

Trego Lake District
Quarterly Board of Commissioners' Meeting

Saturday, January 9, 2021
Trego Town Hall, Trego, Wisconsin

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

Minutes

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Charlie Petersen. Attendees were present both in person and by Zoom (instructions were provided in the Meeting Notice).
2. There was a motion, second and vote approving the minutes of the Fall 2020 Board Meeting.
3. Chair's Report – Chair Petersen advised that he received materials regarding the licensing for the Xcel Dam. These have been posted on the Trego Lake District website under “Member News” section. Members are invited to review these materials and direct any questions these materials raise to Charlie for compilation of questions the District will seek answers to as the licensing process goes forward. The licensing project has just begun, it will end in 2025.

Charlie also raised the issue of whether the TLD semi-annual picnic should be held this summer. The last picnic was in 2019. Further discussion and decision will be made at the April meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report
 - Annual Audit Report – Carolyn Kaiser reported on behalf of the Audit Committee (Carolyn, Anna Korinko, and Annie Somermeyer). She reported that the Audit Committee reviewed the financial records of the Trego Lake District immediately before the Quarterly Meeting. She reported the records were in order. Annie Somermeyer added that Carolyn did an outstanding job leading the committee and the records were well organized.
 - Quarterly Financial Report – There was a motion, second and vote to approve the Treasurer's Report as posted on the District website.
5. Committee Reports
 - Weed Harvesting – Tom Frost reported that TLD contracted with a new company for the weed harvesting this past year. They were closer and more flexible than our previous contractor. The cost was substantially less. Xcel Energy appreciated the lower cost but asked to be invited to watch the weed harvesting next summer. Questions were asked about whether wild rice growing in the lanes approved for harvesting could be harvested and whether TLD should schedule the harvesting for earlier in the summer. These items will be discussed further at the April meeting.
 - Water Quality – Dan DuRose said that clarity tests of Trego Lake water this fall showed clarity down to 11 ½ feet near the dam. Tests in the past have been considered good with clarity to 6 ½ feet. Shallow water prevented successful tests at other sites.
 - Buoys, Public Landing Pier – Tim Reedy reported the buoys and pier were removed and stored in the Trego Town garage. Pier handholds were damaged and are in the process of being

repaired. It was suggested that a sign on the handholds could help keep boaters from using them to tie their boats to the pier. This should be investigated for next summer. Tim assisted the contractor and participated in pulling the buoys out. It was rough work this fall. He reported it was dirty, difficult, and cold. TLD should invite and be open to paying more in the future for this project. TLD should remember to ask contractors for these and other projects for Proof of Insurance.

- Fish Stocking/Management – Tim Reedy said that DNR representative was preparing a written report for the District. When received, it will be posted on the District’s website.
- Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Tim Reedy reported that this grant funded project was successful this past summer. The employee TLD hired to hand out the materials related to cleaning boats had done an outstanding job. Using L.E.A.P.S. to manage employee payroll greatly helped in managing the project. Tim applied for the maximum amount for next year’s project. He is confident we will be able to find employee(s) and fully use the available funds.
- Sedimentation – Charlie Petersen reported that nearly all equipment has been acquired for next summer’s dredging project. Plastic piping is still needed. Organizational issues will be raised and discussed at the April meeting. June 15 is the earliest that the project can commence. Discussions regarding protocols for use of equipment have been postponed until after the equipment has been tried.
- Lake Management Plan – Charlie Petersen and Bob Somermeyer reported. Bob Blumer (L.E.A.P.S.) has been asked to come to the April board meeting to report on activities -- Rapid Response grant and next steps for a proposed lake management plan.

6. Citizen comments

Question was asked about public river access due to the National Park Service closing access across Highway 63 from the Park Service building. The nearby private campground access will also no longer be open to the public. The issue has come up at several Town Board of Supervisor meetings. A possible answer could involve the unused landing at the Town Park, but the issue remains under consideration and is not resolved.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.