

# Trego Lake District Board of Commissioners Meeting Notice

Quarterly Meeting – Fall 2014  
Saturday, October 11, 2014, 9:00 a.m.  
Trego Town Hall, Trego, Wisconsin

## Agenda

1. Call to order -- Board of Commissioners Chair Frost called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.
2. Approve minutes – MSC to approve the Minutes as distributed.
3. Treasurer's Report – MSC to approve the Treasurer's report as distributed.
4. Board chair's Report – No weed harvesting was done this year, because Frost and Geiger looked at the weed harvest area and concluded that no harvesting would be fruitful. The District lost its \$1800 deposit paid to the harvester, but Xcel Energy reimbursed the \$1800, so the District is not out anything.
5. Committee Reports
  - Weed Harvesting – See above.
  - Water Quality – Dan DuRose is doing this in the future. Frost noted that the District has a great quantity of data on water quality that has been gathered over the years. Darryl Wendt agreed to enter the data into a spreadsheet, if Frost gets him the data.
  - Sedimentation – Dick Okerlund explained that now is a critical time for the dredging project, if it doesn't get done soon, the impact will be terrible. This year's storms moved lots of sand down the river, which made the situation even worse, rather than better. Chair Frost then presented a tentative financial breakdown of the assumed cost of the dredging project. The tentative plan assumes a project cost of \$100,000. The plan also assumes that WI DNR will give a grant of \$50,000 – ½ the cost. Some representatives of Washburn County have indicated that the County would be interested in contributing to the project. The Sedimentation Committee is assuming that the County would contribute \$25,000. The balance of \$25,000 would be paid as follows:
    - \$12,000 from donations previously made to the District for the dredging project
    - \$10,000 from a special charge on the 63 parcels on the east end of the Lake, nearest to the Hwy. 53 Bridge.
    - \$2,000 from an additional mill rate on every property in the District. (This would bring the mill rate up to near the mill rate in effect 4 to 5 years ago. In recent years, the mill rate has gone down on an annual basis.)
    - \$1,000 or more from the District's existing reserves.
  - One District member asked that if this plan goes forward to the Annual Meeting, that the exact mill rate increase be made known. Frost explained that an exact mill rate will probably not be available, but a good approximation will be available.

- Dan Frase commented that the dredging project will benefit the whole lake, not just the properties that are right on the clogged up areas.
- MSC to continue with the project, as explained here today, including the assumed financing.
- Geiger explained that the way the sand in the river has moved around, the previous plan for the dredged area will no longer solve the problem. Geiger proposes that the dredging permits be amended to allow dredging for a further distance on the south side of the east end of the Lake. MSC to approve Geiger's plan for requesting amendments to the various permits.

Other board reports – Geiger reported that the Town Board worked on replacing the underwater concrete ramp. The project went very well. The new concrete ramp extends only 5 ft. beyond the length of the dock. At that end of the ramp, the depth drops off rapidly. It should not be necessary to back a trailer beyond the end of the concrete ramp. If a trailer goes off the end of the ramp, that will be troublesome for the trailer owner. The Town spent maybe \$3,000 to \$4,000 on the new ramp. Xcel Energy sent the District a check for \$1,000, which the District will pass on to the Town for part of the cost of the new ramp. At the end of the road that leads to the landing, there is lots of concrete breaking up. The Town plans to pull out the broken up concrete and replacing it with asphalt. Geiger further reported on the buoys in the Lake. He will propose to the Town that AAA Sports pull all buoys in the next two weeks, and the dock at the landing will be pulled out right after that, but certainly before the end of October.

8. National Park Service – Charlie Lundin, Ranger, reported that NPS will not be grooming the Trego Lake Trail for skiing this year, due to budget constraints. The NPS will also not be plowing the parking area for the Trail. Anyone who disagrees with this decision is welcome to make a comment on the NPS website or to call the NPS office in St. Croix Falls. Ranger Lundin also commented on the summer enforcement activity on the Lake: the NPS staff has been stretched thin this year, with a larger area to patrol, so they were not on the Lake as much as previous years. The summer started out calmly, as the spring was long and cool, but activity then picked up over the summer. Alcohol use by minors and safety issues were common this year. Fireworks were also a problem from time to time. The Trego office of the NPS is 715-635-8346.

Question – Would NPS be willing to allow local volunteers to groom the Trego Lake Trail? Lundin says that the groomer that the NPS owns is 3 to 4 feet wide. He doesn't know if that groomer could be made available to a local group of volunteers.

Audit Committee – Three volunteers came forward – Sharon Lang, Gary Kaiser and Joanie Ilstrup. They will meet with Darryl Wendt, probably right before the next Board meeting.

9. Next meeting date – Sat., Jan. 31, 2015.

10. Citizen comments – A word of appreciation was expressed by a member to the folks who've worked on the sedimentation project for a long time – their dedication over the years is very much appreciated.

Adjourn