



Townsend Flowage Protection District (TFPD)
Board of Commissioners Meeting, June 4, 2022

Members present: John Zimdars, Mark Clements, Mike Gabryszek, 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 June 4, 2022 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, Facebook, Laona State Bank, Townsend and emailed.

A motion was made by Jim Bieber to approve the March 12 meeting minutes. Mark Clements seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Update on EWM Treatment & Testing:

Survey Results for 2021 treatment have been published and available on the TFPD website. TFPD lakes are in very good shape with only a limited amount of EWM. It will come back, but we will continue to maintain as allowed by the DNR. John Zimdars has received emails from Wisconsin Lakes and Ponds regarding permits for spot treatment later in June. There are three spots in the lake that have been identified as needing treatment. Areas must be over an acre to be treated. Grant money left from last year will be used to pay for this spot treatment. We have not yet received the cost estimate. Cost is handled 75% by DNR/25% lake district pays.

The weed cutters will be put in the lake around the end of June. However, there is very little cutting to be done with only 4-5 loads taken from the whole lake last year. It took four hours to get a load last year compared to past years taking one hour. We will try to conserve diesel fuel expenses if the need for cutting is not apparent.

A question was asked about the potential to hand pull. President John Zimdars stated that an individual can hand pull the weeds, but if you do, it must be removed from the lake – it cannot be left in the water or it will spread.

Update on Slow No-Wake & Oconto Co Cost Share Grant:

Reports coming in seem to show that we are getting fewer complaints about boats violating the slow no wake regulation. The mailing explaining the rules and new signage seem to have helped. The Cost Share Program with Oconto County is paying people to monitor it.

Special events on the lakes (i.e. fishing tournaments) are exempt from complying with slow no-wake hours of operation rules. Meaning that a fishing tournament does not have to comply with no-wake between 5:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Weed harvester update by Chuck DeMoulin:

As mentioned, weed cutters will be put in sometime the third week of June – there is nothing to cut at this time. Maintenance is minimum, just need to check the oil and grease them. Mark Clements, Mike Gabryszek and Chuck DeMoulin will perform the maintenance.

The TFPD Board needs to 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.

Jim Biever made a motion accordingly, Mike Gabryszek seconded. Motion carried. All were in favor. Motion carried. We need documentation of this to send to the WDNR.

Oconto County Lakes & Waterways Association (OCLWA) Fundraiser:

Tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$20. Last year, OCLWA returned an amount of money from the fundraiser to the District. No wake grant is partially paid for by the OCLWA. Contact Betty Zimdars for tickets and to sell tickets. Deadline is August 1 to return tickets.

2022 Kids Fishing Tournament Update:

Dawn Herlache, Chairperson for the 40+ year traditional event, Saturday July 2, stated there is a meeting at 10 a.m. in the Town Hall today. Main thing right now is getting the prizes with the funds that are available. On June 25 Joe Heyrman, town supervisor, will sponsor a brat fry at Mike's grocery store starting at 10 a.m., with proceeds going to the tournament. Eligible for kids 15 and under, \$1 per child. Registration is a 7:00 a.m. and weigh in is at 1 p.m. at Wendt's Sandbar. Normally 150-200 kids have registered in past years.

Rules for the tournament follow the State DNR fishing regulations of the particular lake (i.e. size and limit). Any area lakes are eligible. All kids get prizes, and there are trophies for different categories. Burgers, brats, and refreshments will be available.

Shoreline Improvement Healthy Lakes Grants for rain gardens, diversions, etc., have to be submitted to the DNR by November 1st. Up to \$1,000 is available for reimbursement for each practice completed.. Each project needs to take place above the shoreline to prevent shoreline erosion. See Betty Zimdars for details. The Grant comes from DNR and works with Oconto County engineers. Over \$13,000 in grant money has been reimbursed to TFPD landowners that have completed Healthy Lake projects.

2022 Meeting Schedule

August 27, 2022 (Annual Meeting)

December 3, 2022 at Ambulance location

A motion was made by Jim Biever to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mike Clements. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.

Public comment:

Dan Coopman reports that several of the Buoys are in need of repairs or replacement. We have money for repair of equipment and we will look into purchasing new ones. Dan will find out costs from Bob Kocken for both homemade and manufactured options.

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.