



# Town of St. Germain Lakes Committee

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Committee chairman: Ted Ritter <a href="mailto:tritter3@frontier.com">tritter3@frontier.com</a>			

Meeting minutes, February 10, 2020

1. **Call to order:** Meeting was called to order at 9:00am.
2. **Open meeting verification:** Meeting was properly posted on January 31, 2020
3. **Roll call, confirm quorum:** Members present: Kunelius, Baumann, Schwartz, Steinhilber, Zielinski, Waisbrot, Anderson, Schell, Schultz, Rollmann, Ritter.  
Also present: Lou Mirek and Len Larsen
4. **Approval of September 11, 2019 meeting minutes:** Motion Schultz, second Rollman to approve minutes as prepared. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
5. **Discussion/action topics:**
  - a. **Establish due date for lake management studies cost share payments to town:**
    - i. Alma/Moon – Found: \$11,459.42 (split to be determined)
    - ii. Big St. Germain – Content – Fawn: \$12,298.94  
Ritter requested that payments to the Town be submitted to him within the next two weeks. **(Note: Following the meeting, Ritter reduced the amounts due by \$1,200 each to offset in-kind costs built into the project budgets. The adjusted amounts due are:**

**Alma/Moon – Found: \$10,259.42 (split to be determined)**

**Big St. Germain – Content – Fawn: \$11,098.94)**

- b. **Review past and proposed Town Lakes Ordinance:** The content of the draft ordinance was reviewed with some minor revisions. The topic of greatest interest was enforcement of boating laws. Ritter explained the roles state and county law enforcement officers would and would not play in enforcing town vs. state boating laws. Ritter then shared an idea he had been discussing with the County Sheriff whereby the town might contract with the county for increased boat patrol services with the funding coming from waterfront property owners through lake district levies. The soonest this could be implemented would be the 2021 boating season. Positive interest was expressed by the larger lake organizations with understandably less enthusiasm by those with smaller budgets, less need for law enforcement presence or having no tax levying authority. Ritter promised to share more information over the coming months as details developed.
  - c. **Review status of proposed amendment to Vilas County Zoning Ordinance allowing larger boathouses:** Anderson and Ritter provided an update of the amendment status explaining that the County Board would be deciding the outcome of this on February 25<sup>th</sup> and that there was still time for written comments to be submitted to county supervisors, however there would likely not be public comments allowed on this topic at the upcoming meeting. Motion Schell, second Schwartz that the town board be requested to write a letter of opposition to the proposed amendment on behalf of the Lakes Committee and the property owners they represent. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
  - d. **Follow-up on Warden Sealander letter to boat rental businesses re inspecting/cleaning boats:** Committee members confirmed that the letter promised at the July 31 committee meeting never happened. Discussion included the belief that Warden Sealander was to retire in the near future and that Warden Supervisor Walz, who was instrumental in having Sealander attend our meeting, had recently retired. Motion Schell, second Waisbrot that Ritter write a letter to the new area Warden Supervisor requesting assistance with this matter in the coming boating season. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.
  - e. **ILIDS status: What's happening in Madison?** Ritter agreed to follow up with Carroll Schaal, WDNR Northern Region Program Manager (lakes) and report back to the committee.  
**(Note: Post meeting follow-up details follow these minutes)**
6. **Committee concerns for discussion at future meeting:** A question was asked regarding the status of the lake planning projects stakeholder survey results. Ritter agreed to place this on the agenda for the next meeting.
  7. **Set date and time for next meeting:** No action taken
  8. **Adjourn:** All agenda items having been discussed; Ritter declared the meeting adjourned at 10:55am.

Minutes prepared by Chairman Ritter

## Ted Ritter

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**From:** Ted Ritter <tritter3@frontier.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2020 4:59 PM  
**To:** 'Dalton, Craig T - DNR'  
**Cc:** Bob Schell (rsschell@msn.com); 'Carol Warden'  
**Subject:** RE: Found Lake ilids

Craig,

Thanks for the additional detail. Happy to see progress is being made on an objective basis. My offer stands, if there is anything we can do to help, please don't hesitate to contact me. In the meantime we'll remain patient and hopeful or the 2021 season.

Regards,

Ted Ritter

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**From:** Dalton, Craig T - DNR <Craig.Dalton@wisconsin.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2020 4:34 PM  
**To:** tritter3@frontier.com  
**Cc:** Warden, Carol - DNR <warden@wisc.edu>  
**Subject:** RE: Found Lake ilids

Ted,

Carol Warden's message below is correct. The issue brief for the formation of this committee was drafted in October of 2019. An inter-disciplinary team was formed and since then and has meet a number of times. Criteria are being developed for internal use by property managers to determine if a I-Lid will be allowed. The hope is to keep some of the personal subjectivity out of the process. There is also the goal of having the deployment policy in line with the Surface Water Grant Program. The expected completion date is June 1, 2020.

My hope as a property manager is to some day apply the criteria to all of our landings to determine which ones we would allow a device to placed or not. Also, there may be landings where the device would be allowed but with conditions (magnetic trigger, no audio, etc.).

We are not discussing effectiveness or overall functionality of I-Lids or similar devices.

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**From:** Ted Ritter <tritter3@frontier.com>  
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**To:** 'Carol Warden' <carol.warden@gmail.com>  
**Cc:** Dalton, Craig T - DNR <Craig.Dalton@wisconsin.gov>; 'BOB SCHELL' <rsschell@msn.com>  
**Subject:** RE: Found Lake ilids

Carol,

I thought this new committee had been formed last fall. Your message suggests it has yet to start doing its work and so the soonest we can hope for camera installations on state land is the spring of 2021. I hope the committee will be far enough along by October to enable grants to be applied for before the December deadline.

I share Bob's frustration and disappointment about this moving so slowly. By copy of this message to Craig Dalton I am offering whatever assistance the Town of St. Germain can offer to help move this along.

Thanks for your update,

Ted Ritter

**From:** Carol Warden <[carol.warden@gmail.com](mailto:carol.warden@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 10, 2020 2:19 PM  
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**Cc:** tritter3 <[tritter3@frontier.com](mailto:tritter3@frontier.com)>  
**Subject:** Re: Found Lake ilids

Bob and Ted,

Thank you for the clarification.

I talked with Carroll Schall (DNR waters section chief) and he informed me that a committee including James Yach (secretary's director), Connie Antonuk (policy initiatives/field integration leader), Craig Dalton (NHAL supervisor), and game wardens are working to develop requirements/criteria to determine appropriate locations on state land. We are hoping to have it out by convention time and then have in in guidance by October. This would include talking to the property manager of a launch and gaining permission and having this documented in a Land Use Agreement.

Please stay in touch with me at any point you're looking for new information or updates. It is indeed always helpful to receive friendly reminders for followups on projects and questions.

On Fri, Feb 7, 2020 at 3:47 PM BOB SCHELL <[rsshell@msn.com](mailto:rsshell@msn.com)> wrote:

Carol

Thank you for getting back to me. I know it is late on a Friday

Let me clarify what I said. The Found Lake landing is on State land but not within the NHAL State Forest boundary. We are a regular DNR landing. My understanding from Craig (via Ted Ritter) that since we were not in his (NHAL) jurisdiction *he* had no problems with us pursuing ilids with a grant via normal channels. Then came the kabash last fall on going for ilids at any landings. Meanwhile our landing along with almost all others will go totally unprotected 81% of the time next summer.

Bob

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**From:** Carol Warden <[carol.warden@gmail.com](mailto:carol.warden@gmail.com)>  
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**Cc:** tritter3 <[tritter3@frontier.com](mailto:tritter3@frontier.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Found Lake ilids

Hello Bob,

I did talk to Carroll Schall on the topic and it's been a packed week with meetings and work. I am at an all-day meeting today and a meeting first thing Monday morning. I will get you those notes as soon as possible.

That said, do you have information from Craig Dalton that confirms that your launch is not state property? You were denied grant consideration because of the moratorium on state properties yes? The reason Big Portage was eligible is because their launch is not state property.

I'll be in touch soon.

Carol

On Fri, Feb 7, 2020 at 10:22 AM BOB SCHELL <[rsshell@msn.com](mailto:rsshell@msn.com)> wrote:

Hi Carol

Further to our conversation the other day,... just wondering if you have obtained any updated news about ILIDS. We have a Town Lakes Committee meeting on Monday morning 2/20 and there is a Town Board meeting on Monday evening. It would be nice if we were able to report anything on this since the Town of Saint Germain originally passed a resolution in support of this project in 2018. It was disturbing to hear from you some other lakes got grant approval for ILIDS while we were not even allowed to submit grants this past cycle.

Thanks

Bob

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**From:** Carol Warden <[carol.warden@gmail.com](mailto:carol.warden@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 10, 2019 7:53 AM

**To:** BOB SCHELL <[RSSCHELL@msn.com](mailto:RSSCHELL@msn.com)>; John Richter <[AJR5@aol.com](mailto:AJR5@aol.com)>

**Cc:** tritter3 <[tritter3@frontier.com](mailto:tritter3@frontier.com)>

**Subject:** Re: Found Lake ilids

Bob,

I fully understand the bewilderment. I was uninformed of the freeze until Ted shared it with me. I am including John Richter as he may have information from one of the DNR water bureau leaders. John, did you receive any sort of letter about a freeze on ILIDS and similar devices?

Thank you, Carol

On Thu, Oct 10, 2019 at 3:18 AM BOB SCHELL <[RSSCHELL@msn.com](mailto:RSSCHELL@msn.com)> wrote:

Ted and Carol

Thank you for your efforts in this matter. As you can imagine I was a bit bewildered when I saw the reversal...but decided to hold off making any negative reaction.

I just can't help thinking about the 81% of the time we have no coverage at our landing.

Thanks again

Bob

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