

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –June 28, 2022 – Held at McMurtrie Preserve

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 P.M. on June 28, 2022 by Warren Wood.

· Roll call: Present - Warren Wood, Jim Reckinger, Tom Deans, Jackie Elkin, Dan Early, Ted Johnson and John Bonneprise. Quorum Present.

The Board welcomed John Bonneprise to the Board as the Polk County Designate.

Also present – Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental.
Public Present – Jim Drill and Deb Clark

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

· Public Comments: Jim Drill and Deb Clark were present to discuss the party sign on the sand bar, personal buoys in front of some houses, jet skis and wake boats. Warren Wood explained that the Lake District has no authority to regulate these issues. The DNR and Sherriff are responsible to address any problems reported by the public. The party sign was removed on 6-28-22 because it is a navigation hazard and, if replaced, it will be removed again.

· Minutes: The minutes of the May 24, 2022 board meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes was made by Early, seconded by Elkin.** Motion carried.

· Treasurer's Report: Jim Reckinger gave the treasurer's report for June, 2022. The report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$427,462.19
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:	\$43,406.47
Net Available Balance:	\$95,538.28

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 final draft of the 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 have been established. Any board member's questions were addressed by Jim. **Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Johnson, seconded by Early.** Motion carried.

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment –Dan Early said he talked with Bill James, the District's alum consultant. Bill said there is currently some algae growth in the lake but it is not the harmful type (Blue-green). Bill said this is likely caused by the warming water temps. The final report for the 2021 Alum Treatment prepared by Bill James is posted on the Cedar Lake website (<https://cedarlake-wi.org/>).

- AIS

- Clean Boats Clean Waters. Jackie Elkin, CBCW coordinator, talked about staffing the two lake landings (north and south). There have been times the south landing has not been staffed due to limited personnel. Jackie said that staffing has improved and the south landing will be staffed in July. 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 is in a “holding” mode. The reason is that there is little evidence of EWM growth so far this year.

- Zebra Mussels. Nothing to report

- Shoreland Zoning: Warren Wood indicated that there are a couple of issues in St. Croix County and Polk County. In St. Croix County there is a proposal to build a trailer park south and east of the intersection of H and 110 St., southwest of the lake. The county is in the review process for this proposal. Polk County staff is reviewing a reported parked trailer on a lake lot at the northwest area of the lake.

As discussed at the prior meeting Polk County has issued a publication entitled “Shoreland Property Owner Handbook” and it contains information for shoreland property owners. Cheryl Clemens indicated the printed version of the handbook is now available. The board agreed at the prior meeting that copies should be ordered for Lake District residents (approximately 300). The cost is \$1.41 each. It was mentioned that the handbook could be mailed, possibly with the pending newsletter. 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>

- Lake Management Plan Update: Cheryl Clemens said Survey results are in and the board discussed the results. A copy will be posted on the Cedar Lake Website (<https://cedarlake-wi.org/>).

- 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. Cheryl will draft a copy of the newsletter for board review in the next few days.

- Review of 2023 Budget: Jim Reckinger provided the final draft of the Lake District Budget for 2023. Jim discussed the budget by line item. Members of the board had some questions and Jim explained reasoning for the budget items. The board agreed with the budget as presented. The 2023 budget will be submitted for approval to attendees at the annual meeting, in accordance with Wisc. Stat. Chapter 33.

- Board Member Reports:

- Warren Wood mentioned that the Cedar Lake District Annual Meeting will be 9:00 AM on August 6, 2022 at the Star Prairie Town Hall located at 2118 Cook Drive in Somerset, WI.

- Warren said that there are currently no speakers set up for the annual meeting. He proposed that board members could discuss some pertinent topics such as the Survey results, alum treatment, etc.. Cheryl said a possible topic could be recent/pending lake management activities. This will be discussed at the July meeting. Wood talked about the Agenda for the annual meeting and the board will go over this in July.

- Warren talked about whether a hazard warning buoy should be placed at the sand bar. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

- Warren said that the district was contacted by an “algae control” consultant via the district website. He said he will ask Bill James about this consultant.

–Ted Johnson said that the “power-on” holes at the north boat landing have been, or soon will be, filled by Alden Township. Warren and Ted said that Alden Township will be coordinating installation of security lighting and cameras at the north landing. The Star Prairie Fish and Game group is considering funding this work.

–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. No other persons have expressed interest to run for this position.

–Jackie Elkin contacted the District’s insurance agent relating to the CBCW personnel working at the landing and whether they are covered by the District’s policy. The agent said that coverage is dependent on whether they are employees or independent contractors. Jackie said if they are employees then there are other implications of work force administration. This may also apply to dam keepers, buoy keepers, milfoil controllers, or anyone the district hires to do work. The board discussed talking to the DNR, other lake districts, PCLAR and other entities to try to gain insight. Warren Wood said he will ask our insurance agent to attend the next meeting to help clarify this issue.

–Wood said that there is discussion in Polk County about regulation of short term property rentals.

· Other Business:

–As indicated above John Bonneprise is now the Polk County designee member of the board, filling the roll held by Joe Demulling. Board members met John and welcomed him to the board.

· 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, Sand Bar Buoy, Board Member Reports, and Other Business.

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday July 26, 2022 at the McMurtrie Preserve at 5:30 PM.

· Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn was made by Johnson, seconded by Reckinger.** Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary