

Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

38th Annual Meeting Minutes

August 3, 2013

Preliminary Minutes – Subject to approval at 2014 Annual Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Stuart Nelson at 9:12 a.m. on August 3, 2013 at the Town of Star Prairie Town Hall.

Commissioners Present: Stuart Nelson, Dan Early, Don Demulling, Warren Wood, Brad Johnson and Dan Davison.

Commissioner Absent: Neil Johnson

Nelson introduced the Commissioners and also introduced Eric Wojchk from the Polk County Land and Water department. Wojchk spoke briefly about the opportunity for lake residents to have free soil samples done on their lake properties. Nelson also introduced former Commissioner Dennis Early and also Phyllis Menke. Nelson then introduced the members of the Lake Management Plan Advisory Committee and member Jim Drill said a few words about the committee and the process they went through in their meetings.

Nelson presented the agenda for approval. He noted that the two resolutions on the agenda should be noted as Resolution 2013-1 and 2013-2. Motion to accept the agenda as amended by Bob Goodlad, second by Jim Gutting. Motion carried.

Copies of the 2012 annual meeting minutes were available for attendees. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

Election of Commissioners: Ballots were distributed for the election of commissioners. The terms of Wood and Nelson are both expiring. Election results were 65 votes for Nelson and 32 votes for Wood. Nelson was elected to a 3 year term and Wood a 2 year term.

Audit Committee Report: Dan Early, the chair of the Audit Committee reported that the committee had met and reviewed the receipts, disbursements, accounts and bank statements for the just concluded fiscal year and that all records were in good order. The report was accepted as presented.

Review of Annual Operating Budget: Nelson reviewed the proposed operating budget and resulting levy. In response to a question, he stated that hopefully the air compressor for the aerator will be sold shortly, reducing the electrical expense. Buzz Sorge from the DNR mentioned he will talk with other DNR personnel about getting the aerator piping removed from the lake.

Cedar Lake Management Plan: Nelson introduced consultant Cheryl Clemens from Harmony Environmental who had written the Lake Management Plan. Cheryl reviewed the Plan, its importance, why it had to be done, the importance of the Plan in obtaining Grant Funds, etc. She discussed how the plan reports the results of the studies which show that the internal (existing) loading of phosphorous in the lake is high, while new loading from runoff is minimal. She also discussed other parts of the Management Plan which included Aquatic Invasive Species, fish habitat, etc.

Buzz Sorge from the DNR gave background information on previous studies and projects done for Cedar Lake, including the history of the aerator and why it didn't work as anticipated. He also discussed the lake bottom core study that had been done in the past. He mentioned the relatively low amount of iron in the lake. He stated that the timing for an alum treatment is good as new loading of phosphorous is minimal and the carp population has decreased dramatically. He discussed how alum works, how it's applied and various pros and cons. He noted the success that occurred at Half Moon Lake in Eau Claire with an alum treatment.

Nelson then reviewed the anticipated cost of an alum treatment and various cost scenarios based on the equalized value of property. It was stated that various alternative methods for sharing the cost of an alum treatment will be reviewed by the board before the final determination is made as to the financing. He also discussed how grants that may be received would affect the resident's share of the cost of the treatment.

Lake residents posed numerous questions about the proposed alum treatment, including questions regarding health risks of alum, availability of grants, the significant cost, the effect of watershed runoff, the effect of water clarity on property values, the effect of alum on the fish population and earlier treatment of the lake by copper sulfate several years ago.

After questions were answered, a motion was made by Jim Drill, seconded by Kent Rebeck to approve the Lake Management Plan. The motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2013-1. A motion to vote on Resolution 2013-1 regarding the borrowing of up to \$2.2 million to implement the alum treatment portion of the Lake Management Plan and approve the resulting tax levy was made by Bob Goodlad, seconded by Hank Menke. Ballots were distributed. The results of the voting were 77 in favor of Resolution 2013-1 and 19 against. Resolution passed.

Operating and Capital Budget Approval. Nelson reviewed the Capital Budget portion of the budget proposal. A motion to approve the Operating Budget and Capital Budget was made by Jim Drill, seconded by Bob Goodlad. Motion carried.

Resolution 2013-2. Copies of Resolution 2013-2 were distributed. Nelson and Cheryl Clemens discussed the facts behind a nonlapsable fund and why it was needed. After discussion and the answering of questions, Jim Drill called for the question. Bob Goodlad moved to vote on

Resolution 2013-2 and Jim Drill seconded. Ballots were distributed. The results of the voting were 79 in favor of Resolution 2013-2 and 4 against. Resolution passed.

Public Input:

1. Nelson stated that the Board is looking into the possibility of grant money for shoreline restoration and Wood reminded residents how important this is to contain runoff into the lake.
2. An attendee asked if fundraising possibilities exist for helping lessen the cost of the alum treatment. This will be considered in the process.
3. A resident asked about the possibility of instituting a launch fee at the ramp. These funds would have to be used to defer the costs of maintaining and improving the ramp.

Tom Kapsner moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Beth Wood. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

The next annual meeting will be held on August 1, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at the Star Prairie Village Community Center or other site to be announced.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison