

**August 5, 2023 Tulaby Lake Annual Meeting
Tulaby Lake Association Membership Meeting minutes**

Tulaby Lake Association Meeting was held Saturday, August 5, 2023, at 12:00PM at the Elbow and Tulaby Lakes Fire Hall. Twenty-three people attended the meeting.

Bryan Vidden called the meeting to order shortly after 12PM. Because there were many new attendees, introductions were done.

The **Secretary's Report** of the minutes of the May 2023 Spring Meeting was presented by Pat Adams. Motion made to approve the minutes by John Oncken; seconded by Frank Wambach. The motion passed unanimously.

The **Treasurer's Report** was presented by Danny Pinske. Currently the balance in the account is \$10,403.75. Included in the balance is \$2,945 designated for water quality efforts and \$200 designated for fish stocking. The designated dollars are a result of contributions from lake residents designating the money for specific use. Misc printing and lake action plan expenses are yet to be paid. Fred Soch made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report; seconded by Dave Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

Those attending received a copy of the **2023 Tulaby Lake Action Plan by Houston Engineering, Inc.** Initial comments were positive regarding the information included.

Cathy Wambach hoped the plan will support resident efforts of shoreline stabilization and septic testing.

Pat Adams asked that the board get specific information on the proposed septic testing for Tulaby Lake that is being discussed by Becker County. Pat feels the residents need information on how this will be done, when, and what cost this will be for individual residents. Also, what are the consequences of a septic system that will not pass. Karen Ahmann will ask Becker County to reach out to the Mahnommen County Zoning. Bryan Vidden and Danny Pinske will collect specific information about the proposed testing.

Dave Adams asked questions about the **flowing wells**. It was noted that a flowing well near the Nelson property moves 600 gallons of water per minute (GPM) into Tulaby Lake and has a 4x higher phosphorus level compared to the lake.

Per Fred Soch Tulaby Lake's **phosphorus level will be re-evaluated by the EPA to determine if it will remain in the Minnesota Impaired Waters list**. Fred's opinion, after his years of work collecting and reviewing the data for the lake, thinks Tulaby is fairly stable. He wonders if the clear water and lack of an algae bloom this summer could tip the data to suggest Tulaby Lake no longer be listed as impaired. Fred, and others, think the lake water quality this year may have resulted from a late ice-out, less rain, which meant less run-off into the lake, and lower water temperatures throughout the summer. Kathy Wambach suggested that recently new property owners have upgraded septic systems and it is no longer common for residents to introduce gray water into the lake, which also may have contributed to the few occurrences of algae blooms. Last year at this time water was clear to four feet; this year the water is clear to 13 feet.

Bryan Vidden suggested the plan will open grant opportunities for the lake association for

1. Lakeshore management
2. Invasive species management
3. Beaver dam management
4. Flow well assessment and management

Dave Adams asked what happens next with the Lake Management Plan. Do we file this action plan with the Wild Rice Watershed? It is not clear if that is required.

Pat Adams made a motion that a committee be formed within three months to **develop specific action plans for the association based on the Tulaby Lake Action Plan**. Dave Adams seconded the motion. Fred Soch amended the motion that **no more than three people form this committee**. Motion passed unanimously. Immediately Danny Pinske, John Oncken, and Melinda Thompson volunteered to form this committee.

In **January a survey was included** in the request for 2023 membership dues. Of the forms returned (83) sixty-seven completed the survey concerning the sharing of personal information with the printed directory versus alternative ways to present that information.

- Most felt the printed directory had value and had no concern with personal information included.
- Most had no concern with a password protected access to directory information.
- Most had no concern with being emailed the directory as a PDF. (49 no concern; 9 were concerned; 9 maybe were concerned)

It was agreed to continue printing a directory. A new printed directory will be distributed in 2024.

Lauri Pfeiffer made a **motion that printed directories only be sent to paid members**, except new residents on the lake. The motion was seconded by Frank Wambach. There was a brief discussion. Frank Wambach called the motion to vote. The motion passed.

Bryan Vidden noted there is a new contact at the White Earth conservation department for Tulaby Lake.

Fred Soch provided an update on his work collecting and submitting water samples and readings to RMB Labs in Detroit Lakes. He provided printed reports of the lake history and did an excellent job of walking the attendees through the information.

Terms are ending for Heather Arends and Pat Adams. Both are leaving the board of directors. The following were **nominated by Greg Matejka for the three director positions.**

1. Darius Schneibel
2. Bryan Vidden
3. Chris Thompson

Cathy Wambach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

John Oncken announced he is leaving the board immediately due to personal commitments. Danny Pinske nominated Vondria Winter. The motion was seconded by Bryan Vidden. The motion passed unanimously. (Vondria will serve to the end of John's term in 2024.)

Fred Soch made a **motion to adjourn**. Frank Wambach seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

After the meeting the directors met.

The following positions on the board have been filled.

President - Karen Ahmann
Vice President - Rick Pavek

Treasurer - Danny Pinske
Secretary - Vondria Winter

Bryan Vidden made a motion to pay the Waubun Wildlife \$500 for stocking. The motion seconded by Pat Adams. The motion passed unanimously.

POST MEETING: September 10, 2023

Directors via email conducted the following business.

Laurie Pfeiffer made a motion via email on August 10, 2023

I make a motion to donate

\$500 to the Waubun Wildlife club.

And other moneys mentioned, which are

\$400 Waubun Wildlife Club (from last year and this year donation from the coop)

\$150 Elbow and Tulaby Lakes Fire Department

The motion was seconded by Darius Schneibel.

The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Adams

Minutes will be approved at the Spring 2024 Membership Meeting