

Trego Lake District Meeting

Saturday, April 18, 2020

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Charlie Petersen at 9:00 a.m. All Board members and members of the public appeared via Zoom video conferencing. Notices and directions were posted, placed on the Trego Lake District website, and sent by email to all people who have provided email addresses to the District.
2. There was a motion, second and vote approving the minutes of the Winter 2020 Board Meeting (January 11, 2020).

3. Board chair's Report:

Charlie Petersen reported on a bill pending before the Legislature (SB501/AB551) which would create a legal presumption that riparian owners of property adjacent to a flowage would have the right to put in a pier. The need for this comes as a result of a 2018 Wisconsin Supreme Court decision. A written summary is on the Trego Lake District website.

4. Treasurer's Report:

After a motion and second, the Board approved the Treasurer's Quarterly Financial Report as posted on the TLD website.

Board Chair Charlie Petersen explained the updated dredging proposal. This proposal is on the website. The additional expense for equipment and site preparation resulted in a need for additional revenue. These changes to expenses and revenue are reflected in the Proposed Budget for 2020-21 posted on the website.

Board Secretary/Treasurer Tom Frost walked through Proposed Budget for 2020-21 with updates on the current year. After questions and discussion, a motion and a second, the Board voted unanimously to recommend this Budget to the membership at the Annual Meeting.

5. Committee Reports

Weed Harvesting – Tom Frost reported that a new weed harvester has been contracted with for the summer of 2020. This company has a lower cost and does not require a deposit. The application for a harvesting permit has been submitted to the DNR. The weed harvesting is scheduled for the third week of July.

Water Quality – Dan DuRose reported that the DNR has not yet sent him a testing kit.

Buoys, Public Landing Pier – Tim Reedy reported that the pier at the landing will be put in today (April 18). He has been unable to connect with the company that installs the buoys. John Geiger volunteered to assist in connecting with the company.

Fish Stocking/Management – Tim Reedy reported that at the Annual Meeting DNR fisheries biologist Craig Roberts will report on the results of the three Trego Lake shockings which occurred in 2019.

Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Tim Reedy reported that the DNR has put all activities in the Clean Boats/Clean Water program on hold until further notice.

Sedimentation – Charlie Petersen reported on the progress of the dredging project. He expects, depending on the lake channel survey and coronavirus actions, the equipment will be purchased, and dredging done this summer. Permits have been obtained.

Lake Management Plan – Charlie Petersen presented the proposed Resolution for the Rapid Response Grant (on the website). All other requirements for the Grant are completed. After motion and second, the Board approved the Resolution. Once the Resolution is signed and filed, Charlie will follow up with consultant Dave Bloom to initiate the project.

Annual Meeting – There was discussion regarding the Annual Meeting. Wisconsin statutes say that electors must “attend” the meeting. This may not be consistent with current social distancing rules. Wisconsin Lakes is aware of the issue and seeking to find resolutions to meet the law and the social distancing requirements. The Board will continue to monitor the issue and will advise the membership of any meeting changes as they become known.

6. National Park Service – Charlie Lundeen of the NPS reported that NPS trails are open in this park district (except for one in Minnesota). He will investigate the issue of posting a sign at the landing advising boaters of speed limits. He advised that violations should be reported to NPS.
7. There were no citizen comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Next meeting: Annual Meeting – June 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.