

**Trego Lake District Annual Meeting – Minutes**  
**Saturday June 13, 2020**

**Zoom Meeting (Video Conference)**

1. Board Chair Charlie Petersen called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. The meeting was held via Zoom internet platform (as previously announced in the Notices for the meeting). There were twenty-five lake member attendees.
  
2. Board chair's Report:
  - This year's Annual meeting is split into two parts – today's business meeting and a Special Meeting for Board Elections to be held on August 22, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. The voting requirements in Wisconsin Statutes require an in-person meeting for Board elections.
  
3. Committee Reports
  - Weed Harvesting – Tom Frost announced that the weed harvest this year would be done by a new company - TSB from Chippewa Falls. Tom was in contact with them this week and they will be doing the weed harvest the third week of July. Dan DuRose and Gary Kaiser volunteered to monitor weed harvesting. There was a reminder that when aquatic plants are pulled from around your dock and shore line they need to be deposited on land. They cannot be pulled and thrown back into the water.
  
  - Water Quality – Dan DuRose reported that the water quality samples were taken on May 16, 2020, and sent to the University laboratory for analysis. He observed that for the first time water color was different at Potato Creek sample site than at the sample site by the dam.
  
  - Buoys, Public Landing Pier – Tim Reedy reported that the pier was placed at the public landing on April 4, 2020. The pier is in good shape and people report landing is an easy place to launch a boat. There was a reminder that power loading boats at the landing is prohibited due to the damage it causes. The buoys went in on May 1, 2020. The buoys moved due to increased water flow in May and needed to be moved back to original spots. There was discussion regarding the channel having changed in the area west of Potato Creek. A natural channel has emerged on the northside of the

lake. Map of the new channel and buoys is on this website at [link to map](#).

- Fish Stocking/Management – Tim Reedy introduced Craig Roberts, DNR Washburn County Fisheries Biologist. Craig presented a PowerPoint presentation on the results of fish sampling occurring on Trego Lake. Sampling took place on three occasions in 2019: in April, June, and September. The PowerPoint is on this website at [this link](#). Craig discussed stocking, results and issues related to future stocking. Craig encouraged feedback and questions at his email address and telephone: [craig.roberts@wisconsin.gov](mailto:craig.roberts@wisconsin.gov) and 715-416-0351.
- Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Tim Reedy reported that Trego Lake District received a DNR grant again this year for the Clean Boats/Clean Water initiative. The program provides funding for hiring individuals to provide educational materials at landings regarding the transport of aquatic invasive species on boats. Trego Lake District is still looking for someone to perform these duties. The grant allows payment of \$12.00 per hour up to 200 hours this boating season. Interested individuals should contact Tim.
- Sedimentation – Charlie Petersen provided an update on the dredging project. There is a new budget reflecting costs above last year's approved dredging budget. Additional costs reflect purchase of a more powerful dredge and higher site preparation cost. Charlie has obtained needed permits for this project and needed consents from landowners. The permits allow maintenance of existing channels based on 2016 dredge. The budget is on this website at [this link](#). This updated budget for the dredging project is included in the proposed Trego Lake District budget for 2020-21.
- Lake Management Plan – Charlie Petersen reported that Trego Lake District was awarded a DNR Rapid Response Grant to address aquatic invasive species. The application was prepared by Bob Somermeyer. The grant is in excess of \$21,000 and provides for a survey of aquatic plants this summer and a plant management plan next year. Trego Lake District is required to provide a match for funding. The match may be fulfilled through documented volunteer hours. Bob Somermeyer will be leading efforts and will be the

contact for volunteers. Educational events regarding aquatic invasive species will be a part of this project.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

- 2020 Audit Report – Carolyn Kaiser reported that the Audit Committee (Carolyn Kaiser, Anna Korinko, and Paul Weyandt) met on January 11, 2020, and reviewed the Trego Lake District financial records for fiscal year 2019-20. She reported records were in great condition and showed no irregularities.
- Treasurer Tom Frost presented the 2020-12 proposed budget. This includes Property Tax Levy revenue of \$6900 and Special Charge of \$1000. The proposed budget includes revenue and expenses for the dredging project as presented by Board Chair Charlie Petersen. There was a motion and second to adopt the proposed budget. The motion passed unanimously. [Proposed budget](#)
- Board Chair Charlie Petersen presented the Resolution authorizing the Board to implement the dredging project as presented. There was a motion, second and unanimous vote to pass the resolution. The resolution is on this website at [this link](#).

#### 5. Citizen comments:

- There was discussion related to the flexibility with the purchase of dredging equipment and new permits moving forward. Dredging will be possible to address smaller areas of sedimentation buildup on a more regular basis. This will enable dredging of channels as the conditions of the river flow changes.
- Concern was expressed regarding unsafe boating practices. Boats violate “no wake” restrictions in narrow areas of river. This is dangerous for other boats, particularly unmotorized canoes and kayaks. Information on reporting violations is posted on this website [at this link](#).
- There was a question about whether landowners could hire the weed harvester to harvest in front of their property. At this time harvesting is only

allowed in areas where there is a DNR permit. The permit acquired by the Trego Lake District does not include areas adjacent to people's property. This issue may be considered and addressed as Trego Lake District moves forward on the development of a comprehensive lake management plan.

6. The 2021 Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday June 12, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. Reminder, there is a Special Meeting of the Trego Lake District membership on August 22, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be at the Trego Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 p.m.