



TOWNSEND FLOWAGE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Annual Meeting

August 16th, 2025

9:00 a.m.

Townsend Town Hall

Members present: John Zimdars, Jim Bieber, Mike Gabryszek, Mark Clements, and Chuck DeMoulin

The Board of Commissioners Annual Meeting of the Townsend Flowage Protection District was called to order by Board President, John Zimdars on August 16, 2025 at 9:01 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 Bieber, Mike Gabryszek, Mark Clements, and Chuck DeMoulin.

A motion was made by Jim Bieber to approve the August 16, 2025 agenda. Mark Clements seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

It was confirmed by John Zimdars that the meeting agenda was posted at the Townsend Town Hall, Townsend Post Office, Laona State Bank, on the TFPD website, and was mailed out to all property owners.

A motion was made by Chuck DeMoulin to approve the 2024 annual meeting minutes and special district meeting minutes dated August 2, 2025. Mike Gabryszek seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Bieber to approve the 2024 audit report. Mark Clements seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Chuck DeMoulin to approve the quarterly treasurer's report. Sherman Laundrie seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the 2026 budget and tax levy.

A motion was made by Mike Gabryszek to adopt the 2026 budget in the amount of \$87,000. Bob Honeck seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Cathy Seibel to adopt the \$150 tax levy. Ed Ericson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Update on the EWM treatment:

- There was a bump treatment done on August 11th on the north end of the Flowage, and the norther end of Reservoir Pond.
- A question was raised as to whether or not the treatment will be done annually. It will not be done annually. The current treatment is expected to last approximately five years. The cost on that treatment is expected to increase in five years.
- There will continue to be bumps done to maintain current treatment levels.
- Next year spot treatments will be done.
- The DNR is pleased with how the application is working.
- An additional treatment will be applied in September to maintain the current levels until the ice freezes.
- The current cost for the weekly testing is \$1000 per week.
- Mike Malueg asked if we only pay for the testing on the Flowage. John Zimdars confirmed that is accurate.
- Sally Bowers expressed appreciation for all of the work that has been done to treat the milfoil on the Flowage.

Commissioner nomination and election:

- Jim Biever is up for election.
- Mike Gabryszek nominated Jim Biever for another term.
- President John Zimdars called for any other nominations three times.

A motion was made by Mike Gabryszek to nominate Jim Biever for an additional term on the Townsend Flowage Protection District Board of Commissioners. Bruce Beno seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Discussion on the Christmas party:

- Attendees expressed interest in having a Christmas party.
- Chuck DeMoulin will check with the Old Town Hall, Hillcrest, and Waubee Lodge. Chuck will bring all information collected back to the Board.
- Both the next meeting and the dinner will be held on December 6th.
- The dinner is normally chicken and tips.
- Chuck will also reach out to Karla's Kafe regarding catering the dinner at the Town Hal.

The 2026 annual meeting will be held on August 15, 2026.

Public Comment:

Bob Honeck requested an update on the maintenance building:

- The committee met with Kroll this week to show them the building placement.
- The plan is to put the building up in mid-October.
- John Zimdars is waiting for final loan approval to come back.

Evelyn Zimpelman requested an update on the weed cutting schedule:

- North end – We have not gone out much yet. Mike Malueg was out for four hours and the load was low. The cutter was out on the very north part of the Flowage that was not treated.
 - Mike Malueg stated that the north weed cutter has a severe leak in the barge itself. Chuck and others have been pumping water out every two weeks to keep it afloat.

- South end – We have cut around the sides of the lake near the sand bars, by the dam, and up the river. When they cut they only got half a load up the creek. By the dam the weeds were also low.
- The Board gave a reminder that they are only cutting milfoil and the pre-approved channels. They are not permitted to cut native plants or lily pads.
- Jeff Schroeter asked if the milfoil is not being cut at the top if it is expected to grow from the bottom. We are not expecting regrowth to expand next year. It will come back over time.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Sherman Landrie. Sally Bowers seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Vande Voort
Non-board recording secretary