

Trego Lake District Special Board Meeting
Monday, December 12, 2022
Trego Town Hall, Trego, Wisconsin

Minutes

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

Charlie Petersen led the meeting attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance

1. Chair Petersen called the Special Meeting of the Board to order at 6:30 p.m.
2. Board Chair's Report: Chair Petersen explained the purpose of the meeting was to identify and prioritize the new areas for weed harvesting in 2023. He discussed and led discussion of the following:
 - Aquatic vegetation generally adds value to a lake, including oxygen production, spawning, and nesting habitat, and food resources, stabilizing sediment and tying up excess nutrients.
 - Aquatic invasive species have been identified in Trego Lake.
 - A DNR permit is required for weed harvesting.
 - Prior harvesting in the navigation channels will continue (Xcel Energy reimbursement). It will be considered a standalone project.
 - \$15,000 is in the 2022-23 budget for weed harvest (beyond the navigation channels).
 - We will need to consult with TSB (weed harvester) as we develop a plan.
 - The location for harvested weed deposits that we have used in the past is no longer available. We will need to secure a new site.
 - Wild rice is considered sacred and cannot be cut or disturbed.
 - Chemical use may be a future consideration for some sites (bays). DNR approval would be necessary. Cutting and chemical use would have different timelines.
 - We have a commitment from TSB for a cost of \$2640 a day.
 - Curly leaf pondweed is the primary target. Eurasian water milfoil has been present in the past with minimal spreading.
 - In addition to DNR approval through the permitting process, we will seek their input and assistance in developing a plan.
 - Are there any requirements for transporting and depositing harvested AIS?
 - This is the first year of additional weed harvesting. We will review and revise as appropriate and necessary to meet additional needs in the future.
 - What documentation will DNR require for areas proposed to be harvested?

3. 2023 Weed Harvesting.

There was a motion and second to prioritize 2023 weed harvesting as follows: Trego Lake District will request TSB (harvester) to harvest aquatic plants according to the Aquatic Plant Management Plan addressing primary channel access and removal of Aquatic Invasive Species. Because funds are limited, for 2023, the TLD prioritized areas for harvesting as follows:

Priority 1 – Harvest where Potato Creek enters Trego Lake the curly-leaf pondweed area nearest the lake identified in the report and the channel from Trego Lake up into Potato Creek.

How far into Potato Creek will be determined in consultation with TSB. Additionally, a shorter channel along the shoreline on the west bank of Potato Creek as it enters the lake.

Priority 2 – Harvest the curly-leaf pondweed bed along the south west shore of the lake where the large bay narrows. Further, a channel will be harvested through the curly-leaf pondweed bed along the north shore of the large bay.

Priority 3 – Harvest the curly-leaf pondweed bed in the western center of the large bay in Trego Lake.

The motion carried.

There was a motion and second to add the following priorities:

Priority 4 – Harvest the curly-leaf pondweed in the wider area in the narrows approximately half-way between the large bay and the Trego Lake landing. (It is anticipated this area can be harvested as the harvester passes from the Trego Lake landing to the main harvest area at the mouth of Potato Creek and/or the large bay in Trego Lake).

Priority 5 - Harvest curly-leaf pondweed in the center of “Dahl’s Bay.”

Priority 6 - Harvest along the northeast shore of the lake at N8383 River Road.

(Priority areas 5 and 6 are west and north of Trego Lake landing.)

The motion carried.

TLD will identify these areas in the application for DNR permit and, if approved and funds are available, will be harvested.

The Trego Lake District – Aquatic Plant Control Plan for 2023 will be posted on the TLD website under “Meetings.” The plan includes maps of the areas to be harvested.

An overview of the areas to be harvested will be identified as Appendix A.

Priority 1 will be identified as Appendix B.

Priority 2 will be identified as Appendix C.

Priority 3 will be identified as Appendix D.

Priority 4 will be identified as Appendix E.

Priorities 5 and 6 will be identified as Appendix F.

4. Public Comment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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

Annual Meeting: June 10, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. – Trego Town Hall

Meetings may be attended by Zoom