

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –October 26, 2021 – Held at Alden Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on October 26, 2021 by Chair Warren Wood.

- Roll call: Present - Jim Reckinger, Warren Wood, Tom Deans, and Jackie Elkin.
Absent - Joe Demulling, Ted Johnson and Dan Early.
Also Present – Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental, Doug Flom and Mike Hayes, lake residents and dam keeper candidates
- Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Reckinger, seconded by Elkin. Motion carried.
- Public Comments: Doug Flom and Mike Hayes, who both live on the south shore of the lake, stated their interest in taking over the duties of dam keepers (more discussion below about the dam keepers responsibilities). The current dam keepers, Irv Erickson and Dick Hoppe, are both retiring at the end of this year. Both Doug and Mike have had experience working as dam keepers in the past and are long time lake residents. Board members asked Doug and Mike about their experience and understanding of the duties. Both expressed knowledge of the work. The board thanked them for attending the meeting and for their interest in the dam keepers duties. A decision by the board will be made at a subsequent meeting.
- Minutes: The minutes of the September 28, 2021 board meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Elkin, seconded by Reckinger. 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:	\$135,083.56
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:	\$72,463.80

Members of the board discussed the report. Any questions were addressed by Reckinger.

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

· Business Items

- Alum Treatment – Bill James, the District’s alum treatment consultant, is in the process of completing monitoring and analysis of the phosphorus (P) and algae conditions for 2021 after the alum treatment earlier this year. James will submit a report with his findings when the analysis is completed.

James has submitted an interim report entitled “Insights into cyanobacteria bloom development in Cedar Lake, 2021”. This report addresses the late summer and fall algae blooms that occurred in the lake this past summer. Clemens discussed the summary of the report that indicated that the recent blooms were primarily caused by some sediment phosphorus that had been released prior to the alum treatment in 2021. The algae used

that phosphorus resulting in the intermittent blooms. A copy of the full report will be posted to the Cedar Lake website (cedarlake-wi.org).

- AIS

- Clean Boats Clean Waters. Reckinger indicated that the end of the year report is being prepared and will be made available when it is completed.

- EWM. Reckinger said that Steve Schieffer of Ecological Integrity Service, a consultant to the lake, was preparing a final report about EWM management for the past year. (A day after the meeting, on October 27, 2021 that report was provided by Schieffer and a copy will be posted to the Cedar Lake website.)

Reckinger indicated that he is considering other options for any hand pulling of EWM next year including using other contractors for the work.

Cheryl Clemens said that she is preparing a grant request for EWM control for 3 years starting in 2022 and that it will be submitted in the coming weeks (see Grant Applications below).

- Zebra Mussels. The board discussed the fact that there have been no Zebra Mussels found in the lake to date. It is good time to remind all lake residents to check their docks and lifts after they have been removed from the lake for any Zebra Mussels attached to their equipment. The Cedar Lake website provides more information, including a data sheet with photos of Zebra Mussels.

- Shoreland Zoning: Wood said that he has established contacts at both St. Croix and Polk counties to address any zoning compliance issues. He said that these contacts are willing to share with the district information regarding any zoning issues that arise.

- Grant Applications: Clemens presented information to board members relating to a grant application for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) control that she is in the process of preparing for submission.

Cheryl also provided a summary of grant applications for Cedar Lake that are in process. The five grants are for future costs and include Lake Management Plan Update, Alum Treatment, Alum Treatment Monitoring, Clean Boats Clean Waters, and EWM Control. All have been submitted except EWM which is being prepared for submittal.

- Dam Keepers: The board discussed the replacement of dam keepers for 2022. The new dam keepers will start shortly after “Ice-Out” in 2022 and finish after the lake level is lowered for the winter in November. Wood indicated that the board should research whether there is a document detailing the duties of dam keepers. He also suggested that the District should limit the term of the dam keepers to one year with an annual review by the Board.

- Board Member Reports:

- Deans indicated that installation of a waterproofing membrane at the approach to the dam at the east side will be completed before lake freeze-up. This would be done to help prevent further freeze/thaw damage to the east abutment wing wall.

- Other Business:

- Wood talked about posting notification of upcoming meetings in the local newspaper. The time and date of upcoming scheduled meetings can also be found on the Cedar Lake website (cedarlake-wi.org). Deans indicated that since the New Richmond News is no longer operating the notice is being posted in the Hudson Star Observer (which took over the New Richmond News). Deans said that the ownership of the Star Observer has recently changed and it has taken time to establish an account for publishing notices. Wood said that he would

like to see important agenda items listed in the notice. Deans indicated he will include this information in subsequent notices as well as a link to the Cedar Lake website for the full agenda.

- Agenda for Next Meeting: Agenda items for the next meeting will include: Alum Treatment and Monitoring, AIS, Shoreland Zoning, Grants, Dam Keepers/Lake Buoys, Board Member Reports, and Other Business.
- Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 23, 2021 at Alden Town Hall at 5:30 PM.
- Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Deans, seconded by Elkin. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Tom Deans, Secretary