



TOWNSEND FLOWAGE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Quarterly Meeting, Board of Commissioners

March 9, 2024

1:00 p.m.

Townsend Town Hall

Members present: John Zimdars, Jim Bieber, Mike Gabryszek (by phone), Mark Clements, Chuck DeMoulin

The Board of Commissioners Quarterly Meeting of the Townsend Flowage Protection District was called to order by Board President, John Zimdars on March 9, 2024 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, and TFPD website.

A motion was made by Jim Bieber to approve the December 2, 2023 meeting minutes. Mark Clements seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Introduction of Renee Vande Voort the new recording secretary.

Thank you for the many years of service of Mary Van Vonderen.

Renee Vande Voort provided an update on the Facebook page and sub-group.

Jim Bieber asked to discuss the Board member's contact information being on the website. All members were in favor of removing that information. Moving forward visitors will use the contact form on the website.

Informational Meeting – The proposed Wake Boat Ordinance will be discussed at the Town meeting on March 16, 2024 at 9 a.m. at the Townsend Town Hall. Board members strongly encourage all property owners on the lake to attend this meeting. Wake boats have a significant impact on the lake bottom, shoreline, and weed growth on the lake. Owners can obtain more information about wake boats on the State website. Pursuing a Town ordinance is expected to provide a decision possibly by June.

Senator Andre Jacques has introduced a proposal to State legislature (LRB-5069), but that may take years to go into effect. Information regarding Senator Jacques's proposal can be viewed at <https://wisconsinlakes.org/second-wakesports-bill-would-protect-wisconsins-lakes/>

Additional buoys in the McCaslin Brook – Slow no wake markers. Jim Bieber stated this stemmed from the December board meeting discussion regarding continued fast boats on the

McCaslin Brook. We have tried in the past to slow boat traffic with the shore signs but there has been minimal improvement. Between the mouth of the Brook to the Red Maple boat ramp is approximately a half mile in length and currently has three buoys. It is approximately 1000 feet from the first buoy at the mouth to the next buoy which may lead some boater to violate the non-wake area and not realize it. The proposal is to add two additional buoys so they would be approximately 400 feet apart. Jim Bieber made a motion to request a public hearing for the purpose of adding additional waterway markers to the McCaslin Brook. Chuck DeMoulin seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Wisconsin Lakes Partnership Convention will be held April 10-12, 2024 in Stevens Point. Jim Bieber is looking into attending.

Oconto County Lakes Study 2024 and 2025: All property owners should have received a postcard in the mail. John Zimdars is encouraging property owners to sign up for the Zoom meeting where they will discuss what the DNR and University of Wisconsin-Madison Extension plan to survey this Spring. The district will not have to pay for this study. Residents should email Ken.Dolata@co.oconto.wi.us to sign up for the Zoom meeting that will be held April 2nd at 5:30 p.m. Contact information will also be added to the TFPD website.

Invasive Species: No treating for invasive species will be allowed this year. We will need to do more cutting this year, and we will try to get the cutters in earlier this year than normal. Reminder to residents that you can remove weeds by hand up to 30 ft from shore. You are required to remove what you cut from the lake. With thin ice and lack of snow cover we do expect more weeds than usual.

2024 Meeting Schedule			
Date	Time	Type	Location
June 1, 2024	1:00 p.m.	Quarterly	Townsend Town Hall
August 17, 2024	9:00 a.m.	Annual	Townsend Town Hall
December 7, 2024	1:00 p.m.	Quarterly	Lakewood/Townsend Ambulance Building

Public Comment:

Some of the buoys are damaged. Bruce Beno will get supplies to fix them, and provide a bill for parts to John Zimdars.

Jim Bieber discussed the fish study performed by the DNR last Spring. Chip Long the fish biologist has completed it and it is currently under review. It is expected to be available in two weeks. If there is anything from the study we can do we will bring those ideas to the June board meeting. When it is published residents will be able to go online and see the study in its entirety.

Jim Bieber discussed the webcams that were previously on the flowage that showed when the ice was going out. He asked for input on putting another one out possibly at one of the local businesses on the lake. This will be added to the June agenda for further discussion.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Chuck DeMoulin and seconded by Mark Clements. All were in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Renee Vande Voort
Non-board recording secretary