



Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

Town Lakes Committee Voting Members			
Lake Organization	Member #1	Member #2	Alternate member
Big St. Germain Area Lakes District	Joe Koschnik	Don Baumann	???
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Committee chairman: Ted Ritter ted.ritter@stgermainwi.gov			

Meeting minutes, 11/16/2023

- Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Ritter at 10:00AM
- 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, June Vogel, Dave Zielinski, Jim Guckenberger, Eric Eade, Bob Schell, Ed Kindlarski, Sally Reuling, and Ted Ritter. Len Larsen attended virtually.
- Public comments (other than agenda topics):** None
- Discussion/action topics:**
 - Approve minutes of October 19, 2023, meeting:** Minutes to be corrected to reflect Sally Reuling as being in attendance. Motion Lord, second Steinhilber to approve as corrected. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
 - Updates on lake management plans/implementation: Review Big Saint, Found, and Little Saint plans:** Updates provided with no actions taken.

- c. **Finalize anticipated 2024 lake organization expenses associated with implementation of approved WDNR lake management plans:** Ritter reported he had informed the Town Board on 11/13/2023 that the Lakes Committee wishes to change distribution of Town Board allocated annual room tax funds from reimbursement of 20% of invasive species control costs (not to exceed \$10,000 per lake organization), to reimbursement of 20% of costs to implement DNR approved lake management plans, in addition to retaining eligibility for invasive species control costs (total not to exceed \$10,000 per lake organization). The Committee will request funds each fall for the coming year based on anticipated expenses eligible for reimbursement. The Town Board would determine at that time how much room tax revenue would be allocated to the Lakes Committee for the coming year, with the understanding that the Town Board might not always be able to provide the full amount of revenue requested, in which case the Lakes Committee would determine how the limited funds would be distributed to the lake organizations. Ritter also informed the Board that total anticipated costs for 2024 are not expected to exceed \$15,000. Discussion by the Board resulted in a motion to transfer \$15,000 to the Lakes Committee for reimbursement of 2024 eligible expenses. Motion passed by a vote of 4:1.

Ritter then explained to the Committee the three Lakes Committee sub-accounts being maintained by the Town Treasurer:

1. One-time lake improvement funds for each lake organization
2. Shared distribution of annual \$5,000 lake operation funds to each lake organization
3. Lakes Committee operating funds

and how confusing this accounting is, particularly the Town Board. Ritter recommended to the Committee that the lingering balances in the lake organization's lake improvement funds be distributed to the lake organizations before year end to eliminate the confusion of that account. Ritter also suggested that the \$5,000 annual contribution from the Town Board for lake organization's operating funds could be eliminated as a separate contribution but embedded within each lake organization's annual reimbursement request. Following Committee discussion, it was agreed by consensus that transfer of remaining balances in the lake improvement funds be transferred by the Town to the lake organizations, but the \$5,000 annual contribution from the Town Board for lake organization's operating funds are not to be discontinued.

The Committee then reviewed anticipated 2024 reimbursable expenses for each lake organization:

- Alma/Moon: None anticipated
- Big St. Germain: None anticipated
- Found: \$800 EWM management
- Lost: \$1,600 implementation of revised APM plan
- Little St. Germain: \$10,000 EWM management, implementation of revised APM plan, Muskellunge Creek beaver control, and other expenses included in DNR approved management plan
- Total: \$12,400 from Town Board 2024 commitment of \$15,000. All reimbursements subject to proof of expenses having been paid and the approval of the Lakes Committee.

- d. **Commit to reimbursing 20% of Little St. Germain's \$7,205.55 budget for 2024-25 aquatic plant management plan update:** This was accomplished in agenda item 4(c)
- e. **Approve lakes improvement spending requests:** Motion Schell, second Eade to reimburse Little St. Germain the remaining balance of \$1,051.00 in 2023 lake operating funds to partially cover the 2023 costs for beaver control in Muskellunge Creek. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
- f. **Update on wake issues:** Legislative update provided by Schell. No actions taken at this time.
- g. **Facebook page update:** Eade reported that followers count is not at 215. The wake issue and other postings are proving popular with the public.

- h. Discuss UW Oshkosh decision to discontinue student involvement in Vilas County CBCW program:**
Schell reported that UW Oshkosh has resolved its funding shortage for this program and students will once again be available for boat landing duties in 2024.
- i. Committee concerns for future agendas:** None

5. Adjourn: Ritter adjourned meeting at 11:37. Next meeting December 21, 2023

Minutes prepared by Chairman Ritter