



# Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

Town Lakes Committee Voting Members			
Lake Organization	Member #1	Member #2	Alternate member
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Committee chairman: <b>Ted Ritter</b> ted.ritter@stgermainwi.gov			

## Meeting minutes, 09/21/2023

1. **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Ritter at 10:03AM
2. **Verify a quorum in attendance:** Meeting was conducted by Chairman Ted Ritter in Room 4 of the St. Germain Community Center with a virtual attendance option. Committee members physically present in Room 4: Joe Koschnik, Don Baumann, Jeannie Lord, Barb Steinhilber, Dave Zielinski, Eric Eade, Ed Kindlarski and Ted Ritter. Len Larsen attended virtually.
3. **Public comments (other than agenda topics):** None
4. **Discussion/action topics:**
  - a. **Approve minutes of August 17, 2023, meeting:** Motion Lord, second Eade to approve as presented. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
  - b. **Updates on lake organization annual meetings:**
    1. **Changes in officers and/or Town Lakes Committee representatives:**
      - Big St. Germain District: Commissioner Roy Seidl has been replaced by Frank Reinhardt who will also serve as the alternate Town Lakes Committee member.
      - Little St. Germain District: Commissioner June Vogel has been replaced by Tom Schwartz. It is

- unknown at this time whether Vogel or Schwartz will serve as the alternate Town Lakes Committee member.
- All other lake district boards of commissioners remain unchanged.
- Found Lake Association: Ed Kindlarski was unable to report on any changes that might have occurred on the Found Lake Board of Directors or appointments to the Town Lakes Committee.

**2. Discussion/implementation of lake management plans:**

- Alma/Moon District: Commissioners Lan Larsen and Dave Zielinski reported that the District's 2024 objectives include continued watershed management work, boater safety awareness, and "guidelines" pertaining to right to rent.
- Big St. Germain District: Koschnik and Baumann reported that the primary objective of the District for 2024 is continuation of reconstruction of the channel/dam. They were not able to confirm if this project is a component of a DRN approved Lake Management Plan.
- Little St. Germain District: Committee members Jeannie Lord and Barb Steinhilber and meeting guest Cheryl Dominico reported that the District's current DNR approved management plan was adopted in 2019 and is therefore coming up for renewal within the next few years. Whether the objectives of the current plan will be addressed in the interim is uncertain. Topics discussed at the annual meeting were other than status of the management plan.
- Lost Lake District: Committee member Eade reported on several topics discussed at the annual meeting. Emphasis was placed on a Surface Waters Planning Grant currently being sought to provide funding for implementation of a DNR update to the Plant Management portion of the current DNR approved Lake Management Plan. This two-year project will involve high levels of water quality monitoring to determine sources of internal nutrient loading that drives rooted plant growth and algae blooms. There will likely be no permits issued for chemical management of invasive weeds during this project.
- Found Lake Association: Ed Kindlarski requested that the Committee wait until the return of Bob Schell next month to provide a report on the annual meeting.

**c. Consider how:**

- 1. The annual allotment of room tax revenues from the Town to the Lakes Committee can be used to the benefit of more lakes.**
- 2. The Lakes Committee can support the Lost Lake District WDNR Surface Waters Grant application for funds to implement its updated plant management plan.**

Ritter led the discussion of these two topics explaining how room tax revenues have been provided by the Town in the past for partial reimbursement to lakes of invasive weed management costs. However, with no permits being issued in recent years for other than manual removal projects, the Committee has not been receiving room tax funds from the Town. Ritter agrees with recent suggestions from Schell that lake organizations should be eligible for room tax relief of lake management expenses beyond invasive weed control. Ritter is asking each lake organization to identify 2024 budgeted expenses associated with execution of DNR approved management plans. In a future meeting the Committee will consider the affordability of applying the 20% reimbursement rule with a \$10,000 annual cap to any of those expenses and then accordingly seek room tax revenue from the Town.

**d. Consider creating boat decals to carry a similar message as the key tags:** No action taken, tabled until the October meeting.

**e. Approve lakes improvement spending requests:**

- Motion Kindlarski, second Steinhilber to approve Lost Lake District request to extract \$985.00 from its \$3,316.88 Lake Improvement Funds balance to purchase a specific dissolved oxygen monitoring device recommended by Onterra for the upcoming water quality monitoring project. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- Motion Eade, second Steinhilber to approve Little St. Germain District request to use its \$1,051.00 Lake Operations Funds to help offset costs associated with repairing the lake bottom damage caused

by power loading at the public boat landing. (The District had also requested all \$8,407.46 of its Lake improvement funds be used for this project, however, the Committee concluded the project had not yet been well enough defined to approve the full expenditure at this time). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

- Motion Zielinski, second Lord to approve Ritter's recommendation to write a letter of support for the Lost Lake District Surface Waters Planning Grant for the two-year water quality monitoring project and to commit \$1,600.00 from the Lakes Committee (approximately 20% of the total \$8,046.00 project cost). Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. This \$1,600.00 will come from the current Lakes Committee account balance of \$13,624.14.

**f. Update on wake issues:** None

**g. Facebook page update:** Number of followers now at 205 and Eade continues to post topics of public interest.

**h. Committee concerns for future agenda:** None

5. **Meeting adjourned** by Ritter at 11:41AM – next meeting October 19, 2023

Minutes prepared by Chairman Ritter