



TOWNSEND FLOWAGE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Board of Commissioners Meeting

March 28th, 2026

9:00 AM

Townsend Town Hall

Members present: Jim Bieber and Chuck DeMoulin attended in person. John Zimdars and Mike Gabryszek attended virtually.

The Board of Commissioners Meeting of the Townsend Flowage Protection District was called to order by Board Vice President, Jim Bieber on March 28, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Townsend Town Hall.

Roll Call was conducted by Jim Bieber. The following members responded with here: Jim Bieber, Chuck DeMoulin, John Zimdars, and Mike Gabryszek.

It was confirmed by Chuck DeMoulin that the meeting agenda was posted at the Townsend Town Hall, Townsend Post Office, Laona State Bank and on the TFPD website

A motion was made by Chuck De Moulin to approve the March 28, 2026 agenda. Jim Bieber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chuck DeMoulin to approve the Board of Commissioners quarterly meeting minutes dated November 15, 2025. John Zimdars seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chuck DeMoulin to approve the March Treasurer's report. John Zimdars seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

EWM Treatment Update:

- The last testing was conducted in October 2025 and showed successful results.
- Testing will resume this summer.
- The Board is still hopeful the current treatment will last 5-7 years.
- Surveys will be conducted this year by Wisconsin Lakes and Ponds.
- A question was raised as to whether we can retreat if we see milfoil regrowth. John Zimdars responded that we would need approval from the DNR. In the past retreatment was not approved until regrowth equaled 10 acres or more.

Maintenance Building Update:

- a. Construction update – Jim Bieber
 - a. The building is constructed and secure.
 - b. Jim Bieber is meeting with the electrician today to layout the electrical and lighting plans. The electrical work is contracted for completion by April 30th.
 - c. The approach to the building still needs to be poured.
 - d. Quality Construction has requested an update on the payment of the open balance. John will follow up with Quality Construction in the coming weeks. John Zimdars suggested that some money should be held back until all of the work is completed and approved.
 - e. A question was raised as to whether there is a warranty. Jim Bieber advised there is not.
 - f. John Zimdars asked if anyone has looked into an air compressor. Mike Gabryszek is looking at options and cost. The group determined that the maintenance needs require a vertical 80+ gallon air compressor with multiple airlines that can operate at 150-175 pounds and 10-13 CFM. Mike encouraged anyone else who might have suggestions to bring those forward. Chuck DeMoulin will look at options on the Wisconsin Surplus site.
 - g. The Board entered into an agreement with the Town of Townsend regarding the TFPD's welder. The Town restored the welder, stored it in the Town garage, and used it through the winter. They supply the gas needed for the welder. The TFPD is free to use or take it back at any time.
 - h. A question was raised regarding whether Tom Smith has performed any inspections of the building. He has not performed any inspections yet. He will need to perform an inspection after the electrical work is completed.
- b. Finance Update – Mike Gabryszek
 - a. Two payments have been made to Quality Construction. The current outstanding balance to Quality Construction is \$43,200.
 - b. Jeff Kroll has been paid in full
 - c. To this point we have spent \$105,231.35. The Board budgeted \$168,183.00 which does not include furnishings for the building. The total project budget was \$200,000. At this time we are still well under budget.
 - d. John has approved the estimate provided by the electrician that is just over \$9,000 which is under the \$15,000 that the committee budgeted for. This may have to be adjusted if it is determined that additional work or fixtures are required.

Grant Update:

- a. DNR Grant
 - a. The total cost of the EWM treatment was \$119,523.00. The DNR grant came in at \$45,762.00, the County grant came in at \$5,000.00, the OCLAWA grant came in at \$1000.00. The net cost of the treatment was \$63,835.00.
 - b. We do not have all of the monies yet from Inland Lakes for the 2025 DNR grant.
- b. Grant for Testing – A combined grant was pursued with Inland Lakes – The total applied for was \$11,000.00. The combined total received is \$9,400.00. The TFPD portion will be between \$4,000-\$4,500 bringing the total cost to \$8,500.00.
- c. The combined total cost of the treatment and the testing will be approximately \$70,000.00.

2026 Meeting Schedule Discussion

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Date	Time	Type	Location
May 16, 2026	TBD	Quarterly	Townsend Town Hall
August 15, 2026	TBD	Annual	Townsend Town Hall / May move to New Storage Building
November 14, 2026	TBD	Quarterly	Townsend Town Hall

Public Comment:

- The Chair Person from the Chute Pond Lake Board attended the meeting and expressed an interest in discussing how the TFPD handled the weed treatment. They used ProcellaCOR last year and they have seen success. He may try to set time with John and Betty to discuss this outside of the meeting.
- John Marsh talked to the Muskie club out of Little Chute that donated and planted the 440 Muskie last Fall. They advised they may allow one more planting of the Chippewa strain of Muskie. In future years they may only be able to plant the Great Lakes or Spotted Muskie. There are a number of fish hatcheries facing shut down, and they expect the amount of available fish will be lower in the future.
- Jim Biever commented that the webcam at Little Topsy's normally has approximately twenty views per day. During the most recent snow storm one day we received 85 views and the next day was up to 98 views.
- There have been talks of moving the Freezing Fanny from Chain Lake to the Townsend Flowage in front of Little Topsy's so people can watch it on the camera. It has been very popular on Chain Lake. https://www.facebook.com/lucas40/photos/freezing-fanny-is-sinking-slowly/845490557384182/?_rdr

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chuck DeMoulin. Mike Gabryszek seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Vande Voort
Non-board recording secretary