

**Trego Lake District**  
Quarterly Board Meeting  
Saturday, October 8, 2022  
Trego Town Hall, Trego, Wisconsin

## **Minutes**

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

1. Board Chair Charlie Petersen called the meeting to order and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance at 9:01 a.m.
2. There was a motion, second and vote to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2022, Board Meeting.
3. Board Chair's Report: Charlie Petersen reported that weed harvesting for summer of 2023 would be broader and somewhat experimental as the District moves to harvest in new areas of the lake. Experience will be gained and used to plan for additional harvesting beyond next year.

Charlie asked for three volunteers to conduct the annual audit of financial records. John Geiger volunteered. Charlie will seek two additional volunteers to form a committee to conduct the audit before or after the January 7, 2023, meeting.

4. Treasurer's Report: There was a motion, second and vote to approve the Quarterly Treasurer's Report. Tom Frost advised that a cash shortage was likely in October. A short-term loan, as authorized by the Annual Meeting, would be necessary.
5. Committee Reports
  - Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Tim Reedy reported that TLD did 165 hours of CBCW activity at the public landing this year. He will enter the required data in the DNR SWIMS data base. It is unknown whether Dave Blumer will continue to provide his organization (LEAPS) to hire and coordinate activities in the future. Tim will apply for reimbursement from the DNR and apply for the grant for 2023. Beyond 2023 a new person will need to oversee and organize the CBCW activities.
  - Buoys, Public Landing – There was a discussion regarding picking up the buoys this fall. AAA will be approached requesting the buoys remain in the water an additional two weeks until mid to late October. The pier at the public landing will be removed at about the same time. Sam Smith will remove the pier. The Board authorized power washing of buoys and pier. Brian Pahos and John Geiger will look at the buoys to see if any need repair or replacement. In the future TLD

should identify the location of buoys in a map on the website. Trego Town has been notified of the need to put rocks at the end of the landing ramp to prevent trailers from going off the end and being damaged.

- Fish Stocking/Management – The DNR is still working on a report on fish in Trego Lake. Sturgeon stocked in the lake in the past are still present. Brian volunteered to connect with the DNR.
- Water Quality – Dan DuRose continues to conduct water quality tests. Paul Geyen volunteered to assist.

Barb Emerson talked about lawn fertilizer and its effect on water quality. She agreed to provide a link to information on fertilizer for the TLD website. She asked that TLD mailings and emails include information on the detrimental impact of fertilizer on lake water quality.

- Sedimentation – The dredging this year was considered successful. Several weekend mornings increased depth to 20” along wild rice on the south shore – sufficient for pontoon boats to get through. Next year's plan is to explore whether dredging to Potato Creek could be permitted and likewise successful. There was discussion of hiring individuals to do the dredging work. Also discussion about whether TLD could tap into other lakes’ dredging experience. Discussion on how to acknowledge volunteers.
- Aquatic Plant Management Plan – Charlie commented that TLD had received communication from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) that the Trego Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plan had been approved. The WDNR communication will be added to the TLD website next to the plan
- Trego Dam Relicensing – There was a telephone presentation by Rick Voight, a hydrologist with experience in dam relicensing. He is currently involved in research on the effect of dams on rivers. He discussed how TLD might affect the re-licensing process and advocate for issues that could benefit the lake. There was a discussion between Rick and Board members. There was a motion, second, and vote to accept a proposal from Rick to help identify issues, develop a plan of attack and provide guidance to the Board through the dam relicensing process. There was a discussion on the prospect of fundraising as an alternative revenue source to support TLD efforts such as hiring a consultant.

- Weed Harvesting – Chair Charlie Petersen led a discussion on weed harvesting in 2023. Additional funds are allocated in this year’s budget for this purpose. Discussion included whether it should be done once or twice and whether chemical eradication should be considered. Board agreed to schedule a special board meeting before the January Board meeting to consider and identify priorities and how to allocate limited resources most effectively.
- Comprehensive Lake Management Plan – Charlie reported on progress he is making on application for a grant to support a Comprehensive Lake Management Plan. Alternative grants were discussed, and agreement was reached to apply for a Surface Water Grant. The proposed grant plan would offer multiple opportunities for individual input through a survey and focus groups. A DNR grant for this project would top out at \$10,000 with required in-kind matches from TLD to cover other activities. There was a motion, second and vote adopting the following resolution (required as part of the application):

Whereas, Trego Lake District (TLD) is interested in obtaining a cost-share grant from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for the purpose of Surface Water Planning for Trego Lake – Stakeholder Input and Goal Development (as described in the application);

Whereas, the respondent attests to the validity and veracity of the statements and representations in the application;

Whereas, an Agreement/Contract is required to carryout this project; and

Now, therefore be it resolved that Trego Lake District will meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project and hereby authorizes and empowers the following officials or employees to submit the following documents to the DNR for financial assistance that may be available:

- Charlie Petersen – to sign and submit application;
- Charlie Petersen – to enter into Agreement/Contract with DNR;
- Charlie Petersen – to submit required reports and satisfy Agreement/Contract;
- Charlie Petersen and Tom Frost – to submit reimbursement request(s) to the DNR;
- Charlie Petersen and Tom Frost – to sign and submit other documentation as necessary to complete project per Agreement/Contract;

Be it Further Resolved that respondent will comply with all local, state, and federal rules, regulations, and ordinances relating to this project and the cost-share Agreement/Contract.

There was additional discussion on hiring an experienced management group headed by Charlie to lead implementation of the project discussions and interview. There was a motion, second and vote to adopt the following resolution:

For conducting the qualitative input to the Trego Lake Surface Water Planning, the Trego Lake District (TLD) will enter into a contract with CJPetersen Consulting. CJPetersen Consulting will design, conduct, and document focus groups and interviews of Trego Lake residents and key stakeholders. CJPetersen Consulting will charge TLD for services provided at a rate of \$75 /hour. This resolution will only go into effect if TLD is awarded the Department of Natural Resources Surface Water Planning Grant.

Charlie advised that he would donate all revenue received from this agreement back to the Trego Lake District. When the contract is drawn up, CJPetersen Consulting and Charlie Petersen will be independent contractors.

6. There were no additional citizens' comments.

The meeting was adjourned.

**Next Board Meeting: January 7, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. – Trego Town Hall**