

Trego Lake District Meeting
Quarterly Meeting –Summer 2020
Saturday, August 22, 2020
Trego Town Hall, Trego, Wisconsin

(Board members present: Dan DuRose, Tim Reedy via Zoom, Gary Kaiser, Bob Somermeyer, Charlie Petersen, and Tom Frost)

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. by Board of Commissioners Chair Charlie Petersen.
2. There was a motion to approve the minutes of the Spring Board Meeting. There was a second and the motion passed. Regarding the minutes of the Annual Meeting, John Geiger stated that the minutes should show that Tom Frost donated a pressure washer to the District for use in cleaning dredging equipment. With that addition, there was a motion and second to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting. The motion passed.
3. Board chair's Report
 - a. Chair Charlie Petersen stated that the upcoming Quarterly Board Meetings were scheduled for October 10, 2020, January 9, 2021, and April 17, 2021. The Annual Meeting is June 12, 2021. All meetings are set to be at the Trego Town Hall starting at 9:00 a.m.
 - b. Chair Petersen recognized John Geiger for over thirty years of service to Trego Lake and Trego Lake District. He presented John with a plaque commemorating his service. John indicated he would remain involved in the Lake District.
4. Quarterly Financial Report - Treasurer Tom Frost presented the Treasurer's Report (as posted on the Trego Lake District website). There was a motion, second and vote to approve the Treasurer's Report.
5. Committee Reports
 - a. Weed Harvesting – Tom Frost reported that a new company, TSB of Chippewa Falls, had done the weed harvesting this year. They completed the weed harvesting on July 21, 2020. The cost was \$2500 which was \$5500 less than the cost for last year. Request for reimbursement from Xcel Energy has been submitted. There was discussion about private weed harvesting and issues related to wild rice. Information on wild rice protection will be posted on the Trego Lake District website.
 - b. Lake Management Plan – Charlie Petersen reported that the Xcel dam was scheduled for Federal re-licensing over the next 5 years. The process has started. A questionnaire was sent to Trego Lake District asking about our interest in the dam re-license. Tom and Charlie responded to the questionnaire and identified issues of interest and resources the District had or knew of that would have a bearing on re-licensing.

Dave Blumer's current report on the activities of L.E.A.P.S. regarding the DNR Rapid Response grant is posted on the Trego Lake District website in the "Meetings" section.

- c. Water Quality – Dan DuRose reported that the last tests show phosphorus levels higher near the dam than upstream. This may be caused by run off from lawns, agricultural land or malfunctioning septic systems. Nitrogen levels are up and almost double at the dam. This may result in algae growth.
- d. Buoys, Public Landing Pier – Tim Reedy reported that buoys have stayed in place this summer and with one exception are in good shape. We may need to look into issue of flexibility for buoy placement as the depth changes in existing marked channels.
- e. Fish Stocking/Management – Tim Reedy reported nothing new beyond the excellent presentation DNR representative Craig Roberts made at the Annual Meeting about last year's study of fish populations in Trego Lake.
- f. Clean Boats/Clean Water – Tim Reedy reported that TLD has had someone working this summer doing the boat inspections and related work at the landing pursuant to the DNR Clean Boats/Clean Water grant. The work has been conducted under the supervision of LEAPS (Dave Blumer's organization). This has allowed issues of payroll and related matters to be under the umbrella of LEAPS. From all reports the young woman performing these duties has been doing a good job. Tim Reedy has volunteered time on this project as well.
- g. Sedimentation – Charlie Petersen Charlie Petersen reported for the Sedimentation Committee. The Piranha dredge arrived August 3. Tom Frost, Gary Kaiser, Gary Wiese and Charlie Petersen unpacked and inspected it. It was move temporarily to Charlie's garage. John Geiger built a trailer for the dredge. The dredge will be tested this year, but dredging will occur next summer after June 15 (permit limitations). Charlie Petersen noted that thanks were due to:
 - Wild River Sport and Marine for allowing their business to be the location of the dredge shipment and using their equipment to unload the dredge and put it on the trailer.
 - Gary K., Gary W., Tom and Charlie for unloading and inspecting the dredge.
 - John, for constructing the trailer to fit the unique dimensions of the dredge.
 - Tim Ilstrup for storing the dredge this year.

Additional equipment purchases will be needed before dredge is used. Volunteers are needed to help repair the District's pontoon before it can be used. Date proposed for repair: September 26. Protocols will need to be developed over the next year in case someone on the lake, beyond the Lake District desires to use the dredge. Dredge use requires a DNR permit.

6. Citizen comments – John Geiger reported that the National Park Service will be closing its landing across from the Park Service building on Highway 63. A private owner of a canoe landing will also be closing his landing site to non-customers due to abuses by others. As John pointed out this will mean that canoe and tube users will have limited places to land their watercraft after coming down the river. This may affect private property owners unless alternatives are available. There was a suggestion

that TLD should write a letter to the Town of Trego encouraging it to explore improving the landing at the Town campground or otherwise dealing with this issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.