

**Tahkodah Lake District
Quarter 1 Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
7:03 - 8:48 p.m. via Zoom
*For approval at Q2, 2022 Board Meeting***

Minutes:

- 1. Call to Order:** The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:03pm. Virtual meeting via Zoom.
- 2. Roll Call:** Present were Elizabeth Donohue (Chair), Steve Hinze (Treasurer), Mary Jean Fenske (Secretary), J.B.Whelihan (at large), Jim Crandall (Bayfield County representative) and Dean Hambrecht (at large and Town of Cable representative). Guest present was Phil Nies.
- 3. Approved Board minutes of Quarter 4, 2021**

The Board approved the minutes as drafted for the third quarter meeting held on November 10, 2021.
- 4. Workers Comp Insurance for Lake District Board Members**

Steve Hinze received information from Jim Crandall regarding his experience as a member of a Sanitary Board with workers comp insurance and obtaining a refund annually through the audit process. Once Steve receives the renewal notice, Steve will examine the classification rates closely and follow up with the insurance agency to find out more about whether our insurance could be reduced.
- 5. Lake Clarity/ Poor Secchi Reading**

Mary Jean Fenske is interested in taking the secchi disk readings next year and will start as soon as ice is out and continue through fall. Steve Hinze will continue taking monthly water chemistry samples.

Mary Jean Fenske reviewed secchi disk readings in the SWIMS database and found no fall measurements in the last decade that were less than 9.5 feet. This contrasts with the 3.5 foot reading late last September. Mary Jean Fenske has contacted WI DNR staff to learn what it might cost to sample phosphorus in September and October in addition to the current measurements taken in May-August.

6. Wisconsin Lakes Conference Attendance/ Participation

This year's conference will be April 6-8 in Stevens Point and will be in-person with virtual options as well. Any Board member interested in registering for any session, in person or virtual, should let Steve know by Feb. 16. Steve Hinze and Mary Jean Fenske both indicated an interest in attending a portion of the conference in person. JB Whelihan and Dean Hambrecht indicated interest in possibly attending some of the sessions virtually. The District membership approved spending up to a total of \$1000 (for all attendees combined) to participate in this conference.

7. Possible Actions to Address Enhanced Wakes on Lake Tahkodah, Including Consideration of an Ordinance

Board members have been analyzing the impacts of enhanced wakes on small shallow lakes like Tahkodah and evaluating actions other townships have taken to protect their lakes.

Dean Hambrecht motioned that Elizabeth contact the Tahkodah wake boat owners via email to have a conversation about the impacts of enhanced wakes and ways to minimize those impacts. JB Whelihan seconded. Motion approved. Dean Hambrecht motioned that the Board call a special meeting of Lake District members in the mid to late March timeframe to vote on proceeding with asking the towns of Cable and Drummond to enact an ordinance that would limit enhanced wakes on Lake Tahkodah, or asking the towns to pass a resolution allowing the Lake District to enact such an ordinance. JB Whelihan seconded. Motion approved. Steve Hinze will check with an expert in Lake District procedures to learn how the meeting can be conducted - in person, virtually or a hybrid approach. The goal is to allow participation by as many residents as possible.

Mary Jean Fenske will prepare educational materials about enhanced wake impacts for presentation to the Town of Drummond and the Town of Cable supervisors at their March 8 and 16 meetings, respectively. Jim Crandall and Dean Hambrecht will advise and assist with adding this topic to the town meeting agendas.

8. Meeting Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Q2 2022 meeting date: May 4, 2022 at 7pm via Zoom. Financial information, a proposed budget and discussion of topics for the July annual meeting will be agenda items.