

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – March 31, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday March 31, 2015 at the Town of Alden Town Hall by Chair Brad Johnson.

Members present: Brad Johnson, Dan Davison, Joe Demulling, Warren Wood (by phone), Dan Early, Kent Rebeck and Don Demulling. Also present were guests Cheryl Clemens from Harmony Environmental and lake resident/owner Dennis Cornhill.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Davison, seconded by Rebeck. Motion carried.

Public Comments:

Dennis Cornhill expressed concerns about the lack of evidence regarding long-term success of alum treatments. He stated that it's hard to come to a conclusion on long term effectiveness based on data he has been able to find. He also stated that he feels the strongest case for the treatment seems to be the effect it has on the Cyanotoxin (blue-green algae).

Minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Don Demulling, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried.

· Treasurers Report: Early gave a review of bank account activity since the last meeting. Current account balances total \$134,668.64. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Don Demulling, seconded by Rebeck. Motion carried

· Election of a New Chair. Brad Johnson will not be running for re-election to the Town Board, so he will be leaving his position on the Lake District board. As he is our current Chair, his departure means the Chair position will need to be filled. After considerable discussion, a motion was made by Early, seconded by Wood, to elect Don Demulling the new Chair. Motion carried.

· Alum Treatment Planning. Cheryl stated that the results of the \$200,000 grant should be known within days. She reviewed work she has done on the TRM Grant Application, which is due April 15th. She is including additional information on agricultural Best Management Practices in the watershed and efforts of the Farm Led Council. She has asked for letters regarding these efforts and practices from the National Resources Conservation Service and Polk County Land and Water department. A motion was made by Wood, seconded by Davison stating that the Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District is dedicated to these agricultural Best Management Practices and will designate and contribute up to 10% of the TRM grant funds received to help fund these types of local projects in the watershed. Motion carried. TRM grant results should be out in September or October.

There was a discussion of the Rice Creek watershed alum treatment of Bald Eagle Lake and input from Dick Osgood, a person very experienced with alum applications. A motion was made by Davison, seconded by Don Demulling to have Dan Early contact these people and discuss the

possibility of either a conference call or in-person meeting to discuss their experiences with their alum treatments and that Early also contact HAB Aquatics (alum treatment contractor) to begin preliminary discussions with them. Motion carried.

- Discussion of District Boundaries and Parcel Attachment and Detachment. A discussion was held regarding the legal and practical implications of detaching or attaching parcels to the Lake District as well as the possibility of expanding or shrinking district boundaries. The Board referred to information contained “People of The Lakes, A Guide For Lake Organizations” from the Wisconsin DNR and Wisconsin Lakes Partnership. Davison stated that he will contact lake districts that have undergone this process and see if they will share their thoughts, processes and criteria. Wood volunteered to help in this effort. They will report back at a future board meeting.

- Board Member Reports.

- Don Demulling reported he will be purchasing replacement chain, concrete, snaps and supplies for the buoys this spring.
- Joe Demulling reported that he will be visiting with both State Representative Adam Jarchow and State Senator Sheila Harsdorf in the near future and will discuss our project. Davison has also drafted a letter and a package of documents regarding the treatment and TRM Grant Application which will be forwarded to both Jarchow and Harsdorf within the next two weeks. Both have already been made aware of our project.

- Johnson reported that Helen Johnson will be the new Town of Alden representative on our Board, starting next month.

- Agenda items for the next meeting will include: TRM Grant update, parcel attachment/detachment, Alum treatment, preliminary budget discussion for next year, preliminary agenda discussion for annual meeting, CBCW staff for summer 2015. Additional items should be submitted to Don Demulling.

- A motion was made by Wood, seconded by all, thanking Brad Johnson for his years of service on the Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation Board and also in his service on the Alden Town Board.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 28th, 2015 at 5:30.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Demulling, seconded by Early. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary