237,770.20 spent on watercraft inspector wages \$ 66,912.55 spent on AIS Specialist wages through 12/30/19 (includes FICA and PERA, Gross salaries \$59,868.66) N/A Volunteers conducting AIS work N/A Volunteer hours served |
|  Partnerships | Organizations engaged and/or actively conducting AIS work using AIS Prevention Aid: 1 Coalition of Lake Associations N/A conservation nonprofits and outdoor groups (angling, hunting paddling, sailing, etc.) 64 businesses 1 local governments 2 partnerships with surrounding Counties Our county [does] have an AIS Task Force or Committee |
|  Funds Distributed and Leveraged | \$ 30,200 in appropriations (AIS Prevention Aid to other organizations) 2 organizations \$ 2,200 in additional funds leveraged 2 organizations contributing additional funds |
|  Communities Engaged | 6 events held about AIS or that included AIS topics 500 residents and visitors reached about AIS during events 9 in-school presentations about AIS 709 children taught about AIS |
|  Watercraft Inspected | 13,697 inspections performed 13,072 hours of inspections performed 98 accesses covered by inspectors (unique case numbers) 83 water bodies covered by inspectors 96.52% of watercraft recorded as arriving with drain plugs out 1 decontamination units in operation N/A boaters engaged by AIS Volunteers/Ambassadors at water accesses |

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Otter Tail County Deputy James Iverson demonstrates how to lawfully transport live bait at the Kids Public Safety Open House, May 2019, Fergus Falls Minnesota. Officer Iverson made 1,993 contacts with the public in 2019.



Watercraft Inspector Bill Rolie greets a boater at the Otter Tail Lake Sportsman's Public Water Access, Otter Tail Lake.




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Otter Tail Lake Property Owners Association, Inc.

Board Meeting Minutes (Not-Approved)

October 24th, 2019 - 7:00pm at the Ottertail Community Center

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Meeting was called to order by President Simdorn. Members present: Steeves, Hunke, Snyder, Bope, Andereson, Ness, Fetters. Absent: Gedde, Wentz, Kemling, Cave, Wing, Mouritsen, Rizk.

Approval of Agenda - Motion: Bope, Secound Steeves

Approval of Minutes - Motion: Bope, Secound Fetters

Approval of Bills - Motion was made by Fetters to accept bills as presented with the exception of the payments to the oficers which will increase to amounts in our bylaws, adjustment of payments to board members amount who were not present, as well as bill to Beach Bums for water testers. Second Steeves.

Motion made by Fetters to authorize Pat Hunke to pay any bills up to \$500 until our next meeting. Second Anderson.

Presidents Report - Pres. Simdorn read mail, thank you from U of M and variance notice from county.

Committee Reports:

Membership - Currently, 1,110 members.

Auditing/Finance - Audit by Anderson is complete. A leter has been submitted to Presient Simdorn in summary.

DNR/GOV'T -

Water Testing/COLA - Communications -

Website - Everything is updated, new pictures, etc. We will be receiving a bill.

Worm -

Foundation - Currently \$21,063 checking, \$30,667 Savings - Bernier will stay on the board until new members are familiar with foundation.

Rearing Pond - Minutes were emailed. Nice publicity, good exposure of OTLPOA. Donations to date: \$71,500, Pledged: \$6,000. Goal: \$90,000. Thank you everyone. One last push to hopefully raise enough by year end.

Social - Suggested to have a Christmas get together.

Old business - Looking for a replacement for vacancy on the board from Steeves. Anderson recommended Eric Gerken. President Simdorn will contact him.





- The board presented Steeves with a thank you note and gift card for his many years of service.

New Business - Constant Contact emails - We do want to send COLA newsletter and other updates from the board so membership knows what we are doing. Members can request not to receive.

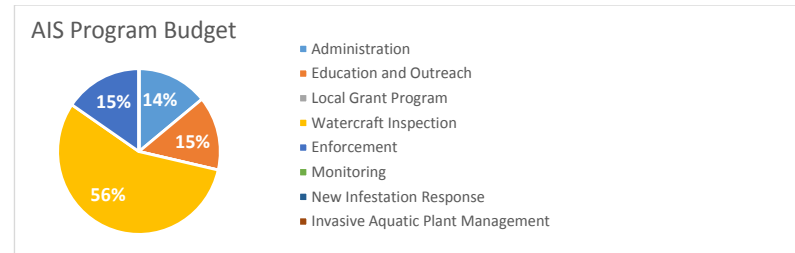
- COLA board is looking for someone from our board to join. Meet the second Monday of every month at 3pm in Fergus Falls at the Otter Tail County Government Center.

- Fetters is currently working on the directory. Wentz will contact Janet at Battle Lake Review regarding content.

Adjournment - Motion Steeves, second Bope to adjourn at 7:50pm.

| Category | Metrics |
|---|--|
|  Law Enforcement Supported | 27 local law enforcement officers trained on AIS laws 1 local law enforcement officers conducting AIS work 1993 boaters contacted by local law enforcement |
|  Monitoring Conducted | 0 lakes and rivers surveyed for AIS 0 zebra mussel settling plates deployed 0 water bodies where veliger tows were taken 0 aquatic plant surveys conducted 9 volunteers trained and/or active as AIS Detectors 3 people participated in the University of Minnesota Extension and AIS Research Center's "Starry Trek" event |
|  New Infestation Response Planning | \$0 spent on new infestation response(s) N/A new infestation response(s) coordinated Our county [does not] have a new infestation response plan |
|  Invasive Aquatic Plant Management (IAPM) | 0 water bodies with IAPM activities (funded with AIS Prevention Aid) |

Program Spending Summary



Success Stories

2019 marks the 7th year of Otter Tail County's Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program. Among the achievements: 25 Watercraft Inspectors conducted 13,697 inspections at 98 public water accesses in 2019, a new record for the program. Of the 8,000 entering watercraft 86 were prevented from launching with aquatic plants hanging from them. 78 watercraft were prevented from launching for containing residual water. 11 watercraft were prevented from launching due to attached Zebra Mussels. 96.52% of watercraft arrived with the drain plug removed, an increase from 95.31% in 2018.

A decontamination unit was placed at Otter Tail Lake Sportsman's Public Water Access and staffed daily from May 24 to September 6. 158 decontaminations were performed in 2019.

As part of the Sheriff's Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention Program 27 sworn officers maintained the training required to enforce aquatic invasive species laws. The full time Aquatic Invasive Species Deputy made 1,993 contacts with boaters and issued 20 warnings and 15 citations for aquatic invasive species violations.

Lastly 709 students from 9 classrooms and 8 school districts participated in the Train the Teachers to Train the Kids Program.



Students from Mr Himmelspach's science class from Battle Lake Public School pose at Fair Hills Resort, Pelican Lake, September 2019. They had just completed an Aquatic Invasive Species pontoon tour of the lake. Students were shown how scientists conduct research and how Aquatic Invasive Species impact natural ecosystems. 709 students from 9 classrooms and 8 school districts in Otter Tail and surrounding counties participated in the Train the Teachers to Train the Kids Program in 2019.

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