

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – January 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 at the Town of Alden Town Hall by Chair Don Demulling.

Members present: Don Demulling, Dan Davison, Helen Johnson, Dan Early, Joe Demulling, Nick Rude and Warren Wood. Also present was consultant Cheryl Clemens from Harmony Environmental, Buzz Sorge from the DNR and Tadd Barrow from HAB Aquatics.

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

Public Comments: None.

Minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Johnson, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried.

· Treasurer's Report. Rude gave the treasurer's report with month-to-date information. The report shows bank balances totaling \$129,964.55, of which \$32,485.02 is in our non-lapsable fund. Net balance is \$97,479.53. A motion to approve the report was made by Early, seconded by Wood. Motion carried.

· Alum Treatment. Sorge updated the Board on DNR grants. It is possible that future alum treatments may qualify for additional state grant funds similar to the \$200,000 grant received for the initial treatment. We will go through a process to modify our Lake Management Plan in order to be able to apply for these grants for future treatments. Sorge also stated that he is roughly a week away from retirement from the DNR and that Dan Helsel will be his temporary replacement with a permanent replacement to hopefully be named soon. The DNR has also provided an approval letter for the alum treatments in 2017 and 2020.

· Johnson stated that the Town of Alden has provided written support for the alum treatment and assured their cooperation at the time of the treatment.

· The Alum Committee had met on January 17 to review information provided by the two bidders regarding their process, expertise and work plan documents, but not their bids. Demulling and Rude also participated in the review. Early and Clemens shared this information from the alum committee review. The Board also discussed the criteria used to review the bids and use for vendor selection. These included equipment adequacy and availability, direct alum application experience, ability to provide a surety bond and work plan description. The two bids received were then opened.

The total bid for the 2017 application from Emmett, LLC was \$499,999.98. The bid received from HAB Aquatic Solutions was \$504,671. The difference in the bids was \$4,671.02. The board held a lengthy discussion on both bid proposals and the approved bid criteria. Although the bid from HAB was slightly higher than the competing bid, there were concerns regarding the lack of direct alum application experience and background from the company submitting the competing bid. It was further felt the competing bidder did not qualify as a responsible bidder as noted in State Statute 33.22. A motion was made by Early, seconded by Joe Demulling to accept the bid from HAB for the 2017 alum application. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Wood, seconded by Early to accept HAB as the contractor for the anticipated 2020 alum application subject to negotiation of terms of the contract and obtaining a legal opinion on various contract contingencies. Motion carried.

- The Board had brief discussion regarding the Aquatic Plant Management Committee. Early agreed to lead the committee with Clemens's guidance and they will report to the board at a later date.

- Rude stated that he had spoken with our insurance broker regarding increasing our Director and Officer Liability insurance. The broker is working on getting us a new premium quotes. Rude will report at a future meeting.

- Board Member Reports.

The Board discussed the detachment process. In particular the final step which is to determine a new legal description for the lake district and get that recorded with both counties. Further discussion was tabled until a future meeting.

- On behalf of the Board, Wood thanked Buzz Sorge for his years of work on Cedar Lake and dedication to its improved water quality. Sorge stated it has been his pleasure to help on various Cedar Lake projects since 1977 and thanked the board and lake residents for the support.

- Items for the next meeting will include:

- Alum Treatment and 2020 Treatment Contract Consideration
- Discuss and act on increased D&O insurance
- Detachment Process
- Board members reports.
- Lake Management Plan Update (including aquatic plants)

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 28th, 2017 at 5:30 at the Alden Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Johnson, seconded by Early. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary