

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –September 28, 2021 – Held at McMurtrie Preserve

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on September 28, 2021 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll call: Present - Dan Early, Jim Reckinger, Warren Wood, Tom Deans, Ted Johnson and Jackie Elkin.
Absent - Joe Demulling.

· Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Reckinger, seconded by Early. Motion carried.

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the August 24, 2021 board meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Early, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

· Treasurer's Report: Reckinger gave the treasurer's report for fiscal year to date. The report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$138,860.52
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$38,517.44
Committed to alum treatment (CD)	\$0.00
Additional to CD	\$0.00
Committed to alum treatment (non CD)	\$15,742.32
Committed to alum monitoring:	\$7,360.00
Committed to other grants:	\$1,000.00
Net Available Balance:	\$76,240.76

Reckinger indicated that the final payment for the alum treatment has been made, including funds from the DNR grant.

After discussion a motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Johnson, seconded by Deans. Motion carried.

· Business Items

· Alum Treatment – Early talked to Bill James, the Lake District's consultant, about algae in the lake. It was James' opinion, based on lake monitoring results, that some phosphorus was released into the water body last year. Cyanobacteria organisms (algae) used that phosphorus which resulted in some recent algae blooms. James expects the bottom phosphorus condition to improve (less available for algae growth). James will continue monitoring the lake conditions in the coming weeks and will provide updates and reports.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Early discussed the CBCW effort and indicated that Matt Olson will continue to coordinate this work through the end of the boating season and possibly for next year. Early also indicated that we should consider staffing the south landing next year (more on this below). Early and Reckinger have talked to Elkin about taking over AIS coordination work, primarily the CBCW duties now and then an ongoing transition into other areas (EWM, Zebra Mussels, etc.).

Wood mentioned that some lakes are now using pressure washers at landings for cleaning boats of EWM and other AIS. A discussion took place about Cedar Lake using a washer device. It was generally agreed that we

would not pursue this now due to a number of issues including cost, finding a suitable location, connecting to water/electricity to power the device and staffing for maintenance and operation. Also any such device would have to be placed on the landing property which is controlled by Alden Township.

–EWM. Reckinger said that EWM control work is done for the season. Steve Schieffer is to issue a final report about EWM management for the past year. Steve will also address the best approach on how to manage the EWM on an ongoing basis in his report.

–Zebra Mussels. No further discussion.

· Shoreland Zoning: Wood said that there is an issue with a property owner who recently completed landscaping on their lot and he will continue to look into this.

· Grant Applications: Clemens presented information to board members prior to the meeting regarding an application for grant funds to help pay for CBCW efforts. She indicated that the board would need to vote to adopt a resolution to apply for these grant funds. Currently the Lake District has utilized grant funds to help pay for CBCW staffing at the public landing at the north end. The available grant for that one landing would be \$4,000 for the coming year. This would require a minimum of 200 hours of staff time to qualify. Early said that he had talked to the owner of the private landing (aka Jackelen's) at the south end of the lake and the owner is agreeable to allow staffing for CBCW at that landing as well. As such the Lake District could also apply for a grant funds for this additional staffing (\$4,000) requiring an additional 200 hours of staff time. The board discussed the grants and agreed that the District should apply for grant funds to staff both the south landing and the north landing and use grant funds if there is available staff.

A motion was made by Early, seconded by Elkin, to adopt a resolution to apply for grant funds to help fund staffing of CBCW at the north and south landings on the lake. Cheryl Clemens would prepare the application and Jim Reckinger would be the authorized representative of the District to administer the grants. Motion carried.

· Board Member Reports:

–Board members discussed that the current dam keepers, Irv Erickson and Dick Hoppe are retiring at the end of the year after the control boards are removed for the season in November. Reckinger was contacted by two persons interested in taking on these duties. The two people interested (Doug Flom and Mike Hayes) have both had experience as dam keepers in the past. It was agreed that Deans ask the two to attend the next board meeting on October 26th, 2021 to discuss the work, including requirements of the DNR and responsibilities of the Lake District.

–Deans talked about installation of a waterproofing membrane at the approach to the dam at the east side. This would be done to help prevent further freeze/thaw damage to the east abutment wing wall. He indicated the he will coordinate this work to take place sometime in the next few weeks and will ask any available board members to assist in the effort on a voluntary basis.

· Other Business: Wood talked about his attendance at the recent Alden Township Board meeting during which the ongoing trash and sign damage issues at the NE landing were discussed as an agenda item. He and Ted Johnson (Ted is a member of the Township Board and was also in attendance) both said that Alden Township, which owns the landing, is amenable to take some action to help address these issues. The Township is willing to discuss adding security lighting, ask for additional security patrols by Polk County, upgrade signage and possibly add security cameras. They did not think adding a trash receptacle was a good idea because people would likely use the receptacle as a “drive-by” dumpster for anything they wanted to get rid of. Johnson said that the Township is discussing paying for staff to visit the landing periodically to pick up trash. All of the above actions are still being discussed by the Alden Township Board.

· Agenda for Next Meeting: Agenda items for the next meeting will include: Alum Treatment and Monitoring, AIS, Shoreland Zoning, Grants, Board Member Reports, Dam Keeper Replacement and Other Issues.

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 26, 2021 at Alden Town Hall at 5:30 PM.

· Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Johnson, seconded by Early. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Tom Deans, Secretary