



Trego Lake District Mission Statement: To support and encourage the preservation of the natural beauty, peacefulness, safety and recreational value of the shoreline and waters of Trego Lake, and to coordinate and cooperate with the various public and private organizations involved in these efforts.

TREGO LAKE DISTRICT Summer Quarterly Meeting Minutes – 7/7/2007

Meeting called to order by Chair Leehey. Quorum of Commissioners present: Dan Frase, John Geiger, P.J. Leehey, Charlie Peterson, Beverly Stencil. Absent: Terry Tonnar 5 members also present.

Minutes of the April 28, 2007 meeting were approved on a motion by Geiger, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None

Chair's Report: Pleased with the way the annual meeting went. Spoke to DNR fisheries biologist as a follow-up to fisheries concern raised at the annual meeting. According to WI DNR Fisheries Biologist Larry Damman, the DNR stocks Trego Lake every other year with 450 muskies and 1 ¾ inch walleyes at 35/acre. Increasing the numbers stocked is not advisable because of the capacity the lake can handle. He noted that walleyes are naturally producing in the lake which is best.

Commissioner Gerianne Christiansen arrived at the meeting.

Treasurer's report: Cash in bank 7/7/07 is \$57.12. The weed harvesting has been paid and we are awaiting reimbursement from Xcel Energy. New signature card for the checking account will have four names on it: Christiansen, Leehey, Frase and Geiger.

Boat Ramp: Geiger reported that there have been many complaints about the boat ramp due to the angle. Leehey checked and the responsibility for the boat ramp rests with the Town of Trego. Geiger noted that there is a possibility of adding a concrete wedge to level out the ramp as a short-term solution. Frase recommended adding a dock for easier access to those not living on the lake. Leehey will present this proposal to the Town of Trego at their July meeting. It was noted that maps show two other public landings on Trego Lake – at the Hwy 53 bridge and at the end of Wood Drive. Neither are maintained. Geiger also took a look at the signage at the boat landing and cleaned it up a bit. The Park Service is responsible for the postings there.

Voting at the Annual Meeting: Geiger raised the issue of problems regarding proof of ID for voting at the annual meeting. Motion by Geiger, second by Geiger to print out all individual listings for parcels and cross check it against the parcels as listed on the tax rolls provided to TLD for voting purposes. Motion failed. Decision was to print in the newsletter the website where property owners can access their own records which they can use to prove proof of ownership for voting purposes at the annual meeting. Motion made by Peterson, second by Geiger, to establish a Trego Lake District website where information such as this can be posted. Roll call vote. Frase no, Stencil no, Peterson abstain, Christiansen yes, Geiger abstain. Motion denied. Discussion followed regarding the cost and maintenance of website. The next newsletter will contain a request for anyone interested in setting up and maintaining a TLD website to contact Chair Leehey.

Weed Harvesting Committee Report: Geiger reported that weed harvesting of the 5 foot channel occurred on June 28 & 29 with only one little glitch. Buoy #4 had to be moved because of encroaching wild rice which is illegal to cut by the harvester. No information is available to date as to the amount that was pulled out. The Harvester recommended increasing the width of the channel in the harvesting permit from 15ft to 25ft. Frase will pursue direct payment from Xcel Energy to the Harvester and report at the next quarterly meeting.

Water Quality Committee Report: Leehey reported that the June DNR sampling was completed by him and his wife. The water quality reports are available to anyone by contacting Leehey. Motion by Stencil, second by Peterson to discontinue the UWSP water testing and continue only with the DNR water testing. Discussion. Motion failed unanimously.

Sedimentation Committee Report: Geiger reported on behalf of the Committee. Ed Slaminski, from the WI DNR, was contacted and he gave the go ahead to continue with the permit for the lower channel. All dredging permits have to go through the Voight Commission and per Peter David, from the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission, they are way behind in processing permits. Geiger reported that the Committee had decided before the annual meeting that if the dissolution vote was close, they would not pursue the votes on their motions and will not pursue them in the future.

Date and Agenda for Fall Quarterly Meeting: The date for the fall quarterly meeting will be Saturday, December 1, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the Trego Town Hall. Agenda items will include: Discussion regarding structures in the water (buoys, swim rafts, etc.) led by Frase; Strategic Planning for the TLD led by Peterson; weed harvesting direct billing to Xcel led by Frase; Trego Lake Days led by Geiger.

Meeting Adjourned on a motion by Leehey, second by Peterson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Beverly Stencil, TLD Secretary



**TREGO LAKE DISTRICT
Annual Meeting DRAFT Minutes – 6/16/2007
Spooner Ag Research Station**

Quorum of commissioners present: Gerianne Christiansen, Dan DuRose, Dan Frase, P.J. Leehey, Joe Kane, Beverly Stencil and Terry Tonnar. 104 members present

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Leehey. Leehey explained the protocol for the meeting to be: committee reports limited to 10 minutes; motion discussions limited to 20 minutes total with 3 minutes per speaker with the person who made the motion speaking first and then alternating pro and con viewpoints; asked everyone to be respectful and not ask questions covered previously.

Minutes of the annual meeting of June 3, 2006 were approved by a show of hands on a motion by DuRose, second by Tonnar.

Treasurer's report presented by Treasurer Christiansen. Balance in the checking account was reported as \$3,398.32. John Geiger reported that the audit showed everything was fine with the books.

Motion for dissolution of the Trego Lake District made by Joe Kane. Second by Sharon Lang. Discussion. Voting by ballots, counted by Barbara Broering, Myrle Duden and Myron Gillette. 62 in favor of dissolution, 37 against dissolution. Motion required a 2/3rds majority of voters present. Motion failed.

Election of three commissioners to replace Christiansen, DuRose and Kane. Kane opted not to run again, Christiansen and DuRose indicated willingness to serve another term. John Geiger, Charlie Peterson and Wane Olson were nominated from the floor. Motion by Tom Frost to vote as individual ballots, second by Virgil Broering. Motion withdrawn. Voting was conducted by one ballot for the three open seats. The top vote getters were Geiger, Peterson and Christiansen.

2008 proposed budget of \$6,400 presented by Treasurer Christiansen. DuRose moved to approve the budget as proposed, second by Tonnar. Motion passed by show of hands. One opposed.

Water Quality Committee Report by Chair Leehey. The committee is comprised of him and his wife. They do water testing five times a year for clarity and temperature and two additional samples which are sent to the lab at UW-Stevens Point at ice out and before ice in. The testing shows an increase in phosphorus in spring, otherwise the water quality is holding quite well.

Weed harvesting, as allowed in the permit, will be conducted June 28 & 29 this year in the designated marked channels. Permission obtained from Jack Copp to take weeds out via his property. Permission granted by Trudy Bridge to dispose of weeds on her property. Leehey thanked DuRose and Geiger for their committee work. Mark Fritz and Steve Lawrence are the new members of this committee.

Sedimentation Committee Report by Virgil Broering. Paperwork for permits for dredging the maintainable channels is complete but waiting for Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission approval due to the wild rice beds. This work is being paid for by the upper end property owners on a voluntary basis. Due to what the committee feels is a lack of TLD member support, they are dropping their proposal for the long term collection area.

Annual Meeting 2008. Motion by Stencil for the 2008 annual meeting to be held the Saturday of Memorial Weekend. Second by Virgil Broering. Motion failed on a show of hands. Motion by Steve Tseffos for a June 28, 2008 annual meeting date, second by DuRose. By a show of hands, 17 in favor and 26 opposed. Motion failed. Motion by Carol Geiger for a June 7, 2008 annual meeting date, second by Barbara Broering. Motion carried on a show of hands.

Summer Quarterly Meeting date was set for July 7, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the Trego Town Hall.

Adjournment motion by Frase, second by DuRose. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Respectfully submitted by:

Beverly Stencil, TLD Secretary



PLEASE BE AWARE . . .

**BOATS TOWING SKIERS AND TUBERS
NEED TO HAVE A SECOND PERSON ON
BOARD AS A "SPOTTER" WHEN
OPERATING ON TREGO LAKE.**

RAINGARDENS: CONTROLLING RUNOFF NATURALLY

Rain gardens are soaking up lots of attention as an effective way to protect lakes from runoff. A rain garden collects water from surfaces and allows the accumulated water to slowly filter into the ground rather than running off into lakes. In many areas across Wisconsin, rain gardens are used to enhance water quality, help eliminate erosion problems, provide wildlife habitat, and give an aesthetically pleasing backdrop in both urban and rural areas, along lakes, next to parking lots, and on college campuses.

A typical rain garden is a perennial plant bed sunk 4-8 inches deep with a flat bottom. Most are from 75-300 square feet in size, roughly 1/4 to 1/3 the size of the area collecting water (rooftop, driveways, hillside, backyard, etc.). Crescent, kidney, and teardrop shapes work well for the form of a rain garden.

Planning your rain garden

The cost of installing a rain garden ranges from \$11-\$13/sq. ft. for all facets of the project, to smaller amounts (\$5-\$6/sq. ft.) for those willing to do some site preparation and planting themselves.

To calculate the proper size of your rain garden, simply measure the area of the roof, driveway, yard area, or other spot from which you want to collect rainwater. For example, if you had a roof 25 feet wide by 40 feet long, that would give you an area of 1,000 square feet. Most rain gardens are 25-33% the size of the area being collected from, so in this case, make your rain garden 250-330 square feet. Place the rain garden at least ten feet away from the foundations of buildings and not over septic systems or lateral sewer piping. Stay away from big trees (and their roots) and high-traffic areas. Full sun is best for site selection but partial shade spots can work effectively as well. Avoid areas where water already collects; infiltration from these sites is poor. Remember to call *Digger's Hotline* (1-800-242-8511) before you start.

Native plants are best for rain gardens because they provide assorted benefits to the landscape. Most native plants have roots that grow down twice as deep as the plants are tall, making them efficient at absorbing water. The root penetration by these plants opens up small channels for water to move into, increasing the amount of infiltration. Small insects, butterflies, birds, and other critters use the vegetation as a food source, overwintering area for larvae, cover, nest making material, and additional services.

Choose plants appropriate for the soil conditions and for the given amount of sunlight. Plan for staggered blooming times so you have color in spring, summer and fall. Be sure to include native sedges and grasses. You might add nectar and food sources for butterflies, too.

Local resources available to assist with planning your rain garden include Hunt Hill Audubon Sanctuary, located in the Town of Saronia. Hunt Hill has several rain garden demonstration sites and welcomes visitors to come view the gardens. Another local resource is the North Country Master Gardeners. This group of gardening focused volunteers can be accessed through Washburn County University of Wisconsin Extension Horticultural Educator Kevin Schoessow at 715-635-3560 or via e-mail to kevin.schoessow@ces.uwex.edu. Another resource with experienced staff on hand to assist you is the office of Washburn County Land and Water Conservation, 715-468-4654.

You can also access rain garden information on-line at the UW-Extension website: <http://clean-water.uwex.edu> and WI Dept. of Natural Resources website: www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/wm/nps/rg

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