



## **TOWNSEND FLOWAGE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

### **Board of Commissioners Meeting**

**November 15th, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

**Townsend Town Hall**

Members present: John Zimdars, Mike Gabryszek, and Chuck DeMoulin, Jim Bieber (Virtual)

The Board of Commissioners Meeting of the Townsend Flowage Protection District was called to order by Board President, John Zimdars on November 15, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at the Townsend Town Hall.

Roll Call was conducted by Recording Secretary Renee Vande Voort. The following members responded with here: John Zimdars, Mike Gabryszek, and Chuck DeMoulin, Jim Bieber (Virtual)

It was confirmed by John Zimdars 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 Mike Gabryszek to approve the November 15, 2025 agenda. Chuck DeMoulin 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 August 16, 2025. Mike Gabryszek seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

EWM Treatment Update: Our previous lake biologist Jim has moved on to another position. He is happy with the results of the 2025 lake treatment. The goal is to have 3-5 years before we need to treat again. We will do spot treatments where we are allowed. The new lake biologist Sidney worked with Jim over the past year and is very familiar with the lake.

#### **Maintenance Building Update:**

- a. Construction Update – Rick Bodart
  - a. Board expressed their thanks to Rick for spear heading the building construction.
  - b. The concrete has been poured. The trusses have been delivered. Construction should start in two weeks. The actual construction will take two weeks to ten days to complete.
  - c. The question was raised as to whether there will be a final acceptance? The Board will review the contract to determine if this is included.

- d. It was asked if the builder will provide a lien waver to ensure they have paid all of the vendors. Mike Gabryszek will work with the builder on this.
- b. Finance Update – Mike Gabryszek
  - a. We have made one payment so far to the builder. We will make the second payment this year to ensure we adhere to the State’s requirement to spend the \$100,000 loan within four months. We will hold back \$3000 until next year for additional concrete work to be done next year.
  - b. Question raised as to what are the payment terms are on the loan. The loan has an annual payment cycle. There will be a total of five payments made of approximately \$22,700 / year.
  - c. This upcoming tax bill will have the first installment of the special tax to pay off the loan.
  - d. A question was raised as to If we pay off the loan faster would we save money in the end. The financing was voted on in August.
  - e. The interest paid on the loan goes to the WI Library fund to help fund library systems.
  - f. Mike has a spreadsheet tracking the quoted costs vs final costs on the building. Mike will provide a copy of the tracking sheet to the Board members for visibility.

**Grant Update:**

- a. DNR Grant applied for whole point intercept survey and summary report. The total cost is \$21,000. TFPD portion is \$8,500 and ILPRD is \$12,500.
- b. Potential spot treatment in summer of 2026. DNR grant was not submitted as it is unknown the amount of treatment needed.

**2026 Meeting Schedule Discussion**

<b>2026 Meeting Schedule</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Location</b>
March 14, 2026	TBD	Quarterly	Townsend Town Hall
May 16, 2026	TBD	Quarterly	Townsend Town Hall
August 15, 2026	TBD	Annual	Townsend Town Hall
November 14, 2026	TBD	Quarterly	Townsend Town Hall

**Public Comment:**

The treatment has reduced the milfoil. Next spring if boats coming in at the launch are not cleaned and bring in more milfoil how will that affect the lake? Will the current treatment still manage new milfoil? The Board advised there is a fine for not removing weeds. We will monitor to the best of our ability. The milfoil is still there and will come back over the next few years, and we will continue to cut as needed. When property owners see growing areas of milfoil on the lake they should reach out to John Zimdars. There must be 10 acres or more before we can treat.

Clean boats clean water was discussed. Other lakes in the area partner with UWSP students to spearhead their clean boats clean water initiative. A few years ago we put fliers on the vehicles at the Red Maple ramp that explained how to keep the boats clean. We could look at this again. Inland Lakes Protection District has someone who runs their clean boats clean water

initiative. We have not had anyone who would take this on. If someone would like to volunteer they should reach out. Mike will investigate the UWSP partnership.

The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be held on March 14, 2026 at 9:00 am at the Townsend Town Hall, Conference Room.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chuck DeMoulin. Mike Gabryszek seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Renee Vande Voort  
Non-board recording secretary