



## **TOWNSEND FLOWAGE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Quarterly Meeting, Board of Commissioners

November 9, 2024

10:00 a.m.

Townsend Town Hall

Members present: John Zimdars, Jim Biever, Mike Gabryszek (by phone), Mark Clements, Chuck DeMoulin

The Board of Commissioners Quarterly Meeting of the Townsend Flowage Protection District was called to order by Board President, John Zimdars on November 9, 2024 at 10:02 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, Jim Biever, Mike Gabryszek (by phone), Mark Clements, Chuck DeMoulin.

Meeting with Inland Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District #1 to hear the joint report from James Scharl, Wisconsin Lakes and Pond. Report can be viewed on the website.

<https://www.townsendflowageprotectiondistrict.com/services>

- Grant Details:
  - Covers up to 77% of the project costs with a cap of \$150,000 to be split between Inland Lakes and Townsend Flowage Protection District. Without the grant cost of the combined treatment would be approximately \$300,000.
- 2024-2025 Timeline:
  - Final submission for the grant due 11/15/24
  - First or second week of February will find out if the grant is approved
  - Watch for a postcard this winter to participate in a survey regarding the lake management plan
  - Permit will go in to DNR shortly after grant is approved
  - Early May or early June will find out if the permit is approved
  - If approved for the grant the plan is to use large scale control at up to whole lake rate. A new product ProcellaCOR will be used due to being fast acting and less impactful to non-intended species.
  - Reevaluate in future years to determine if additional spot treatments are necessary.

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 Jim Bieber to approve the November 9, 2024 agenda. Chuck DeMoulin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Bieber to approve the quarterly June 1, 2024 and August 17, 2024 Board of Commissioners meeting minutes. Chuck DeMoulin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Quarterly Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer, Mike Gabryszek. Mark Clements made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Chuck DeMoulin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Status of McCaslin Brook additional buoys: Jim Bieber reported last year we purchased five new buoys. Experienced issues with the buoys floating sideways. Have 8 lb. lead weights to use next year that should yield better results. Will use the spare buoys in other places around the lake.

Discussion and potential action on a maintenance building committee: Jim Bieber reviewed that there are monies being put away for the building, but we do not have a cost yet. Desire was expressed in forming a committee to develop a plan, provide a recommendation to the Board, and assist with moving the plan forward to completion. The committee does not need to be chaired by someone on the Board. Jim Bieber will assist in forming the committee after the weed treatment is complete so we know how much money remains to put toward the building. Goal is to have a place to work on the machines, but is not intended to store all machinery. Jim will be looking for volunteers to serve on the committee. Property owners should reach out to Jim Bieber if they are interested in volunteering. At the meeting Mike Gabryszek, Bruce Beno, and Rick Bodart expressed interest in being part of the committee. Plans should include room for a cutter on a trailer which is 50 ft long 16-18 ft wide, and 13 ft high; and also, enough space to work around it.

Discussion and potential action on lake webcams: Jim Bieber stated that the webcam was down for a couple weeks in October due to a CenturyLink technician who did work and took the webcam off line. We have now moved to a dynamic DNS at a cost of \$69 per year. We should see more reliability in the camera being up. Jim Bieber vocalized appreciation to Robbie at Little Topsy's for all of his efforts in making the webcam successful, and Chris from Central AV out of Merrill who has been there multiple times and only billed us for two hours. Reminder that the webcam is not meant for policing of the lake activity, and the Board will not add additional cameras with the intention of policing waterway activity as that is not a function of the Board.

Grant Update: Betty Zimdars provided an update. We applied for a \$7,000 grant from Oconto County and were approved for \$5,000 if we get the herbicide grant. If we don't get the grant, they will give us \$7,000. We also applied for the OCLAWA grant of \$1,000 and we were approved for \$1,000. Chuck DeMoulin stated we may want to reach out to Oconto County Recreation who also has grants available. Betty Zimdars will pursue that.

## 2025 Meeting Schedule Discussion:

| 2025 Meeting Schedule |      |           |                    |
|-----------------------|------|-----------|--------------------|
| Date                  | Time | Type      | Location           |
| March 22, 2025        | TBD  | Quarterly | Townsend Town Hall |
| May 24, 2025          | TBD  | Quarterly | Townsend Town Hall |
| August 16, 2025       | TBD  | Annual    | Townsend Town Hall |
| November 15, 2025     | TBD  | Quarterly | Townsend Town Hall |

### Public Comment:

Chemical Weed Treatment: Question raised as to whether there is any known opposition to the chemical treatment. There are no currently known objections, but if there are they can be added in the lake survey that will be done over the winter.

Fish Committee: Question raised to Jim Biever regarding the status of the fish study. Jim has checked with Chip Long's Supervisor who advised he will put us on the top of their list.

Funding for Weed Treatment: It was asked if we have monies set aside for the weed treatment? It was confirmed that we do have the monies set aside. We have monies specifically set aside for the chemical treatment. If the cost is higher than expected there are additional monies that could be moved for this with a motion by Board.

Virtual meetings: It was requested that virtual meeting options be considered for future meetings. The Town is upgrading the equipment at the Town Hall. Once this is updated the Board will revisit this.

Reminder that the Christmas Party will be held on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> at Old Town Hall. Cash bar will start at 5p, and dinner will be served at 6pm. Cost is \$18.50 per person. Payment and RSVP need to be made in advance. Walk in attendance cannot be accepted.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chuck DeMoulin and seconded by Mark Clements. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Renee Vande Voort  
Non-board recording secretary