



Townsend Flowage Protection District (TFPD)  
Board of Commissioners Quarterly meeting  
March 11, 2023

Members present: John Zimdars, Jim Bieber, Mark Clements Carla Van Camp, : Mike Gabryszek(via phone).

The Board of Commissioners Quarterly Meeting of the Townsend Flowage Protection District was called to order by Board President, John Zimdars on March 11, 2023 at 9 a.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, TFPD website, Laona State Bank, Townsend, posted on website and e-mailed.

A motion was made by Jim Bieber to approve the Dec 3, 2022 meeting minutes. Mark Clements seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

A DNR permit was applied for and approved for mechanical harvesting. The harvesting permit is good for five years (2023-2027) and does not require the installation of GPS units on the harvesters. The cutting lanes remain the same as the previous permit. Mechanical harvesters can pick up floating material anywhere on the lake. The permit and approved map will be on all harvesters as required by law.

The EWM Testing and Treatment plan completed by Jim Scharl, Wisconsin Lakes & Ponds, was shared with all board members and is available on the website. The last survey was completed in the fall of 2022.

Jim Bieber reported on the TFPD Fish Committee meeting that was held on January 6, 2023. The committee met with Chip Long, DNR Fish Biologist. A copy of the minutes is attached. Also, the DNR report on fish stocking history and Townsend Flowage, Oconto County, 2016 Fish Management Report will be placed on the website.

A motion was made by Karla Van Camp, seconded by Mark Clements to donate \$500.00 to the Kids Fishing Tournament. Motion Carried.

Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention will be held April 19-21, 2023 in Stevens Point. Carla Van Camp, and John and Betty Zimdars plan to attend. Costs for attending for interested parties will be covered by the Townsend Flowage Protection District

2023 Meeting Schedule:

- June 3
- August 26 Annual Meeting
- December 2 Ambulance Building

No public comments

Motion to adjourn was made by Karla Van Camp. Motion was seconded by Jim Bieber. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

# **Townsend Flowage Protection District**

## **Fish Committee Meeting**

**January 6, 2023**

The TFPD Fish Committee met on Friday, January 6, 2023 with Chip Long, Fish Biologist for the Wisconsin DNR. Those in attendance representing the Fish Committee were Bruce Beno, Scott Vande Voort, Carla Van Camp, Rich Bahr, Musky Mike Coenen, Gerry Birschbach, Mike Morgan and Jim Bieber.

Mr. Long explained his role with the DNR as our biologist. The goal of the DNR is to have a self-sustaining fish population which isn't always possible. He also spoke of the musky stocking the DNR has done every year since 2011 and the walleye stocking they have done every other year since 2008. Previous stocking of these species had also been done on an irregular schedule in prior years.

It was reported that the Townsend Flowage and Reservoir Pond are scheduled for a fyke net survey and electro-fish survey this year. The netting will occur as soon as the ice goes out in spring and followed up with the electro-fish survey. The last time this was done was 2016. Mr. Long shared the results of the previous survey. The 2023 surveys will provide a baseline for future stocking and management plans. The TFPD Fish Committee will use the results to make recommendations as to what we can do to improve fishing on the Flowage.

There was also discussion on aquatic vegetation and its direct effect on fish habitat, the use of herbicide and harvesting efforts, fish cribs and fish sticks, artificial reefs and possible consideration of dredging to remove muck which is prime habitat for weed growth.

Mr. Long reminded us that it is important to listen to our property owners and outside users of the Townsend Flowage. A survey could be considered.

It was the conclusion of the Fish Committee that no further action is required on our part until we see the preliminary results from the fyke study which may be available this fall. The complete report will be available in early 2024. It was suggested Mr. Long make a presentation at a future TFPD meeting once results of his surveys are available.

Chip Long invites any interest party with questions or concern to contact him directly at 715-582-5017 or email him at [Christopher.long@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Christopher.long@wisconsin.gov)

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Bieber