

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – September 22, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 P.M. on Tuesday September 22, 2015 at the Town of Alden Town Hall by Chair Don Demulling.

Members present: Don Demulling, Dan Davison, Joe Demulling, Warren Wood, Dan Early and Kent Rebeck. Helen Johnson was absent. Also present were guests Marty Engel from the DNR, attorney Ron Siler and lake resident/owners Dennis Cornhill, Steve Frey, John Cloutier, Doug Dickson, Dan Michaelis, Larry Larson and Troy Lee.

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

Public Comments: Dennis Cornhill expressed that he would still like to see some balance from the speakers at the potential special meeting. He'd like to see a discussion of pros and cons without going into the science so much, as that has already been done. He also stated that a written handout of bullet points of pros and cons would be helpful for lake residents.

Dickson mentioned that now is the time to treat Japanese Knotweed and encouraged anyone with this problem to contact Eric Wojchik at Polk County Land and Water.

Minutes of the August 25, 2015 meeting were reviewed. It was noted that Joe Demulling was at the meeting but the minutes incorrectly stated he was absent. It was also noted that the unknown couple referenced in the minutes were Doug and Vicky Anderson. Motion to approve the minutes with these 2 amendments was made by Early, seconded by Wood. Motion carried.

· Treasurer's Report. Early gave an amended treasurer's report for July which showed a corrected net balance. A motion to approve that report was made by Davison, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried. Early also presented a treasurer's report for August showing balances and activity since the last meeting. Current bank balances total \$129,549.77, of which \$27,950 is in our non-lapsable fund. Net balance is \$101,599.77 Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Wood, seconded by Rebeck. Motion carried.

· Marty Engel from the DNR gave a brief history of the school house property and parking area on the north end of the lake. The Town of Alden owns the boat landing area and park south of 10th Ave. and the DNR owns the school and parking area. A 5 year agreement with the Town of Alden as to the school house has now expired and the DNR is starting the process required for the ultimate demolition or removal of the school house. There are no solid plans for the parking area at this point. The DNR will keep us advised as things progress.

· Attorney Ron Siler spoke to the group regarding various topics on which he had been asked to advise the Board. His letter to the Board is attached to these minutes. By consensus, the Board felt that although the petition may not be 100% valid, the Board would honor the petition for a special meeting as presented. During the presentation by Siler and resulting discussion, a concern was raised as to the wording of the 2013 Resolution referencing a "special assessment".

Referencing State Statutes Chapter 33 it appears that a “special assessment” requires significantly more time and effort and has more complexity than a “general assessment”. The Board asked Siler to research our options as to assessments for the payment of the proposed alum treatment and report back not later than our next Board meeting. There was a discussion as to what effect this will have on the proposed tax levy which we have to submit by November 1, 2015.

· Board Member Reports:

- Don Demulling stated that we had been approved for the \$19,852 milfoil grant.
- Stillwater Bridge Mitigation Funds. There was nothing to report on this item.
- Agenda items for the next meeting are to include Ron Siler report, possible tax levy and budget revisions and TRM Grant update. Additional agenda items for the next meeting should be forwarded to Don Demulling or Davison.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2015 at 5:30.

Motion to adjourn by Wood, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary