

Trego Lake District

Quarterly Board Meeting
Saturday, April 15, 2023
Trego Town Hall, Trego, Wisconsin

Board Members Present: Chair Charlie Petersen, Bryce Huemoeller, Brian Pahos, Nick Tseffos (via Zoom), Bob Somermeyer (via Zoom), Tom Frost (via Zoom)

Minutes

1. Chair Charlie Petersen called the meeting to order and led the 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 January 2023 Board Meeting.
3. Board Chair's Report
 - Chair Petersen reported that the application for a DNR grant for a Comprehensive Lake Management Plan submitted last fall had not been awarded. He is in discussions with a planner from the Northwest Regional Planning Commission regarding future steps.
 - He reported on his responses to two emails he received about a proposed campground (outside the district) and spraying for gypsy moths
https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/SMAerialSpray.aspx.
4. Chair Petersen introduced Paul Deneen from Washburn County Land Records. As part of his duties, Mr. Deneen conducted a review of Washburn County lake district records this past winter. Recent sales and subdivisions of property created three parcels of land originally within TLD, but which now no longer had lake shore frontage. By way of background, he explained that the resolution creating the Trego Lake District in 1989 provided that the Trego Lake District consisted of parcels of property which had lake shore frontage. These parcels, therefore, no longer fit within the prescribed definition of the district. Wis.Stat. §33.33 allows owners to petition the Board under these circumstances. Alternatively, the Board may on its own motion detach the property. The current owner of these three parcels was present and supported detaching them. He agreed to pay the Register of Deeds fee for recording the resolution to detach. There was a discussion of the proposed resolution and about whether Trego Lake District boundaries should be expanded to include additional property. The full watershed of the lake was suggested. This discussion will be further explored at the Trego Lake District Board of Commissioners meeting in August 2023. There was a motion, second and vote (4-2) approving the resolution to detach the three parcels. Tom Frost will send the resolution to the owner for recording with the Register of Deeds.

As part of the review of lake districts, additional properties have been discovered which are within the boundaries of the Trego Lake District. The owners of these parcels will be sent notices of the Annual Meeting and the parcels will be included in TLD tax base in the future.

Chair Petersen will send Board members background information regarding the broader issue of whether the Trego Lake District should expand its boundaries.

5. Treasurer's Report

- Quarterly Financial Report – There was a motion, second and vote approving the Quarterly Treasurer’s report as posted on the website.
- Proposed FY 2023-2024 budget – There was discussion about the proposed 2023-24 TLD Budget. After discussion relating to the potential need for consultant assistance in responding to the Xcel dam relicensing and planning on continuing to deal with weeds. \$5,000 was added to the expense line item for consultant. There was a motion, second and vote approving the proposed budget to be presented at the Annual Meeting. The full 2023-24 Proposed Budget will be posted on the Trego Lake District website (under “Meetings”).

6. Committee Reports

- Weed Harvesting
 - Tom Frost reported that the permit for harvesting the navigation channels (which TLD receives Xcel reimbursement) had been approved by DNR. Projected dates are middle of June.
 - Chair Petersen reported that DNR permit for new harvest areas for 2023 had been approved with one exception: the area where Potato Creek enters Trego Lake had not been approved for harvesting due to the presence of wild rice (which cannot be harvested). This summer TLD will monitor this area and take photographs to allow representation of the issue of harvesting this area in 2024. This is the first year TLD has expanded its proposed harvesting area beyond Xcel reimbursed channels. We expect to learn from this year’s work and adapt from this experience in the future.
 - Discussion related to hiring a consultant to assist in future. Brian will contact and invite to August board meeting for presentation on goals and possibilities.

- Trego Dam Relicensing – Licensing is still scheduled for 2025. Very minimal chance Xcel would not seek to re-license. TLD has been sent two study reports related to the dam relicensing. One is an Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) study and the other is a Recreation Study. Both will be placed on the TLD website. TLD sent a letter regarding recreation study submitted as part of the process. TLD consultant has not recommended any other action at this time.
- Buoys, Public Landing – Brian Pahos reported the dock has been repaired by John Geiger and is ready to be installed. AAA will put in buoys in April. Buoys will be cleaned and evaluated for replacement this year. There are currently rocks at the landing which can be used for filling the hole created by power loading. The Town of Trego has contacted a party to do this work and will pay for it. The rocks will be installed by May 6. New signs at the landing may be needed this year. Sam Smith will install the pier.
- Sedimentation – Once the ice is all out, Chair Petersen will look at the need and sites for dredging this summer.
- Water Quality – Dan DuRose advised that he was expecting water quality testing kits from the DNR within a week.
- Clean Boats/Clean Waters – Tim Reedy reported that L.E.A.P.S. had been retained again this year to manage this program for compliance with the Clean Boats Clean Water grant. Increase in hourly rate for administration and employees was proposed and approved for the coming summer season. Tim will not be managing this program on behalf of TLD after this summer. Chair Petersen inquired if any Board members would take on this responsibility from Tim. There were no volunteers. He will ask again at the Annual meeting. Participation in this program is a requirement for DNR grant funding.
- Fish Stocking/Management – Nothing from DNR recently on this topic. Stocking remains an issue.

7. Citizen comments – There were no citizen comments.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

ANNUAL MEETING – June 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. – Trego Town Hall