

OTTER TAIL LAKE'S PROPERTY OWNER'S ASSOC. INC.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Oct. 26th, 2023 6:30PM

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by President Gerken. Members present: Gerken, Kemling, Oxberry, Tysdal, Ness, Hunke, Kuder, Hanson Absent: Wentz, Rizk, Long, Madson, Mouritsen, Swanson, Anderson

Approval of Agenda- unanimously approved as distributed

Approval of Minutes-unanimously approved as distributed

Approval of Bills –Approved unanimously

Presidents Report- President Gerken introduced Nancy Johnson, Stacy Cannady, and Alex Kvidt from the Otter Tail Water Management District (OTWMD). Kevin Swann and Brad Carr from the Otter Tail River Management group (OTRM) and Mike Wendt from Walker Lake who will be replacing Gary Overturf on our board.

The group from OTWMD advised the board that changes regarding compliance inspections for existing sewer systems, OTWMD will no longer be able to do inspections in 2024. These changes include clarification of boundaries, presenting an annual report to Otter Tail County commissioners each February and changes regarding bids from contractors who are hired. Changes will be reflected on tax statements. They asked for our help in getting the word out about these upcoming changes. The board agreed to put this in the February Lake Shore News and will send an email it to our members.

Brad Carr and Kevin Swann from OTRM spoke about the river project and gave an update about timetable and cost of project. The DNR has agreed to some of the requests made by the group and they asked for a donation from the board.

President Gerken made a motion to add Mike Wendt to our board as a director for Walker Lake, the motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

Membership- membership as of Oct. 26th is 1,025

Auditing/Finance-Nothing at this time

DNR/GOV'T- Nothing at this time

Water Testing- Nothing at this time

COLA-The Otter Tail County Coalition Of Lake Associations (OTC COLA) and East Otter Tail County Soil and Water Conservation District (EOT SWCD) sponsored a bus tour of successful native plant shoreline and rain garden projects. The event started at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 16, 2023 at each stop the property owners themselves described the unique challenges and opportunities they encountered installing and maintaining the native plants. They related the availability of EOT SWCD to work with lake property owners offering technical consultation, advice and financial assistance. Pete Guck of EOT SWCD -"We want to help lake property owners do things that are good for Otter Tail Lakes.

Communications/Lakeshore News-We received a contract from Battle Lake Review to publish our Lake Shore News and our directory. The contract was approved by the board.

Website-Kuder went over his proposal for our website updates, the board approved his proposal and will review progress at our April meeting.

Facebook –Nothing at this time

Worm- Nothing at this time

Foundation- Kemling discussed the Foundations by- Laws, The OTLPOA board is responsible for filling vacancies and voting people on to the Foundation board per their by-laws. There was discussion about having a joint meeting of the OTLPOA and Foundation boards to address this and other issues, President Gerken will reach out to President Ouren and the Foundation board. Our board will revisit this at April meeting.

Social- Discussion about making some changes to Water Testers and Foundation dinner, more discussion needed. Will be reviewed again at our April meeting.

Old Business-A motion was made to double our donations this year and request that our Foundation match our donation of \$5,000.00 to the U of M Research center for AIS The motion was seconded and passed.

After our meeting the Foundation voted against the match of our donation with no reason given. A motion was made, seconded and approved to give the OTRM organization \$2,000.00.

New Business- The board adopted a policy that when a board members resigns or retires after 5 years of service on the board we will present them with a gift certificate.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to pay OTLPOA bills under \$500.00 over the winter.

Adjournment- Meeting adjourned at 8:56 PM

Next meeting is April 25th 2024 at 6:30 PM