

# Trego Lake District Board Meeting

Saturday, August 13, 2022

Trego Town Hall, Trego, Wisconsin

Board members present: Tom Frost, Bob Somermeyer, Brian Pahos, Nick Tseffos,  
Dan Frase, and Charlie Petersen (by Zoom)

## Minutes

1. Tom Frost called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. and led the meeting in the pledge of allegiance.
2. There was a motion, second and vote to approve minutes of the following meetings: April 2022 Board Meeting, 2022 Annual Meeting, and the Organizational Board Meeting immediately following the 2022 Annual Meeting.
3. Board chair's Report – There was a request for volunteers for Committees. Brian Pahos volunteered to lead the Buoy, Public Landing Committee (responsible for coordinating with AAA Sports on the placement of the buoys in the spring and removal in the fall and coordinating with individual that installs and removes the pier at the public landing). He also volunteered to coordinate with the DNR for the Fish Stocking/Management Committee. Paul Geyen volunteered to assist Dan DuRose on the Water Quality Committee.
4. Treasurer's Report
  - There was a motion, second and vote to approve the Quarterly Financial Report.
5. Committee Reports
  - Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Tom reported on behalf of Tim Reedy that TLD sponsored and paid for 67 hours of inspection and information distribution at the public landing through the end of July. The program will continue through September.
  - Buoys, Public Landing – Issues have arisen this summer regarding the placement of the buoys. Tom will send the GPS information to Brian Pahos.
  - Fish Stocking/Management – Tom reported that Tim had said his sons have caught good walleye and largemouth bass this summer.
  - Water Quality – No report
  - Weed Harvesting – Tom reported that the mechanical weed harvest this summer (June 15) resulted in a smaller harvest due to cool spring weather.

- Aquatic Plant Management Plan – Charlie reported that TLD submitted the plan to the DNR on its proposal to attack aquatic invasive plants in Trego Lake. We are awaiting their response. The plan was developed with aid of consultants paid for by a DNR Rapid Response grant. In the plan areas of AIS plant growth were identified. Discussion on how to develop criteria for the expansion of weed harvesting next summer identified the following criteria: following the plan as submitted and approved by the DNR, verifiable areas of AIS growth, existing channels (paid for by Xcel), and consideration of areas around docks if allowed and if funding is available. Follow up discussion and decisions will be scheduled for the October Board meeting. TLD will need to submit an application for a permit authorizing broader harvesting after the October meeting. Question was raised about limits on acreage, Charlie will check with DNR.
- Sedimentation – Tom reported that dredging was accomplished on four half days by volunteers this June and July. A new method of raking the sand to the dredge was successful and resulted in almost no clogging of pipes and hoses. Depth of 20” was achieved in channel allowing passage of pontoon boats. An email will be sent around in the next few weeks for volunteers to disassemble and store the equipment.
- Trego Dam Relicensing – Charlie led discussion. As part of the dam re-licensing process, TLD received a questionnaire on recreational use of Trego Lake. With input from Board members, a response was drafted. The response was distributed by email to members. The National Park Service and others’ request for a sedimentation study is brought up in the TLD questionnaire response. After discussion there was a motion, second and vote authorizing Charlie to submit the questionnaire response on behalf of TLD.

Both the National Park Service and TLD have asked Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (federal agency with licensing authority) to require Xcel to conduct a study on the effect of sedimentation as caused by the presence of the dam. FERC has not yet made a decision.

Nick Tseffos made a PowerPoint presentation on research he has initiated on the how as part of the dam relicensing process may be used to hold Xcel accountable for changes the dam is responsible for making to Trego Lake. He and Bryce have been in contact with a consultant who works with dam licensing/re-licensing issues and reported on their discussion with him. Although we may be late to the game, there is still time to have input which could result in a study of effects of sedimentation on Trego Lake and possible remedies. Nick’s entire PowerPoint is on this website positioned under the Minutes of the meeting. The Board asked Nick to continue to research resources and consultants for report to next Board meeting. If action needs to be taken before the scheduled October Board meeting, a Special Board meeting could be held.

- Comprehensive Lake Management Plan – Charlie reported. TLD is looking to create a Comprehensive Lake Management Plan. This plan would address all issues facing the lake and would seek TLD member input. The plan would need to be DNR grant funded. The preliminary application is due September 15 with a final application due in November. The preliminary application will be completed by Charlie with input from the Board. Further discussion at the next meeting.

6. Citizen comments:

Concerns were raised about the loss of the NPS landing due the new construction on Highway 63. Tubers, kayakers, and canoeists on the river have no public place to leave or enter the river now. Some have used private land to exit. This has been an ongoing topic of conversation at Trego Town meetings. The Town shares TLD concerns and is attempting to purchase property nearby to create a landing. Trego Town campground has a small landing, but it needs work and cleaning up if it is to be a part of the solution. Use of signage to warn river users of last landing was discussed. TLD will advise the Town that it will assist and partner in trying to figure out a solution to this problem.

Concern was also expressed that additional sedimentation in the lake may be a result of size and speed of boats washing away shorelines. There is evidence in the Narrows of damage to shorelines.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Next Board Meeting: October 8, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. – Trego Town Hall**