

# **Trego Lake District Annual Meeting**

June 10, 2023

Trego Town Hall, Trego, Wisconsin

## Minutes

1. Board Chair Charlie Petersen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Attendees introduced themselves.
2. Board Elections – Bob Somermeyer was unanimously re-elected to a three-year term
3. Committee Reports

Clean Boats/Clean Water Program – Chair Petersen asked for a volunteer to manage this program. This would involve connecting with the contracting company (L.E.A.P.S.), which manages hiring and payroll, and filing reports to DNR. This program is a requirement for DNR grant programs. There were no volunteers. He will continue to seek someone for this job.

Buoys, Public Landing Pier – Brian Pahos reported that the dock and buoys were in. Some adjustment to buoy location may be needed. The hole created by power loading at the end of the ramp by the pier was filled with rock this past spring. Reports are mixed – some say problems continue, but others say problem was fixed. Signs at landing may need to be re-done.

Fish Stocking – No report

Water Quality – Dan DuRose reported that he conducted tests on May 7, but has not yet received lab results. He observed that water clarity is good – succi disk readings ranged from 5 ½ feet in bay to 6 feet by the dam.

TLD Aquatic Plant Management/Weed Harvest – Charlie Petersen reported and led discussion. TLD will be expanding weed harvest this year beyond area harvested in the past. TLD applied for and received permits for both the channels harvested before and for new areas this year. The process of the Aquatic Plant Management Plan funded through the DNR was critical in identifying new areas and obtaining permit for them. TSB, a company out of Chippewa Falls, will do the harvesting the week of June

19. \$15,000 was raised through levy to do the new areas. Charlie reminded the attendees that weed harvesting is a work in progress and TLD will review work and evaluate program for changes after every harvest. Chemical treatment of weeds may be considered.

The DNR permit application requires riparian owners to be notified of harvest. Upon a motion and second the following resolution passed:

Whereas, the Trego Lake District proposes mechanical weed harvesting in the summer of 2023.

Whereas, the Trego Lake District acknowledges that the proposed harvesting locations are in riparian areas of the members of the Trego Lake District.

Whereas, the purpose of the proposal is to harvest aquatic plants in Trego Lake to remove aquatic invasive species and other plants which currently make certain areas adjacent to the riparian owners' property difficult to navigate.

Whereas, maps of these areas have been submitted with the necessary permit applications and are on the Trego Lake District website.

Whereas, the Trego Lake District has applied for and received all necessary permits to complete this project.

Therefore, be it resolved that the Trego Lake District including Trego Lake riparian landowners authorize harvest of aquatic plants in the proposed areas and removal of these plants from the lake.

Sedimentation – Chair Petersen led discussion. The northside of the river just east of the large bay will require dredging for navigation this year. Additionally, the southside will need dredging again this year. Both locations are within areas authorized for dredging by previous permit. Landowners identified new areas that are becoming too shallow for boats to pass through. It was agreed that sedimentation is a problem and is related to the presence of the dam.

Trego Dam Relicensing – Chair Petersen reported that the dam is scheduled for re-licensing through the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in 2025. The process has been slower than expected. Studies have been requested of Xcel related to recreation, sedimentation and shoreline. The recreation studies have been completed, but the sedimentation and shoreline studies have not been submitted. There is agreement that the dam is critically important consequently the re-licensing is critically important. TLD is following the re-licensing process and has hired a consultant, Rick Voight, to assist in ensuring TLD's interests are being aggressively advocated. Upon the consultant's advice political connections on behalf of TLD have been made both at the Federal and State level.

#### 4. Treasurer's Report

- 2023 Audit Report – As no one from the Audit Committee was present, Tom Frost noted that the Audit Committee conducted a review of the Trego Lake District financial records on January 7, 2023. As reported in the Minutes of the January 7, 2023, Board Meeting, the Audit Committee found that the records were in proper order and transactions were documented.
  - Adoption of Budget – Upon motion and second, there was a unanimous vote to adopt the 2023-34 fiscal year budget as proposed by the Board and posted on the Trego Lake District website.
5. Citizen comments – There were additional comments and discussion regarding the importance of the dam re-licensing and how to best affect the process to benefit Trego Lake.
  6. The 2024 Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Trego Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned.