

## CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –May 24, 2022 – Held at Alden Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 P.M. on May 24, 2022 by Warren Wood.

- Roll call: Present - Jim Reckinger, Warren Wood, Tom Deans, Jackie Elkin and Dan Early. Quorum Present  
Absent - Ted Johnson.  
Also present – Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental.
- Approval of Agenda: **Motion to approve the agenda was made by Early, seconded by Reckinger.** Motion carried.
- Public Comments: None
- Minutes: The minutes of the April 26, 2022 board meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes was made by Reckinger, seconded by Early.** Motion carried.
- Treasurer's Report: Jim Reckinger gave the treasurer's report for May, 2022. The report showed a summary as follows:

<b>Gross Available:</b>	\$434,510.86
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$38,517.44
Committed to alum treatment (CD)	\$249,755.09
Additional to CD	\$244.91
Committed to alum treatment (non CD)	\$0.00
Committed to grants:	\$46,295.06
<b>Net Available Balance:</b>	\$99,698.36

Members of the board discussed the report. Jim Reckinger continues to seek the best savings rate so that funds can earn interest until they are needed. Jim brought a draft 2023 budget for board consideration to the meeting. This is discussed further, below. Volunteer auditors to review CLP&RD finances prior to the annual meeting are still needed and the board talked about possible candidates. Jim reminded the board that advances were received with several grants. The money can only be used for expenses related to each grant. Any board member's questions were addressed by Jim. **Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Deans, seconded by Early.** Motion carried.

- Business Items:
- Alum Treatment –Cheryl Clemens indicated that she has received the final report for the 2021 Alum Treatment prepared by Bill James, the District's alum consultant. The report will be posted on the Cedar Lake website (<https://cedarlake-wi.org/>).

- AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Jackie Elkin, CBCW coordinator, said she has 7 inspectors at this time for the two lake landings. She said she is still looking for more people. If anyone is (or knows of someone who may be) interested in this paid position please let Jackie know at 612-801-6615.

–EWM. Jim Reckinger said that the plan for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) management this summer includes ProcellaCOR treatment of three heavy EWM growth areas at the south area of the lake. Use of this targeted herbicide has been approved (and is controlled) by the Wisconsin DNR. Other control measures such as hand harvest would be evaluated after the treatment. **Motion to proceed this summer with the ProcellaCOR**

**treatment by Dale Dressel at a cost of approximately \$12,900 (covered by grant funds) was made by Wood, seconded by Early.** Motion carried.

–Zebra Mussels. Warren indicated that he would reach out to Regan Brown who is in charge of the monthly “brick test” to check for Zebra Mussels this summer.

· Shoreland Zoning: Warren Wood indicated that the contact at St. Croix County for zoning issues has changed, again. The current contact is Ben Guell. He indicated that there are no new issues of zoning compliance in either St. Croix or Polk Counties at this time.

Jackie Elkin said that Polk County has issued a publication entitled “Shoreland Property Owner Handbook” and it contains valuable information for shoreland property owners. Cheryl Clemens indicated the printed version of the handbook will be available soon and can be ordered from the county for distribution if so desired. The board agreed that copies should be ordered for lake district residents (approximately 300). Distribution of the handbook (by mail or otherwise) will be discussed at a forthcoming meeting. A link to view the handbook is at: <https://www.co.polk.wi.us/vertical/Sites/%7BA1D2EAAA-7A29-46D6-BF1A-12B71F23A6E1%7D/uploads/HandbookShorelandPropertyOwners.pdf.pdf>

· Grants: Nothing to Report.

· Lake Management Plan Update: Cheryl Clemens said that a Survey Notification letter dated May 20, 2022 has been mailed to lake district residents. The letter asks that residents complete the survey by going to the link listed in the letter.

Cheryl said that a reminder letter will also be mailed on June 3, 2022. Board members asked Cheryl to include in that letter a request for lake residents to submit their email address, street address and phone numbers. This is for the continuing effort to use electronic communication to save cost and provide more timely notification of lake news.

· CLP&RD Newsletter: Cheryl said a 2022 newsletter will be mailed on or around July 23, 2022. The board discussed the content of the newsletter. Some suggestions included water quality issues, fisheries, survey results, shoreland planting and others. This will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

· Review of 2023 Draft Budget: Jim Reckinger provided the first draft of the Lake District Budget for 2023. Jim discussed the budget by line item and explained how each budget item was arrived at. Members of the board had some questions and provided Jim with input on some costs. Jim said he will address these as necessary in preparing the Final Draft for the June 28<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

· Board Member Reports:

–Warren Wood said he would like to send a thank you note to the Star Prairie Fish and Game (SPF&G) group for all their help at the north boat landing. The board fully agreed.

–Dan Early said he has received some complaints about “power-on” holes at the north boat landing. Warren said that Alden Township controls this landing and has discussed installing rock fill to help this issue. He will follow up with Ted Johnson about this. Warren said he will also ask Ted about the status of the lighting and security cameras talked about at the north landing.

–Jim Reckinger pointed out that there will be one position on the board (held by Dan Early) up for election at the coming annual meeting.

–Jackie Elkin asked about the District’s liability insurance relating to the CBCW personnel working at the landing. Warren Wood explained that she should call the insurance agent that handles the district’s policy for any clarification.

–Deans mentioned that some lake residents have asked him about the DNR Fisheries efforts to evaluate the situation in Cedar Lake. Warren Wood indicated that he would contact Kasey Yallalay, the DNR fisheries representative for our lake, and ask about any recent updates or analysis. The DNR has performed fish counts on the lake this spring.

· Other Business:

–None noted

· Agenda for Next Meeting: Business items for the next meeting will include: Alum Treatment and Monitoring, AIS, Shoreland Zoning, Lake Management Plan Update, CLP&RD Newsletter, Review of Final 2023 Budget, Annual Meeting Discussion, Board Member Reports, and Other Business.

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday June 28, 2022 at the McMurtrie Preserve at 5:30 PM.

· Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn was made by Early, seconded by Elkin.** Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary