

## **Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District**

### **46th Annual Meeting Minutes**

**August 7, 2021**

#### **Final – Approved at the August 2022 Annual Meeting**

Meeting called to order by acting Chairperson Jim Reckinger at 9:05 a.m. on August 7, 2021 at the Town of Star Prairie Town Hall.

To begin the meeting Warren Wood honored Don Demulling who passed away in July. Don put in 27 years of service on the Lake Board and will be missed by all. He expressed his appreciation for Don's involvement and dedication. Wood also mentioned, later in the meeting, that Dan Davison, who resigned from the board recently, will also be missed. He worked on the board for many years and his efforts will not be forgotten.

Commissioners Present: Warren Wood, Dan Early, Jim Reckinger and Tom Deans. Commissioners absent: Ted Johnson and Joe Demulling.

The Commissioners introduced themselves.

Copies of the 2020 annual meeting minutes were available for attendees. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Lee Ann Schray, seconded by Kathy Williams. Motion carried.

**Kasey Yallaly WDNR Fisheries.** Kasey Yallaly, the DNR Fisheries representative for our district presented a summary of the 2021 Fish survey conducted on Cedar Lake in 2021. She indicated that the data is still being analyzed and the information presented was preliminary. A final report is to be available in 2022. After the presentation Kasey answered a number of questions from the audience.

**Election of Commissioners.** Commissioner Jim Reckinger of St. Croix Co. was up for re-election this year. Election results showed Reckinger was re-elected to a new three year term with 48 votes. In Polk Co. there were two vacant seats open with four people running for the two positions. The vote totals were as follows: Deans - 53; Elkin - 42; Seagren -23; Olson - 21. Tom Deans and Jackie Elkin were elected. Deans, having received the most votes, was appointed to fill the 3 year term vacated by Dan Davison. Elkin, having received the second most votes, was appointed to fill the 2 year term vacant due to Don Demulling's passing. The appointment of terms for Deans and Elkin (3 and 2 years respectively) was determined by acting Chair Jim Reckinger during the 7-27-21 board meeting, in accordance with Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 33.

**Treasurer's Report and Budget.** Jim Reckinger gave the treasurer's report, including the budget for the coming fiscal year. Copies of the written report were available for all attendees. He gave individual breakdowns on alum treatment costs and the money used to pay for the treatment and monitoring. He also gave similar information for EWM expenses and grants. A motion to approve the treasurer's report, the budget and the annual assessment was made by Jim Drill Sr., seconded by Bud Henderson. Motion carried.

**Audit Committee.** An Audit Committee, made up of Regan Brown, Kelly Peterson and Jesse Nyseth examined the CLPRD financial records prior to the meeting. Kelly Peterson stated that the audit was

carried out and the financial records were accurate. A motion to approve the audit committee report was made by Doug Flom, seconded by Dan Baillargeon. Motion carried.

### **Public Comments**

- Jason Wood talked about the decreasing walleye count in Cedar Lake as discussed by Kasey Yallaly earlier. Jason and others discussed the possibility of the Lake District providing support for regulatory changes to help the walleye population in the lake. Kasey Yallaly indicated that the DNR determines the slot limits and stocking policy and any input from the Lake District to the DNR in this regard would only be a request for consideration by the DNR. Warren Wood asked for a “show of hands” from the attendees at the meeting regarding two issues. The first issue; who would be in favor of more restrictive regulations relating to limit and size of walleyes caught? The second issue; who would be in favor of additional stocking of walleyes? Attendees were overwhelmingly in favor of both issues. Wood indicated that the Board would discuss these issues at future meetings.
- Questions and concerns were brought up regarding the cutting of trees along East Cedar Road, which runs along the NE side of the lake, in Spring of 2021. This tree removal was performed by Alden Township and it was suggested that comments and concerns be addressed to the Alden Township board.
- Questions regarding the north landing including parking and heavy use were raised. Warren Wood explained that the parking lot is owned and controlled by the DNR and the actual landing area adjacent to the lake is owned and controlled by Alden Township. Wood explained that the township is discussing charging a launch fee and installing a trash receptacle. Wood gave a brief summary of the township efforts, which are still ongoing. Regarding charging for parking in the lot, this is controlled by the DNR. Wood recommended that any concerns and comments be addressed to the Alden Township Board at this time.
- Questions regarding law enforcement on the lake and at the landing were brought up. Wood explained that the Polk County Sheriff and the DNR are responsible for enforcement of laws on the lake. He indicated that if anyone notices an infraction that they should call the Polk Co. Sheriff. He indicated that the Lake District would post the phone numbers on the CLPRD website.

Doug Flom moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Leah Stob. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

After the annual meeting the board (Wood, Early, Reckinger, Deans and Elkin) convened in accordance with Wisc. State Statute Chapter 33, to select commissioner roles by voice vote. Wood was selected as Chairperson, Reckinger was selected as Treasurer and Deans was selected as Secretary.

The next annual meeting will be held on August 6, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town of Star Prairie Town Hall or other date, time or site to be announced.

Minutes submitted by Tom Deans