



Townsend Flowage Protection District (TFPD)
Board of Commissioners Quarterly meeting
December 3, 2022

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

The Board of Commissioners Quarterly Meeting of the Townsend Flowage Protection District was called to order by Board President, John Zimdars on December 3, 2022 at 9 a.m. at the Townsend Ambulance Building. 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, and emailed.

A motion was made by Jim Bieber to approve the August 27 meeting minutes. Mike Gabryszek seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

2022 budget audit was conducted and certified by Terry DeMoulin. Letter of certification is available upon request. Mike Gabryszek made a motion to pay Terry DeMoulin \$150.00 for audit services. Jim Bieber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Update on EWM Treatment:

John Zimdars read a letter from Jim Scharl of Wisconsin Lakes and Ponds stating that there are narrow bands of Eurasian Milfoil beginning to appear at certain areas along the shoreline. Jim Scharl will be sending a report, along with a map and survey. John Zimdars will use the report information to apply for a renewal of the weed cutting permit which expires in December.

Bruce Beno would like to get a fish planting program going. Jim Bieber will work with Bruce Beno and asked for people who would want to join in helping to contact him or Bruce Beno. Fike netting planned by DNR again this spring.

Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention will be held April 10-21, 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. See Betty Zimdars if interested in attending.

2023 Meeting Schedule:

- March 11
- June 3

- August 26 Annual Meeting
- December 2 Ambulance Building

Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Biever. Motion was seconded by Mike Gabrysek. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Public comments: Rick Bodart reported a potential safety issue regarding the abandoned dock by the owners of Golden Eagle property. The dock is partially sticking out of the water and is causing a safety hazard for snowmobilers this winter and boater safety in spring. It was reported that several letters have been sent by the Town of Townsend to the property owner with no response. Carla Van Camp will talk to the DNR warden to see if any further action can be taken to avoid potential accidents. In the meantime, it was suggested that once the ice is safe to walk on, safety tape and reflectors be used to mark the hazardous area.

Chuck DeMoulin reported that overall, the weed harvester equipment is working good, with no major breakdowns affecting the weed harvesters this past season. Regular maintenance is being done. 14 loads on north end were taken this season and 5 in south basin, significantly lower than previous years before weed treatment. Most of weed harvesting was gathered from the mosquito creek area at a rate of 15 cu yds in an hour. The flowage is always looking for volunteer weed harvester drivers. Contact Chuck DeMoulin for the north basin and John Zimdars for south basin.

\$455.00 were collected in the kiosks this season, as reported by Dale and Kathy Ott, compared to previous years of typical around \$250. The new signage has probably made a positive difference in this areas. One of the signs in the kiosk by dam needs repair and will be replaced by Bruce Beno in the spring. Donations raised at the boat landings go directly into the Townsend Flowage General funds.

44 people signed up for Christmas party to be held the evening of December 3 at the Old Town Hall. Chuck DeMoulin has collected door prizes from area businesses that will be given away at the party.

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