



## **TOWNSEND FLOWAGE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Quarterly Meeting, Board of Commissioners

June 1, 2024

1:00 p.m.

Townsend Town Hall

Members present: John Zimdars, Jim Bieber, Mike Gabryszek, 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 June 1, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Townsend Town Hall. It was confirmed that the meeting agenda was posted at the Townsend Town Hall, Townsend Post Office, Karla's Kafe, Laona State Bank, and on the TFPD website.

A motion was made by Mark Clements to approve the March 9, 2024 meeting minutes. Mike Gabryszek seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Update on EWM Treatment and Testing: The report is available from the Oconto County Lakes Project which explains what will be done in the lake in the coming months as part of the lake study. Those interested can view the full report via the link on the TFPD website.

Dates for surveying on Horn, Little Horn, Explosion, Reservoir, Townsend Flowage, & McCaslin Brook

- June 5-20, 2024 Shoreland Survey
- July 8-25, 2024 Aquatic Plant Survey
- March 2026 Winter water sample will be taken
- 2027 Report completion

The DNR will not issue a permit for herbicide treatment for 2024. As a result, we will be utilizing weed harvesters. The main concern for the DNR is that the EWM could become resistant to herbicide being overused. A permit to do a whole lake treatment will be applied for the summer of 2025. It is then dependent upon the DNR to issue the permit. The TFPD will find out the results of the application in the spring of 2025.

The DNR, UW-Stevens Point and Oconto County are jointly working on the development of the new Lake Management Plan. This joint venture will save the district some of the costs of the development of this required plan. The TFPD will continue to work with Brenda Nordin at the DNR in the development of the Lake Study Plan and the treatment of EWM.

Status of McCaslin Brook additional buoys: Two additional buoys were added and now are more evenly spaced. The Board ordered five new buoys, and they were made incorrectly and will be replaced. The Board will look at fixing the buoys and possibly placing them in other locations.

Discussion and potential vote on cost share for Red Maple Lane Landing repair: Email from Monica Zellner asking if the TFPD would share in the cost to repair the broken concrete at the landing. The total cost is estimated at \$15,500.00. They have received a grant from the DNR to cover \$4,653.00. We have asked in the past to have this repaired. Inland Lakes also voted on donating funds. There was a motion made by Jim Biever to allow \$3,500.00 to the Town for reconstruction of the Red Maple Boat Landing. Mark Clement seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Discussion and potential vote on lake webcams: Discussion took place regarding adding a webcam on the Townsend Flowage. The benefits of adding the webcam would be an increase in tourism and viewing of current ice conditions. Chris from WCAV provided three proposals. Placement would be at Little Topsy's under the deck facing west. Robbie would allow use of their internet and power at no charge. Options included the below ranging from \$582.75-\$1,00.00.

1. Basic camera
2. Zoom built in
3. Tilt zoom pan

Live streaming is only \$13/mo and would provide a real time view. TFPD could apply for a tourism grant. A motion was made by Mike Gabryszek to proceed forward with the purchase of the webcam, and the 3 years of service while Chuck will pursue grant reimbursement from Tedcore. The motion was seconded by Mark Clements. All were in favor. The motion carried.

Report from Fish Committee given by Jim Biever: Chip Long the fish biologist completed last year's survey. It is currently waiting for approval at the DNR. The Fish Committee will not proceed with any action until the survey results are available. The DNR will no longer plant walleyes due to the lack of reproduction. Muskie planting has been very successful in the past.

#### OCLAWA Update

- a. Snapshot Day is August 10, 2024 in Crivitz. Anyone can volunteer
- b. Annual Meeting is August 24, 2024
- c. Lucky Raffle tickets are available for purchase

Approve authorizing resolution for the TFPD to apply for and obtain a cost-share grant from the WDNR for the purpose of Surface Water Grants. A motion was made by Chuck DeMoulin to approve the authorization for the grant. Mike Clements seconded the motion. All were in favor. The motion carried.

#### 2024 Meeting Schedule Discussion

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Date	Time	Type	Location
August 17, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Annual	Townsend Town Hall
December 7, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Quarterly	Lakewood / Townsend Ambulance Building

Public Comment:

Weed cutting: Weed cutters were put in this past week. The cutters have not started cutting yet, but they will try to get the cutters out next week. There is work that needs to be done on the conveyor for the south end. There are numerous volunteers on the North end of the lake. To volunteer on the south end property owners should contact John Zimdars, and to volunteer on the north end property owners should contact Chuck DeMoulin. Property owners can also use the Contact Us page of the website to express interest in volunteering to cut weeds. Information is available on all volunteer opportunities on the Flowage on the homepage of the website.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jim Biever and seconded by Chuck DeMoulin. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Renee Vande Voort  
Non-board recording secretary