

# Trego Lake District

Quarterly Board Meeting Saturday, January 6, 2024  
Trego Town Hall, Trego, Wisconsin

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

## Minutes

1. Chair Charlie Petersen called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. and led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. There was a motion, second and vote approving the minutes of the October 2023 Board Meeting. Tom Frost said that a new law would allow for emailed notices of Annual and Special Meetings. Those receiving email notice would need to waive their right to receive a mailed notice. He will explore implementing this procedure for TLD.

3. Chair Petersen announced that the County Board had appointed Bob Somermeyer to the vacant County Board position. This creates a vacancy on the Board to be filled at the Annual Meeting in June.

4. Audit Committee, Anna Korinko and Debi Johnson, reported that they conducted an audit of the District's financial records earlier in the day. They reported that they found the records in order and invoices for all checks.

5. There was motion, second and vote approving the Treasurer's Quarterly Financial Report (posted on the website). Treasurer Tom Frost said a check from the DNR for the CBCW program would be re-issued by the DNR as the original had been misplaced and not cashed.

6. Dam Committee report and discussion

Chair Petersen led the discussion regarding the Trego Dam Relicensing process. NSP Wisconsin has submitted its application to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Trego Lake District representatives have been meeting with other government agencies and is preparing to submit a response by the end of the month. The PowerPoint presentation is on the Trego Lake District website.

At the end of the presentation and discussion, Tom Frost made the following motion; it was seconded and there was a unanimous Board vote to approve.

The Board of TLD directs the Board Chair, in consultation with the Board and consultant, to take the following actions:

Ensure compliance with the requirements of the 1997 Vegetation Management Plan and to negotiate continuing compliance with the requirements.

- Require Xcel to honor the 1997 VMP agreement for the next two years. The requirement will provide 70' wide channels and 30' wide alleys as identified on the map in Article 405 (attached). TLD will file an application for permit with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resource (WDNR) to harvest these areas and contract with the harvester for two harvests in each year remaining for the area. Xcel will pay the cost of the harvesting for 2024 and 2025.
- With the dam being in the process or relicensure with FERC, require that the 1997 VMP will be the starting point for future negotiations between Xcel, NPS, WDNR, TLD, and others to address weeds in the large bay and further downstream. In these negotiations, TLD requires language creating an enforcement provision or provisions to require parties follow the agreement and if conditions arise that the agreement needs to be changed, that it is agreed to by all parties involved in the original agreement.

#### Relicensure of Trego Dam

- Require the development of a Trego Lake management plan covering all of Trego Lake. This plan will be a collaborative effort agreed to by all parties involved. The information and direction provided in this plan will create a structure to negotiate with Xcel, NPS, WDNR, TLD, and others to determine best actions to address the issues identified.
- A specific requirement in this plan needs to be an overlay and study of current/past photos of Trego Lake with the 1966 Lake Survey Map (a proxy for the 1968 Wild and Scenic Rivers Act) This study should show what impact sedimentation has had on the lake. In using this information, a study can be done to identify where and how sedimentation has impacted the lake and options to address these impacts (Navigation challenges, reduced recreation, AIS growth and other vegetation, wildlife/fish – other impacts).
- The Trego Lake management plan, beyond a sedimentation study, must identify and provide recommendations to address the variety of issues identified in the plan. The plan must include, but not be limited to: findings on the issues facing Trego Lake, a timeline of need to address those issues, recommendations for addressing the issues, and potential costs involved.
- Develop from the management plan an implementation plan, agreed to by the parties involved, to properly address the issues identified, including at least, a timeframe for action(s), who is responsible for the action(s), what is to be done, and how the action will be funded.
- In consultation with the Board and consultant, take whatever follow-up action is needed to advance and address Trego Lake District concerns before FERC.

## 7. Committee updates

- Weed Harvesting – There was discussion and agreement to begin the harvesting as early as possible, to harvest channels twice and to submit bill to Xcel consistent with current dam license requirements.
- Sedimentation – Areas will be evaluated for harvesting in the Spring. The current permit will expire after 2024.
- Clean Boats/Clean Waters – no report.
- Buoys, Public Landing – no report.
- Water Quality – no report.
- Fish Stocking/Management – no report

## 8. Citizen comments – no comments.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next TLD Meeting - Quarterly Board Meeting – Spring 2024  
April 13, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. – Trego Town Hall