

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on December 12, 2017 at the Town of Alden Town Hall by Chair Don Demulling

Members present: Don Demulling, Joe Demulling, Nick Rude, Dan Davison, Dan Early, Ted Johnson and Warren Wood. Also present was consultant Cheryl Clemens from Harmony Environmental.
Guests: Norm Hornbostel and Jeff and Jeanne Ewald

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

Public Comments: Norm Hornbostel asked the Board why his property was still being included in the district. The Board had previously agreed to detach the parcel. The Board told him the process takes longer than what we had thought because of the requirement of a new district real estate description with delineated boundaries being required. It will be correct on the next tax statement.

Minutes of the October 24, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Joe Demulling, seconded by Wood. Motion carried.

Minutes of the November 12, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Rude, seconded by Joe Demulling with Wood abstaining.

· Treasurer's Report. Rude gave the treasurer's report for end of October and end of November. The report showed a total balance on hand at the end of November of \$112,144.46 with \$32,485.02 of that being in the non-lapsable fund. Net available funds are \$79,659.44. A motion to approve the end of October treasurer's report was made by Early, seconded by Joe Demulling, Motion carried. A motion to approve the end of November report was made by Johnson, seconded by Davison. Motion carried.

· Alum Treatment. Clemens stated Bill James should have an annual report available by the end of the year on the alum treatment.

· Healthy Lakes Grant Postcard Initiative. Clemens stated a postcard response form was included in the newsletter and people who were interested in doing shore land plantings improvements were to return them to Clemens. She stated she had only received 3 responses so far, which all felt was disappointing. She must submit the grant request by February 1st.

· Healthy Lakes – Shoreland Initiative Grant. A motion was made by Wood, seconded by Early authorizing Don Demulling to execute the grant application for the Shoreland Initiative Grant and to have Clemens submit the required grant forms. Motion carried.

· Clemens discussed the \$200,000 Lake Protection Grant process and application. The grant could be used for future alum treatments. A motion was made by Early, seconded by Wood to authorize Don Demulling to execute the grant application for Lake Protection Grant and to have Clemens submit the required grant forms.

· Milfoil. Clemens reminded everyone chemical treatment did not work as well as hoped. A full report on the eradication efforts has been written and received. We will most likely have to go with DASH

removal methods next year. A motion to have Clemens schedule DASH removal for a period of up to three days in 2018 was made by Early, seconded by Wood. Motion carried.

· Parcel Detachment. Prior to any discussion, Commissioner Wood excused himself from the table and took a seat in the audience. He did not participate in any vote or discussion. The Board continued their in-depth discussion regarding the pending detachment requests. Parcels were recently inspected to see if they meet previously established and approved detachment criteria. After a thorough review and discussion on each parcel the Board voted as follows on detachment:

Brown parcel. Vote 6-0 in favor of detachment.
Johnson parcel. Vote 6-0 in favor of detachment.
Ewald parcel. Vote 6—0 in favor of detachment.
Wood parcel#1. Vote 4-2 in favor of detachment.
Wood parcel#2. Vote 4-2 in favor of detachment.

After the above voting, the Board further discussion procedures regarding any further detachment requests that are submitted. Because there is a cost to the district when a detachment is approved, the idea of passing some or all of the cost on to the applying landowners was discussed. In addition, in order to reduce any future costs and make the process more manageable, the Board discussed acting on possible future requests only during a certain time such as once every year or two. It was felt that a legal opinion on these items was needed and Davison volunteered to drafty a letter to Attorney Ron Siler. Wood rejoined the Commissioners at this time.

· Farmer Led Council Donation. This item was tabled.

· Buoy and Dam Report. Don Demulling reported the last dam boards were pulled November 12th. It appears that some brackets for the lowest boards may be bent which made removal difficult. It will be inspected after the water reaches a lower level.

· Other:

1. Don Demulling noted that the Star Prairie Fish and Game group is pursuing the construction of an open sided pavilion near the north landing in cooperation with the Town of Alden. It was noted that the lake association district is not involved in this project.
2. It was noted that both 10th Avenue on the north end of the lake and County Rd H on the south end of the lake are scheduled for significant road work in 2018.

· Items for the next meeting will include:

- Alum Treatment
- Healthy Lake Initiative – post card response
- Milfoil treatment report
- Parcel detachment – Ron Siler’s response
- Farmer Led Council donation clarification
- Board members reports

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday January 23, 2018 at 5:30 PM at the Alden Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Demulling, seconded by Early. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary