



Townsend Flowage Protection District (TFPD)  
Board of Commissioners Meeting, March 12, 2022

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

The Board of Commissioners Meeting of the Townsend Flowage Protection District was called to order by Board President, John Zimdars on March 12 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, TFPD website, Facebook, Laona State Bank, Townsend and emailed.

A motion was made by Mark Clements to approve the December 4, 2021 meeting minutes. Jim Bieber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Approval of Quarterly Treasurer's Report as presented by Treasurer, Mike Gabryszek. Mark Clements made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. Jim Bieber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Of note in the Treasurer's report regarding the Kids fishing tournament. The tournament will take place at Wendt's Sand Bar and is hosted by the TFPD. Dawn Herlache, previous owner of the former My Bar, will head up the tournament. The TFPD is looking to the Townsend Flowage District landowners, as well as members of the community to volunteer. A separate bank account has been established for the tournament for donations.

Update on EWM Treatment & Testing. No further data since last meeting with a report forthcoming. In spring the DNR will be able to analyze the effectiveness of the treatment and to determine whether we will need to do additional treatment of the Eurasian Milfoil. Currently, it is assumed that very little, if any treatment will be needed this year. We will need to receive the report in order to apply for the annual weed harvesting permit to submit to the DNR.

Update on Slow No-wake & Oconto Co Cost Share Grant. John Zimdars had a meeting with the 7-county law enforcement officer. Our OCLAWA grant application was turned down it was suggested we apply for another grant, which we did, with the Oconto County Land and Water Conservation District. The grant application was submitted to help initiate a program to elevate awareness of the Slow No-Wake regulations. Signs have been made and will be posted on designated locations as well as owners can request signage be placed on their property, if extra signs are available. Signs cannot be placed in the water. Slow No Wake and Cost Share Grant, and signage. The OCLAWA meeting will be held later this spring and following that, we should learn if our grant has been approved. Once the grant is approved, a mailing will be sent to TFPD land owners regarding the awareness initiative.

Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention – April 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, Stevens Point. Betty and John Zimdars will be attending. Other TFPD commissioners and committee leaders who wish to attend can sign up, pay their expenses and they in turn, will be reimbursed.

Kids Fishing Tournament. See above for financial transaction explanation. No date has been announced, but it has historically been held on the July 4 weekend. More information about volunteering and donating prizes or money for prizes will be placed on the website. An example of volunteer activities are: weighing and measuring fish, prize organization and distribution, raffles.

#### 2022 Meeting Schedule

- June 4, 2022
- August 27, 2022 (Annual Meeting)
- December 3, 2022

#### Public comment:

The TFPD is in need of a new laptop for the treasurer's activities. This request will be placed on the June 4 meeting agenda for discussion and a vote.

Question was asked about how the district borders are/were determined. John Zimdars explained the origins of the borders which were set at the time the District was formed.

A request was made from the audience that a reminder be given regarding the intended usage of the TFPD Facebook page and Facebook Group and how we handle inappropriate comments and rudeness. We will take steps to increase the awareness of the we have outlined for the social media sites and that they are made clear for all to follow.

A motion was made to adjourn by Mark Clements to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Bieber. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by  
Mary Van Vonderen, Non-board Recording Secretary

## **TFPD Facebook Group rules from the admin**

### **1. No buy/sell/trade posts allowed.**

This is not a space for buying, selling, or trading. It is ok to ask for recommendations of services in the area, but outright selling, buying and trading is not allowed.

### **2. Be kind and courteous**

We're all in this together to create a welcoming environment. Let's treat everyone with respect. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required. Calling names and using unprofessional, aggressive or derogatory language will not be permitted.

### **3. Do not enforce boating rules.**

Gentle reminders are ok, but please be kind! Do not use this space to harass or viciously enforce rules. To report unsafe or illegal activity on the flowage, please contact the DNR or Oconto County Police. Please visit our website for contact information.

## **Below are the rules governing slow-no-wake rules as per State Statute:**

### **30.66 Speed restrictions.**

- (1) SPEED TO BE REASONABLE AND PRUDENT.** No person shall operate a motorboat at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard for the actual and potential hazards then existing. The speed of a motorboat shall be so controlled as to avoid colliding with any object lawfully in or on the water or with any person, boat or other conveyance in or on the water in compliance with legal requirements and exercising due care.
- (2) FIXED LIMITS.** In addition to complying with sub. (1), no person may operate a motorboat at a speed in excess of the posted notice as established by regulatory markers.
- (3) PROHIBITED OPERATION.**
- (a)** No person may operate a motorboat within 100 feet of any dock, raft, pier, or buoyed restricted area on any lake at a speed in excess of slow-no-wake