

## CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – July 24, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on July 24th, 2018 at the Town of Alden Town Hall by Chair Don Demulling.

Members present: Don Demulling, Dan Davison, Dan Early, Joe Demulling, Ted Johnson, Jim Reckinger. Warren Wood was absent. Also present was consultant Cheryl Clemens.

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

· Public Comments: None

· The minutes of the June 26, 2018 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes by Early, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried.

· Treasurer's Report. Reckinger gave the treasurer's report for year to date 2018. The report showed a total balance on hand as follows:

Total balance:	\$300,448.26
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$56,627.00
Committed to alum treatment:	\$165,991.32 plus \$4,008.68 (Excess CD)
Committed to alum monitoring:	\$19,212.00
Committee to other grants:	\$0
Net available funds:	\$54,609.26

Reckinger also stated that the audit committee has completed the audit and will present their report at the annual meeting. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Johnson, seconded by Early. Motion carried.

· Alum Treatment. A representative from HAB Aquatics (John or Tad will be available at the annual meeting to answer questions. The Board still feels a 2019 treatment of 22% of the total dosage is appropriate given the \$200,000 we have been granted and funds on hand from the special assessments.

· Eurasian Water Milfoil Volunteer Report. Reckinger reported that he has found three additional small patches of Eurasian Milfoil. Hand pulling may be appropriate for these areas. The DASH team (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) is currently at the lake and will be working for three days to harvest milfoil, mostly in the largest infestation area. Clemens feels that this area has grown to the point where chemical treatment may be a viable option next year. She will also look into the possibility of marking this area so boats stay away from it. Steve Schieffer will inspect the area after the DASH team is done.

· Clean Boats – Clean Waters. Early reported that the teams seem to be doing a good job, especially considering the lake traffic this year. Still some issues getting kids to work on the weekends. It is felt that some of the increased lake traffic may be due to the current high-water levels on the St. Croix. Davison discussed an incident he witnessed at the north landing and one of the CBCW workers having to assist a swimmer in distress. It was felt that the workers or the landing area should be equipped with some basic rescue equipment and also additional training should be done with the workers as far as their limited responsibilities as CBCW workers.

- Parcel Detachment. Davison contacted Ron Siler and Siler is drafting a new legal description for the parcels contained in the district. This will then be recorded with the county.
- Budget 2018-2019. The budget is ready for approval by the lake residents at the annual meeting.
- Annual Meeting Agenda. The annual meeting will be Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the Star Prairie Town Hall. Steve Schieffer will speak on the milfoil issue. Commissioners up for election this year are Wood and Reckinger. The agenda for the meeting has been posted as required.

Board Member Reports:

Early and Reckinger discussed the possible need for increased communication to lake residents. They had heard some frustration as to lack of information. The Board discussed the fact that meetings are open to the public but poorly attended, newsletters are mailed twice per year and the fact that all meeting minutes and other information are available on the website. Early and Reckinger will explore the possibility of a non-Board member leading a communication committee to see if increased communication is needed and options to pursue if it is needed.

Johnson stated that the 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. road project will be split into phases over 2018 and 2019 because of the high cost and the area on the north end of the lake will not be done until 2019.

Demulling stated that the cement cutouts or slots where the boards for the dam are inserted have worn a bit and it makes it difficult to place or remove the boards. They are exploring aluminum inserts into those slots to alleviate the problem. He also stated the DNR is still studying the removal of the old school house on the north end of the lake, but it is a slow process. No timetable is in place at this time.

Clemens reported that 8 of the available 9 slots for native plantings grant recipients are taken.

Davison stated he would like to see increased communication between the lake board, the DNR and county land zoning officials to help understand prohibited practices on or near the lakeshore. Clemens will talk with representatives and try to set up a meeting or have them come to a future meeting.

Agenda items for the next meeting will be: annual meeting recap, alum treatment, milfoil, CBCW, parcel detachment, board member reports.

The next meeting will be Tuesday August 28, 2018 at 5:30 PM at the Alden Town Hall. Motion to adjourn by Reckinger, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary