

Trego Lake District

Quarterly Board Meeting – Winter 2023 Saturday, January 7, 2023, Trego Town Hall, Trego, Wisconsin

Board members present: Charlie Petersen, Tom Frost (by Zoom) Bob Somermeyer (by Zoom), Nick Tseffos (by Zoom)

Minutes

1. Board Chair Charlie Petersen led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. There was a motion, second and vote approving the October 8, 2022, Board Meeting minutes. There was a motion, second and vote approving the December 12, 2022, Special Board Meeting minutes. (Both are posted on TLD website.)
3. Board Chair Charlie Petersen reported that in 2023 TLD would conduct weed harvesting in new areas to combat aquatic invasive species and maintain navigation channels. This will be done pursuant to authority of the 2022 Annual Meeting and funds raised through budget adopted at that meeting.
4. Audit Committee of John Geiger and Anna Korinko reported that they conducted an audit of the Trego Lake District financial records for fiscal year 2021-22 on January 6, 2023. The audit showed all transactions were properly documented and reconciled. The records were in order.
5. Treasurer Tom Frost reported that Trego Lake District received full reimbursement for Rapid Response grant expenses. Balance in checking account now is \$13,455.71. There was a motion, second and vote approving the Quarterly Financial Report (as posted on the TLD website).
6. Committee Reports

Weed Harvesting – Chair Petersen led discussion of planning and action taken for weed harvesting this coming summer. TLD will continue to harvest consistent with past for navigation channels (funded by Xcel Energy). Additional harvest areas in 2023 will be based on Aquatic Plant Management Plan and action of the Board consistent with authority from the 2022 Annual Meeting. Weed harvester TSB was notified of the harvesting expansion of five additional days. As in the last two years, mid-June is proposed time for harvest. A telephone meeting with

TSB is needed to discuss new issues. An application for new harvesting areas will be needed. For accounting and clarity, TLD will make separate applications for prior harvesting (funding by Xcel) and new areas.

Transportation and new area for deposit of harvested weeds will be needed this summer. Town dump site and several other options were discussed.

Chair Petersen discussed priorities for harvesting. With this being the first year of expanded harvesting some unknowns are present. TLD will harvest as much as possible given limited resources. The Board will review results and may reconsider priorities in the future. In summary, this year's priorities:

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.

2 – Harvest the curly-leaf pondweed bed along the southwest 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.

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

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.

5 - Harvest curly-leaf pondweed in the center of "Dahl's Bay."

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

Chair Petersen and other Board members responded to questions. They emphasized that the goal, to the extent possible, was to harvest both for aquatic invasive species and navigation. It is recognized that weeds are an issue affecting the whole lake. This year is only the first step in combatting this issue. Based on this year's results, future areas and timing for harvesting will be considered. Weed harvesting of Trego Lake is a work in progress.

- Trego Dam Relicensing – Nick Tseffos reported that he and Chair Petersen had a telephone meeting with consultant Rick Voight. Rick had reviewed correspondence and prior actions of TLD and advised that TLD has done a good job so far. His concerns include the pending FERC response to the request for a sedimentation report from Xcel. On his advice, contact was made with U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin.
- Buoys, Public Landing – John Geiger reported that damage to pier was limited to fenders. Estimate of damage is \$500. Parts for repair will be purchased by Town of Trego. John volunteered to do necessary work.

Loss of one buoy and wear and tear on others necessitates purchase of new buoys. There was a motion, second and vote to purchase two new buoys this year. Chair Petersen will discuss with Board member Brian Pathos on ordering

the buoys and connecting with AAA Sports regarding future placement and removal of buoys and possible need for written contract.

- Sedimentation – Need for dredging this summer will be assessed in spring and early summer. Consideration will be given to new areas this year. TLD’s current permit is valid through 2024. A new permit will be needed for dredging in 2025. Chair Petersen will ask DNR about a general permit.

No visible effects have been observed from Highway 53/63 interchange construction.

- Comprehensive Lake Management Plan – Chair Petersen reported that a application for a grant of \$10,000 was submitted to DNR to support development of a Comprehensive Lake Management Plan. TLD is consulting with Northwest Regional Planning Commission on this project. The goal is to create a comprehensive plan to guide future TLD activities with broad input from stakeholders.
- Water Quality – Dan DuRose reported that water quality shows marked improvement. Phosphorous was not detected in fall readings. Succi disk readings were good at test sites on both ends of the lake. History of tests will be scanned and posted on TLD website.
- Fish Stocking/Management – TLD is seeking DNR report to post on website.
- Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Tim Reedy will be withdrawing from leadership of this effort. He will continue his role this summer but is looking to hand it off to new person. He will work with new person this year. TLD needs to find out from L.E.A.P.S. if it will provide management support to TLD this year. Chair Petersen will connect with Dave Blummer of L.E.A.P.S..

7. Citizen comments

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Next Board Meeting: April 15, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. – Trego Town Hall