

INLAND LAKES PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT #1
&
TOWNSEND FLOWAGE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Joint Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners
March 22, 2025
9:00 a.m.
Townsend Town Hall

The Board of Commissioners Quarterly Meeting of the Inland Lakes Protection & Rehabilitation District #1 was called to order by Board President, Jim O'Neil on March 22, 2025 at 9:02 a.m. at the Townsend Town Hall. It was confirmed that the meeting agenda was posted in a timely manner at the Townsend Town Hall, the Townsend post office and Sunset Bar and Grill. It was also posted on our website www.inlandlakesdistrict.org and our Facebook page, Inland Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District #1.

The Board of Commissioners Quarterly Meeting of the Townsend Flowage Protection District was called to order by Board Vice President, Jim Bieber on March 22, 2025 at 9:02 a.m. at the Townsend Town Hall. It was confirmed that the meeting agenda was posted at the Townsend Town Hall, Townsend Post Office, Laona State Bank, and on the TFPD website.

Roll Call Inland Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District #1:

Attending In Person: Jim O'Neil, John Mitchel, and Terry Hoppe present.

Attending Virtually Tom Birr, Kevin Vicent, Kevin Lukasko, John Zeller.

A motion was made by John Mitchel to approve the Inland Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District #1 agenda. John Birr seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Roll Call Townsend Flowage Protection District:

Attending In Person: Mark Clements, Chuck DeMoulin, and Jim Bieber present.

Attending Virtually: John Zimdars and Mike Grabryszek

A motion was made by Chuck DeMoulin to approve the Townsend Flowage Protection District agenda. Mark Clements seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chuck DeMoulin to approve the Townsend Flowage Protection District 11/09/24 Commissioners Meeting and 11/14/24 Special Commissioners Meeting minutes. Mark Clements seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion and update from Jim Scharl, Wisconsin Lakes and Pond, for EWM treatment, grants and finance for 2025 & 2026.

- Jim reviewed the following presentation:
https://www.townsendflowageprotectiondistrict.com/files/ugd/019111_0ce53fee75f41a88727e2fcae002e4d.pdf
- Additional Information:
 - The treatment plan is approved, and Jim is finalizing the details with the DNR.

- Treatment is expected to start in May.
- The initial application will not be applied directly to the McCaslin Brook. The expectation is that the application will flow from the upper bodies of water into the Brook, and that this will effectively control the invasive species in the McCaslin Brook.
- There may be a need to do additional applications in some smaller areas where the application will have a harder time reaching.
- There may be a need to draw the water level down a foot prior to the initial application to maximize impact. This is only in the initial discussion phase at this time. No determination has been made yet.
- A question was posed regarding how we should budget in the future – Jim’s suggestion is to keep the budget for mechanical harvesting. It is still too early to say if we will need to budget more in the future.
 - Tom Birr will be budgeting and planning for future treatments. He anticipates the trend to continue that costs for treatments will increase. The Board will look at multiple ways to ensure monies are set aside including possible fund raising.
- A question was posed regarding Jim’s thoughts on the DNR allowing the Fluoridone again in the future as the alternative is very expensive. Jim is optimistic about the other option once the patent expires.

Public Comment:

- It was asked if property owners can expect to see a decrease in milfoil volume in 2025? Jim advised this will halt the growth and should be less dense throughout the year. He does expect less volume long term.
- A concern was raised about not directly treating the McCaslin Brook and allowing the application to spread into the McCaslin Brook from the upper bodies of water. Jim advised that the last time they needed to mechanically harvest and that is what contributed to the regrowth. This is not concern about this method being effective.
- It was asked if boat activity will impact the effectiveness of the treatment. It is not expected to cause extraordinary issues.
- The current plan is to use the Flouridone. What if DNR comes back and says no. The plan was approved by the DNR, and we are expecting to be able to move forward with treatment. The grant was approved and some monies have already been received by the lake districts. The remaining conversations with the DNR are surrounding how much treatment and when the best time to apply are the remaining questions. Jim is expecting to have the DNR final approval soon.
- A question was raised as to whether there any expected impact to the Trout stream. Jim advised there is no expected impact to the fisheries. The treatment has been tested against rainbow trout.
- An inquiry was raised as to the lifespan of the product. Jim stated there will be low rates in the water all summer. There will be microdosing performed throughout the summer. Microdosing will only be applied in 2025.
- A question was raised as to where or not you can eat fish from the treated waters. Jim confirmed there will be no issues with eating fish caught in the treated bodies of water.
- It was also asked if there would be any impact on animals that drink the water. Jim confirmed the water will be safe for animals.

Motion to adjourn the Inland Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District #1 meeting was made by Kevin Vicent and seconded by Tom Birr. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Motion to adjourn the Townsend Flowage Protection District meeting was made by Mark Clements and seconded by Jim Biever. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Vande Voort
Non-board recording secretary