

**Tug Lake District**  
**Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**August 18, 2023**

**Present:** Mike Specht, Don Olson, John Greenwood, Dan Lewison, Dean Bowe, Bill Wulf, and Jim Penske

**Lake Water Quality Findings Update**

- This year the lake has been experiencing less Blue Green Algae. We need to keep exploring why this is the case. A Citizen Lake Monitoring Program has been implemented by lake residents who are taking snapshot water samples every two weeks from May through October to send to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and UW-Milwaukee Professor Todd Miller for their analysis.
- The buoy which takes continuous water samples in real time has not been implemented this year but may be considered for high frequency sampling measurements in a future Lake Management Plan Grant proposal.
- Tracking what comes out of the surrounding wetlands of the lake could provide pertinent ecological information.

**Lake Management Plan Committee Update**

- Buzz Sorge and Scott VanEgeren from the DNR and Dan Lewison (TLD Grant Committee Chair) and John Greenwood will have a DNR Lake Planning Grant Pre-Application Meeting on September 6, 2023. The grant will pay for lake plan development.
- The Lake Planning Grant Application Form will be provided for residents to review at the Tug Lake District Annual Board Meeting scheduled for September 2, 2023. The initial proposal will be submitted to the DNR by September 15, 2023, and the final proposal on November 15, 2023. Notification of grant awards will be made in the winter of 2024.

**Lake Management Planning Grant Proposal Authorizing Resolution**

- The Board of Commissioners made a motion to authorize the Tug Lake District to enter a grant agreement with the WDNR for a Lake Planning Grant. Motion made by Mike Specht, seconded by Don Olson, motion passed.

**Finance Review - Proposed 2024 Budget Presentation at Annual Meeting**

- \$100 Administration
- \$1,200 Insurance
- \$9,000 Lake Water Quality Research
- \$7,500 Lake Management Plan Consultant – A motion will be made at the Annual Meeting for residents to approve this budget item.
- \$5,000 Lake Planning Grant Cost Share – A motion will be made at the Annual Meeting to increase our 2023 location from \$2,000 to \$3,500 for 2024.
- \$2,000 Tug Lake Beach Cost Share – A motion will be made at the Annual Meeting to leave this in our budget. Dean Dowe, Lincoln County Administrator for Forestry, Lands

and Parks, indicated that Lincoln County can apply for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that will support improvements to the Tug Lake Park and Beach.

- \$200 Contingency
- Total Budget = \$25,000

#### **Next Events and Actions**

- The Annual Meeting will be held at the Merrill Incredible Bank from 10 am to noon on September 2, 2023.
- The Annual Tug Lake Picnic will immediately follow at the Tug Lake Park and Beach area.
- A motion will be made at the Annual Meeting to change TLD Fiscal Year Dates to January 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup>. This action will align our fiscal year with the Lincoln County fiscal year which makes it much easier for the Tug Lake Treasurer to prepare expenditures for auditing.

#### **Public Comment**

Note: Public Comments will be heard, but no action will be taken on them. Items brought to the Commissioner's attention during the public comment section will be added to future Commissioner Quarterly or Electors Meeting Agendas for future discussion and decision.

#### **Motion to Adjourn**

- Motion made by Mike Specht, seconded by Don Olson, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

John Greenwood  
Tug Lake District Secretary