

Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

40th Annual Meeting Minutes

August 8, 2015

Preliminary Minutes – Subject to approval at 2016 Annual Meeting

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Don Demulling at 9:05 a.m. on August 8, 2015 at the Town of Star Prairie Town Hall.

Commissioners Present: Don Demulling, Joe Demulling, Helen Johnson, Warren Wood, Kent Rebeck and Dan Davison.

Commissioner Absent: Dan Early

The Commissioners introduced themselves.

Don Demulling presented the agenda for approval. Motion to accept the agenda as presented by Dan Michaelis, second by Bob Goodlad. Motion carried.

Copies of the 2014 annual meeting minutes were available for attendees. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Reckinger, seconded by Dick Rinehart. Motion carried.

Don Demulling introduced Dick Osgood who gave a presentation on alum treatments. It included pros and cons of alum treatments, case studies and estimated life expectancy of treatments. Osgood answered several questions from the audience.

Alum Treatment Update. Warren Wood gave an update on the alum treatment status including the work done to clean-up boundaries and properties improperly included in, or excluded from, the district. He also talked about meeting with HAB Aquatics as a possible vendor for the treatment, discussions we have had with the Rice Creek Watershed people who did an alum treatment, discussions with their legal counsel regarding contract requirements, etc. Several audience members questioned if a treatment was still necessary given the good water quality so far this year. It is felt that weather, including temperature, wind and rainfall, can have an effect on the frequency and intensity of algae blooms. Osgood stated it is not unusual to have a good year or two and then go back to the old pattern the next year.

John Cloutier made a motion, seconded by Troy Lee, to hold a special meeting to vote on whether or not to proceed with the alum treatment. After much discussion and consulting State Statutes, his motion as found to be improper, as the correct procedure for calling a special meeting is spelled out in the Statutes.

State Statute 33 and By-Laws. Wood informed the audience of the fact that the District Board has had to try to operate under both a set of By-laws and State Statute 33 and this has caused

confusion and frustration. Following the lead of many lake districts, the District Board has decided to follow State Statute and no longer use the By-Laws.

Eurasian Water Milfoil. Don Demulling gave an update on the recent discovery of Eurasian Water Milfoil in the lake, the inspection process through which it was found, efforts to eradicate it and continued monitoring which will be done this year and in future years. It was noted that we have applied for a \$20,000 DNR grant to cover the majority of these costs.

Audit Committee Report. Dan Davison asked for the Audit Committee, consisting of Tom Deans and Doug Dickson to give their report. Deans reported they had examined the checkbook and savings accounts, receipts, bills, and bank records and found everything to be in order. A motion to approve the report was made by Larry Larson, seconded by Doug Flom. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report. In the absence of Treasurer Dan Early, Dan Davison gave the treasurer's report consisting of a review of 2014-2015 actual figures and the proposed budget for 2015-2016. He also gave information that showed the potential impact to property taxes with the cost of debt service for the alum treatment. A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and Budget for 2015-2016 was made by Kevin Furlong, seconded by Bob Goodlad. Motion carried.

Election of Commissioners: Ballots were distributed for the election of commissioners. The terms of Wood and Don Demulling are both expiring. Election results were 31 votes for Wood and 21 votes for Demulling. Wood was elected to a 3 year term and Demulling to a 2 year term.

Public Input and Comments: Doug Flom urged everyone to avoid the buoyed area around the milfoil and asked that we also mention this to any boaters in that area. Doug Dickson mentioned that Japanese Knotweed has become a problem as an invasive species in many areas around the lake shoreline and stated that Polk County has resources to help eradicate it. Larry Larson thanked the Board for their hard work and service, especially regarding the alum treatment and recent milfoil discovery.

Kevin Furlong moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Doug Flom. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

The next annual meeting will be held on August 6, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town of Star Prairie Town Hall or other date, time or site to be announced.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison