

RTLIA Meeting Agenda
September 16, 2023, 10:00 AM

President Call to Order – 10:06am

President's Letter

Richard Tober gave an overview of today's elections and a general state of affairs for the lake association.

Treasurer's Report – Greg Younker

Financial Report was presented and approved.

Grant Updates – Greg Younker

Greg presented the upcoming options for treating both Big and Little Trade Lake starting in 2024. Greg has completed preliminary grant work and Richard submitted the proposal on Friday, September 15 to the DNR. The cleanup is projected to cost around \$121,000 and is considered large scale by the DNR. The grant was originally planned to be completed in two years but financially, the association would not be able to afford it. Greg presented a three-year grant proposal which would be much more feasible due to the way the DNR reimburses expenses. It is important to note the DNR used to provide 75% of the grant funds up front to cover start-up costs but that recently changed, and they only provide 25% of the first year's costs. This is where the shortfall in funds forces the grant and cleanup to push into three years.

The proposed grant would start in the Spring of 2024 with Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM) being treated in the SW one-third of Big Trade and all of Little Trade. Little Trade would be treated for Curly-Leaf Pondweed (CLP) in 2024 as well. 2025 would treat the SE one-third of Big Trade for EWM and 2026 would treat the final one-third of Big Trade for EWM and treat both Big Trade and Little Trade for CLP.

The ability to complete the grant successfully will depend on all lakeshore property owners and friends of the lakes to pitch in both financially and with "volunteer" hours. The easiest way to start is to become a member of the lake association by submitting \$40, consistently, each year. The membership dues can be paid via the secure [Donate] button at <https://tradelakeassoc.org> or a [membership form](#) can be printed from the site under the [Membership] tab.

There will be much more communication on this topic as we move into 2024. Please consider joining the association [Facebook group](#) as this will be an easy way for us to communicate the status and requirements of the grant.

Election of Officers – Jim Dooher

Elections were completed and the following positions were filled.

President (2024–2026) -Richard Tober

Big Trade Rep (2024-2026) -Steve Stark/Joy Cipperly

Little Trade Rep (2024-2026) -Cullen and Lori Taylor

CAFO Update –Rick Painter, KnowCAFOs.org

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4 years working on CAFO prevention.

Yard signs can be picked up Saturday mornings at the Trade Lake Town Hall.

Everyone on the lakes should get a water test logged.

Big and Little Trade Treatment Plan -Dave Blumer, LEAPS

Dave Blumer explained the treatment options in detail. In summary, the first year's treatment will dictate what needs to be done in years two and three. It is conceivable that years two and three could require less treatment than is being proposed. The group voted to approve a three-year grant starting in 2024.

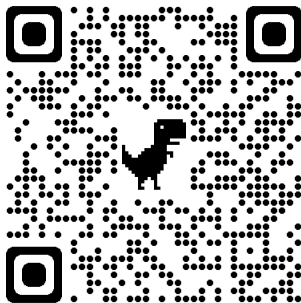
Open Forum

Randy Neumann has agreed to manage water sampling on Little Trade.

There was a great deal of discussion on Lake Districts and different ideas for cleaning up the weeds such as, a harvester. Harvesters are considered an excellent way to clean up the weeds but paying an external source to provide the service is expensive and purchasing a harvester can cost upwards of \$200,000 and would need to be stored and maintained. There is also no current way to get the machine onto Little Trade.

Adjourn

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