

Tainter Lake Rehabilitation District  
Bouy & Regulatory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
held 3/6/2024 at Jakes Supper Club

Present: Pete Heimdal, Julie Lammer, Bob Batchelor, Lissa, Jim Zons

A. Call meeting to order.

Jim Zons Calls meeting to order 5:02 pm

B. Approval Of the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting

Pete Heimdal moves and Julie Lammer seconds acceptance of agenda and last meeting minutes

C. Recognition of visitors and visitor comments

No visitors were present.

D. Discussion and Action

1. Discussion and action regarding creation of Lake District No-Wake Ordinance.

Suggested that we create a new ordinance based as closely as possible to the existing town of Tainter ordinance but without actual locations specified but with a budget high enough to include most possible locations as decided in the future. A couple of suggested changes from the existing ordinance were mentioned but the only one remembered was to make clear that seasonal dates mentioned for buoy placement and removal did not imply that those dates indicated that the No-Wake zones ceased to exist when the buoys were removed.

2. Proposed 2025 budget for Lake District No-Wake Ordinance

Pete mentioned that the district board's budget decisions would be made at their May 21 meeting.

Lissa mentioned she talked to Monte Burstad about related insurance issues. Pete presented a good draft timeline to keep our timelines in mind:

March 2024 Decision to proceed by Board of Commissioners.

April 2024 Write draft ordinance, post on media for 30-day notice of hearing

May 2024 Open Hearing. Submit 2025 budget to board.

If board approved:

June 2024 Modify ordinance and adjust budget based on open hearing.

July 2024 Open

Aug 2024 Annual meeting. Seek budget approval.

If approved:

Sep 2024 Final ordinance drafted. Seek resolutions from Towns of Tainter, and Menomonie

Oct 2024 Enactment of ordinance by board.

Nov-Dec 2024 60 day review by DNR

Jan-Feb-Mar 2025 Hire contractor, purchase equipment, design signage.

April 2025 Place signage, train enforcement volunteers

May 2025 install buoys.

Pete mentions that Pete Wessel from DNR says DNR approval should be easy if we end close to existing ordinance. Bob suggests buoy locations implemented by amendment to new ordinance to ease location modifications as situations arise, but this seems to meet no acceptance.

Jim lays out plan to present, to the annual meeting, a budget to cover initial buoy costs and maintenance for initial operations during the 2025 season and if that passes, present another budget issue to the meeting to cover 2026 season operations. And then plan to present budgets for following seasons at every subsequent annual meeting.

Actions:

Jim motions and Pete seconds:

We recommend that our committee creates its own ordinance adapted from language from existing Town of Tainter ordinance.

This passes unanimously.

Jim motions and Bob seconds:

We recommend initial budget to cover purchase of 6 new buoys and hardware, required signage, legal costs, other associated startup costs for the 2025 season be presented to annual meeting. This passes unanimously.

Jim motions and Pete seconds:

We recommend that, if the above issue receives annual meeting approval that we recommend a budget for installation, removal, storage, and ongoing maintenance costs including purchase of one additional buoy for the 2026 season.

This passes unanimously.

3. Boat Landing Discussion

Talk about placement of new signage on boat landings.

4. Additional Items.

Jim volunteers to talk to his contact at the county about guesses on legal costs related to development of new ordinance. Jim volunteer to talk to his contact at the county about guesses on costs of producing and placement of No-Wake signage related to No-Wake Zone locations.

5. Next meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee of Tainter Lake No-Wake Zones.

a. Place and time.

We scheduled next meeting for Wednesday April 17 at 5pm. Location TBD.

Penciled in the next meeting date for May 15 at 5pm to prepare for Open Hearing. Location TBD.

Penciled in Open Hearing Meeting for May 22 at 6:00pm. We are targeting Tainter Townhall for this meeting.

b. Future Agenda Items

There was no discussion of future Agenda Items.

D. Adjourn

7:40pm Jim adjourns meeting.