

# Trego Lake District Board of Commissioners Meeting

Saturday, October 7, 2023, 9:00 a.m.  
Trego Town Hall, Trego, Wisconsin

## Minutes

[Board members present: Bryce Huemoeller, Tom Frost, Bob Somermeyer, Charlie Petersen, Brian Pahos (Zoom), Nick Tseffos (Zoom)]

1. The meeting was called to order by Board Chair Charlie Petersen at 9:03 a.m. He led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked everyone to introduce themselves.
2. There was a motion, second and vote approving the August 18, 2023, Board Meeting minutes.
3. Board Chair's Report – Chair Petersen reported that longtime Board member Dan Frase had resigned from the Board. By statute this position is an appointment of the County Board of Supervisors. Initiation of the process to fill the position will begin this week.
4. There was a motion, second, and vote approving the Treasurer's Quarterly Financial Report.
5. Committee Reports
  - Weed Harvesting – Charlie Petersen provided an update on this year's weed harvesting. There were two projects: the usual Xcel funded harvesting of navigation channels in the big bay and a broader harvesting of the big bay and other areas for aquatic invasive species and other weeds. This continues to be a multi-year project and a learning experience. TLD has asked the harvester, TSB, to start the harvest earlier next year to better capture curly leaf pond weed. Consideration will be given to having multiple harvests in the future. Additional areas, including Potato Creek, will be evaluated for next year as well. Discussion continues regarding the use of chemicals. Brian Pahos will contact James Johnson to meet with

Board or Board representatives for more information on use of chemicals.

- Trego Dam Relicensing – Charlie Petersen reported that TLD Board Members and TLD consultant Rick Voight met with representatives of state and Federal agencies regarding Xcel’s application to renew the license to operate the dam. TLD sent a letter to Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) with TLD’s concerns about Xcel Energy’s draft application. The letter will be posted on the TLD website. TLD commented on the effects of sedimentation and the need for recognition of it as a problem, need for a study, and a plan to deal with it. TLD proposes a multi-agency partnership. TLD is also working on a letter to the compliance section of FERC regarding issues of non-compliance by Xcel during the current license period. The need to maintain records of this project for future use was stressed. A section of the TLD website has been created under Archives for posting documents. TLD will be attempting to set up a meeting with Xcel and involved government agencies.
- Sedimentation – This past year there was dredging along the south channel (as in past years) and along the north channel of the big bay. Consideration will be given to other areas, including the east side at the mouth of Potato Creek, next year. 2024 is the last year under which TLD is permitted to harvest. A new permit application will be needed for future harvesting.
- Clean Boats/Clean Waters – TLD activities this year reached the maximum allowed for DNR reimbursement.
- Buoys, Public Landing – Brian Pahos suggested storing the TLD pier at the landing on site rather than transporting it to the Trego Town garage. Discussion on this issue raised issues of liability and risk of theft. There was a motion to leave the dock at landing. The motion failed for lack of a second. Brian also suggested changes to the process of removal and storage of buoys. There was a discussion on this and motion, second and vote authorizing Brian to seek a commercial service to handle this process including alternative

storage.

- Water Quality – No report.
  - Fish Stocking/Management – No report.
6. Trego Lake District boundaries, discussion postponed.
  7. Citizen comments. Concern expressed about abusive fireworks. Request made to communicate concerns to lake residents. This issue will be raised at the TLD Annual Meeting. Suggestion was made to contact the Sheriff to report violations.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.