

**Trego Lake District**  
Quarterly Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Saturday, August 14, 2021  
Trego Town Hall, Trego, WI  
Zoom attendance available

Board members present: Charlie Petersen, Dan Frase, Bob Somermeyer, Tom Frost

**Minutes**

1. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Board Chair Charlie Petersen.
2. There was a motion, second and vote to approve the minutes of June 12, 2021, Annual Board Meeting. There was a motion, second and vote to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2021, quarterly Board meeting.
3. No one was nominated at the Annual Meeting to serve in a vacancy on the Board of Commissioners. After the meeting, Nick Tseffos contacted the Board Chair and Secretary and volunteered to serve on the Board. Chair Petersen introduced him, and Nick (appearing by Zoom) provided his background and expressed his interest in serving on the Board. The Board unanimously elected him to serve on the Board with a term expiring in 2024.
4. Board chair's Report – no report.
5. Treasurer's Report (as published on the website) was presented by Treasurer Tom Frost. There was a motion, second and vote to approve the Treasurer's report.

Tom announced that State of Wisconsin had issued a new tax-exempt certificate to Trego Lake District. There is a new tax-exempt number. Members making purchases on behalf of Trego Lake District should get the new certificate and number from Tom to save on paying sales tax.

6. Committee Reports
  - Lake Management Plan – Bob Somermeyer and Charlie Petersen reported on overlapping concerns of AIS, Xcel dam re-licensing, and moving forward with a formal lake management plan.
    - Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Management Plan - Bob took a boat tour of Trego Lake with consultant Dave Blumer. They took weed samples and looked at potential weed harvesting sites. These new sites could include Potato Creek, Dahl's Bay and other areas. The starting point is a map of potential sites to be created and presented to the DNR. Discussion included possible "scooping" of detached plant material off the top of the water. New technologies may be available to help deal with the issue.

During the discussion emphasis was placed on the need for everyone to be involved in the process of controlling weeds – what affects one part of the lake does and will affect all parts of the lake. Weeds are moving. The whole lake needs to be involved.

- Trego Lake – Lake Management Plan – Bob Somermeyer led the discussion about the need to create Lake Management Plan which will have input from all parts of the lake and will address all issues affecting the lake and lake shore owners. This will be a broad approach to finding out and addressing all concerns. Charlie suggested a committee of 8 – 13 people to be the core leadership team. Volunteers for this committee are sought and it is hoped that the committee members will be named by the October meeting. People who have not been involved in the Lake District before are especially welcomed. DNR money is available to hire consultants and help pay for the process of developing a plan. Charlie suggested that the committee would move toward applying for a grant in 2022.
- Trego Dam re-licensing – Charlie reported on the process now taking place for the re-licensing of the Xcel dam in 2025. Studies of the impact of the dam have been requested. Xcel Energy has responded to the requests. Charlie prepared a response (on the website). TLD opposes Xcel Energy's response to not including a study of the effect of the dam on sedimentation and Xcel's proposal to shrink the geographic size of the area to be studied. The National Park Service and Trego Lake District have similar approaches to the need for studies. Some of these studies may have relevance to the proposed TLD Lake Management Plan.
- Weed Harvesting – Tom Frost reported that the weed harvesting (paid for by Xcel Energy as part of its current license) was conducted on June 17-18, this summer. This year the timing for the harvest was changed from late July to mid-June to be able to cut more aquatic invasive species. The change was successful – more than six times more weeds were cut in 2021 than had been cut in 2020. TSB (contract harvester) harvested approximately 66 cubic yards consisting of:
  - 35% Curly leaf pondweed
  - 15% Chara
  - 20% Elodea
  - 15% Coontail
  - 10% Southern Niad
  - 5% Nitella
- Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Charlie Petersen reported on behalf of Tim Reedy. TLD continues to do boat inspections at the landing. We work through L.E.A.P.S

(consulting firm) to hire people to do the inspections and hand out information about aquatic invasive species.. The project (mostly paid for by a DNR grant) will continue through September.

- Water Quality – Dan DuRose reported that a Succi disk test at the dam this past weekend showed clarity to 6 feet. Last April the test showed clarity to 9 feet.
- Buoys, Public Landing Pier – Charlie Petersen reported on behalf of Tim Reedy. The handle on the dock at the landing was damaged and broken off again this summer. It was recovered and re-attached. The buoy nearest highway 63 broke loose and floated downstream. It has been re-placed.
- Fish Stocking/Management – No report.
- Sedimentation – Charlie Petersen reported that roughly 32 cubic yards of sedimentation were removed this summer using just the new Piranha dredge and pump on the north side of the river. An estimated 85 – 90 cubic yards were removed on the south side using the Piranha dredge, pump, and the supplement pump to lift the sedimentation and water up the hill to the disposal site. There has been an issue with the pipe pieces coming apart at the joints. Charlie will investigate possible solutions (such as glue, double clamps, and threaded pipes) for next year. There were approximately 25 volunteers on the dredging project this summer. Charlie will soon be calling together a group of half-dozen to take the dredge out and prepare it for seasonal storage.

7. Citizen comments – There were no citizen comments

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

**Next Board meeting: October 9, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. - Trego Town Hall**