

## CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –January 25, 2022 – Held at Alden Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on January 25, 2022 by Chair Warren Wood.

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

· Approval of Agenda: **Motion to approve the agenda was made by Johnson, seconded by Reckinger .**  
Motion carried.

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the November 23, 2021 board meeting were reviewed. Reckinger noted corrections needed in the section “Other Business”, first bullet. The first sentence should read “J. Reckinger reported that *Lynn Oldenburg* of the WI Dept. of Revenue...”. The last sentence should end “...CLPRD Alum Special Assessment map to *Lynn Oldenburg*”. **Motion to approve the minutes, as corrected, was made by Early, 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:

<b>Gross Available:</b>	\$114,266.82
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
<b>Net Available Balance:</b>	<b>\$51,647.06</b>

Members of the board discussed the report. Reckinger indicated that the CLP&RD budget balance should increase in the coming months as proceeds of assessments are processed by the counties. Any questions were addressed by Reckinger. **Motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Deans, seconded by Early.** Motion carried.

· Business Items

· Alum Treatment – Early and Reckinger reported that Bill James, the District’s alum treatment consultant, submitted his invoice for monitoring work for 2021 in December and it was paid. James is in the process of completing data entry and final analysis. The final report is expected in the next few weeks.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Early indicated that Matt Olson will not continue as manager of CBCW. Early indicated that he is looking for a person to replace Olson. Anyone interested in this paid position should contact Dan Early at 763-442-2666 (or can contact any member of the board). Early said that input of data and monitoring hours into the WDNR SWIMS system is ongoing but is taking more time than expected. He expects this to be completed soon. When this is completed and submitted then the District can request for grant reimbursement for this work. An end of the year report will be prepared and made available when it is completed.

Reckinger reported that the District has received a notice of approval of our request for grant funds for CBCW for 2022.

–EWM. Nothing new to report.

–Zebra Mussels. Nothing new to report. To date there have been no reports of Zebra Mussels in Cedar Lake. The Cedar Lake website (cedarlake-wi.org) provides more information, including photos of Zebra Mussels.

· Shoreland Zoning: Wood said that he continues to communicate with zoning officials from both Polk and St. Croix counties. He said that these contacts are willing to share with the district information regarding any zoning issues that arise. It is important to note that the board does not have any enforcement power in this regard.

· Grants: Reckinger provided an update of grant requests submitted to WDNR by the District. The District has applied for grants for CBCW, AIS Control, Alum Monitoring, Alum Treatment and Lake Management Plan Update. He reported that the grant application for CBCW was awarded on 12/28/2021. This grant will cover costs for monitoring at both the NE landing as well as Jackelen’s landing at the south end. The other grant applications have been submitted to the WDNR are being reviewed.

· Dam Keepers Appointment: The board discussed the replacement of dam keepers for 2022. After discussion it was agreed that Doug Flom and Mike Hayes are both willing and qualified for this work. Deans indicated that the scope of the work is outlined in the Cedar Lake Dam Description and Operation Manual dated 5/1/88. 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 suggested that the District should limit the term of the dam keepers to one year with an annual review by the Board. An engagement letter including the above information will be drafted by Deans and signed by Warren Wood. **Motion to send an engagement letter to Flom and Hayes was made by Reckinger, seconded by Early.** Motion carried.

· Lake Buoy Manager Appointment: The board discussed engagement of Emmett Meister to continue placing, removing and storing the lake buoys. It was agreed that Meister is qualified for this work. The limit of the term will be one year with an annual review by the Board. An engagement letter will be drafted by Deans and signed by Warren Wood. **Motion to send an engagement letter to Meister was made by Early, seconded by Reckinger.** Motion carried.

· CLP&RD Newsletter: Discussion took place about timing and content of the next newsletter. The board discussed the preference to send newsletters and other reports electronically (e.g. email) vs. mailing paper copies which is time consuming and significantly more expensive. After discussion it was agreed to table this until more information about pertinent content issues is learned.

· Board Member Reports:

–Reckinger reported that the District received a bill from Alden Township for \$500 for the porta-potty placed at the NE landing. He said the amount was shown as being half of the cost for one year. Alden Township will cover the other half. Johnson (also a Township board member) indicated that this cost sharing is typical for other similar boat landings on nearby lakes. **Motion to approve this payment and to budget for this cost on an ongoing annual basis was made by Early, seconded by Deans.** Motion carried.

–Wood said that Alden Township is discussing installation of a security light at the NE landing. Johnson (who is also on the Township Board) confirmed this and said that they are also considering installing a security camera. More information will be provided as this effort moves forward. Wood expressed his gratitude to the township for considering this improvement.

–Reckinger brought the issue of establishing an “ice-out” date each spring. This had been done by Don Demulling in the past. Deans indicated that this information is required so as to start raising the lake level shortly

after the “official” ice-out. Wood indicated that he would ask Don’s son, Shane, if he would be interested in doing this. This will be addressed at the next meeting.

–Reckinger noted that we need to go through the contents of our file cabinets at Alden Town Hall. We currently have limited (to none) space in these cabinets and we now have newer documents that need to be stored there. He said he will go through the cabinets and see what should be saved and if there are documents that can be disposed of. He said he will try to do this before the next meeting.

–Wood said that there was a “Vintage” snowmobile event on the lake the weekend of January 22-23. He said, although this was not announced, that this could likely be an annual event which will include races and displays of old machines. The District is not involved with this event, however.

· Other Business:

–A discussion took place about the Cedar Lake website. It is currently being managed by JJ Web Services. After discussion it was agreed that any changes or updating of our website will continue to be discussed at future meetings.

· Agenda for Next Meeting: Business items for the next meeting will include: Alum Treatment and Monitoring, AIS, Shoreland Zoning, Grants, CLP&RD Newsletter, Board Member Reports, and Other Business.

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday February 22, 2022 at Alden Town Hall at 5:30 PM.

· Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn was made by Johnson, seconded by Early.** Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:01 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Tom Deans, Secretary