

Teal, Lost Land and Ghost Lakes Improvement Association, Inc.

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 29, 2024
Angler's Bar & Grill

Board present:

Norm Bratteig, President

Craig Pagenkopf, Vice President

Lisa Carpenter, Secretary

Perry Cowan, Treasurer

Steve Fiala, Director at Large

Also present was Megan Sorensen, Community Development & Water Resource Specialist for the Northwest Regional Planning Commission

We started the meeting at 11:00 am. The purpose of this meeting was to get updates from Megan and have a "Q&A" with her. The following is a compilation of notes/comments from that meeting:

Megan's comments were as follows:

- New/updated mapping should be done in 2 weeks.
- Megan stated that Matt Burg indicated to her that we would be very happy with the results. Lost Land Lake and Teal look great. There are pockets but it looks phenomenal with the results of the treatment.
- Matt checked the lakes before and after treatment as well as late summer.
- The grant we received was for a 2-year treatment. One of the Board Members asked if we could still spend the leftover funds (plus our funds). Megan's answer was "yes". If we spend approximately an additional \$49,882, we will get \$99,429 back from the DNR. We have received \$24,858 from the DNR year-to-date.
- We have spent \$74,000-\$75,000 already and we will get 75% back (up to the limit). Reimbursement comes after the full 2-year time period.
- This grant is for treatment. The reimbursement check will come to us at the end of 2025 or the beginning of 2026.
- One of the Board Members asked Megan what she thought Matt would say about future treatment. Her response was she thought he may let us treat the same as we did last/this year OR he may say "let's stop and try something different".
- This past year should have been a banner year for plant growth with the lack of ice and snow last winter.
- Rake fulness and density determines treatment. Any area needs to have a 2-3 dense rate to be considered for treatment. Also, navigation is rated from moderate to severe. If we can show some parameters, we may get more treatment.
- We will never have complete eradication. We just need to get it as "under control" as we can.

- Treatment = 4 parts per billion. We could use 24D which burns off the plants where ProcellaCOR (which is what we used) kills the plant (milfoil only). The Board indicated, as a whole, we weren't really interested in 24D as a treatment option.
- We need to see the mapping before we can make a plan. She would recommend shooting for Steamboat Bay and 2-3 smaller spots on Teal but would advise against Lynch Bay.
- 30 acres on Lost Land Lake is the cap, we won't get approval for more than that.
- Moving forward with this grant, she reiterated we need to get the maps. We will not hear from the DNR until maybe January. Then we can find out our priority areas to present to the DNR and the herbicide "people".
- Be sure and turn in all hours.
- One of the Board Members asked if we could get quotes for future treatment. Megan indicated the grant season is from September 15th to November 15th. She is not sure we can get an accurate quote right now. The cost per acre is \$2,500 with chemical treatment and manpower.
- Megan stated she needs nothing more from us until we get the new/current maps. She reiterated we need to get the AIS sign posted/installed before winter.²

Norm's comments were as follows:

- Teal hasn't changed much since the mapping was done 4 years ago.
- Kevin Moore volunteered to install our AIS sign at no cost to us. QLIA just needs to provide the materials.

Steve's comments were as follows:

- Steve asked the Board their thoughts on future treatments:
 - Perry would like to have Steamboat Bay, Wilson Bay & Lynch Bay treated next.
 - Craig would like more chemical treatments. The areas he would like treated are Steamboat Bay, Lynch Bay and around Paradise Island.
 - Norm said he is impressed with the treatment, and he feels there are no signs of repercussion. Money is a factor as to any future treatment. We need the mapping to see how we move forward.
 - Lisa is in favor of more chemical treatments since it seemed to work well the last time.
 - Steve thinks there is less than 50 acres of milfoil on Lost Land Lake after the treatment (that's hit-able with a motor). He would like Steamboat done for sure and maybe Willson Bay. As to Teal, he would not like to see Lynch Bay treated as it's always been weedy but maybe the back area could be treated. Steve would like to see maybe 10 acres in Teal and 20 acres in Lost Land treated next.
 - Megan indicated the specialist wasn't real interested in doing Lynch Bay because it feeds into the river.
- Steve asked to discuss the tier checks and deposits. He is satisfied with the record keeping of these items.

Craig's comments were as follows:

- Craig pointed out we have both fern leaf pond weed as well in our lakes which is different from milfoil. A lot of people don't know the difference. He will put information, including pictures, in the next

newsletter so our property owners know the difference. The Board and Megan thought that was a great idea.

- Craig wanted to clarify that we are looking at permit applications right now and not grants until this current one is done.
- Craig asked Megan to send AIS Education information to us. Megan indicated Natalie at Sawyer County agreed to do a couple educational events, if and when we get the grant.
- Would the DNR support us putting a dock in on the island? Norm said we had one at one time, but the DNR made us take it out.

This “Q&A” portion of our meeting was completed and the Board needed to address some “regular” Board items as follows (Megan stayed in attendance):

Craig’s discussion points were as follows:

- He discussed the new website. The cost to build a new website is approximately \$2,500. The annual maintenance cost is \$300/year. The Board unanimously passed having the new website created. The Board discussed who we could get to “maintain” the site (i.e., upload information/minutes etc.). Megan was involved in this discussion and indicated she does this type of work with some other lake associations. The Board unanimously agreed to hire Megan to “maintain” our new website.
- Maintenance for the pontoon for next season needs to be taken care of prior to next season. Craig and Norm agreed that the pontoon needs a new battery/starter/transom.³

Perry’s discussion points were as follows:

- We are trying to “find” the current website domain. Several attempts have been made to reach out to the company who created it (WI Lake Kit) with no luck. Megan indicated she would try and reach out to Wisconsin Lake Kit to see if she could get anywhere for us.
- We have an existing CD which is coming due in December (\$25,000). The Board voted unanimously to NOT roll this CD but to cash it in.
- The Board voted unanimously to open a new \$25,000 CD for 5 months. After the meeting and prior to these minutes being finalized/approved, Perry did open the new CD (opened October 30th with a maturity date of March 30, 2025, at an interest rate of 4.44%).
- Per the accountant, nothing needs to be done regarding our equipment assets.
- The Board unanimously approved for the accountant to file a 990EZ for the Teal, Lost Land and Ghost Lakes Improvement Association, Inc..
- The Board unanimously approved the purchase of QuickBooks package in the amount of \$170/year. Molly Pagenkopf will assist Perry in the setup of QuickBooks.
- Should we send a dues reminder? The Board thought this was a good idea. Also, with the reminder we need to indicate that dues need to be paid before they can vote at the special meeting scheduled for January 25, 2025. We agreed to change the time from 1 pm to 11 am.

Steve took a few minutes to thank Megan for everything she had done for us.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 pm