

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –January 24, 2023 – Held via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on January 24, 2023 by Chair Warren Wood.

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

Absent - John Bonneprise.

Also present – Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental.

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the December 14, 2022 board meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes was made by Elkin, seconded by Early. Motion carried.**

· Treasurer’s Report: Jim Reckinger presented the treasurer's reports for January, 2023.

The January report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$403,328.75
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$57,593.44
Committed to alum treatment (CD)	\$250,133.17
Additional to CD	\$60,244.91
Committed to alum treatment (non CD)	\$6,082.16
Committed to grants:	\$30,312.56
Net Available Balance:	(\$1,037.49)

Jim discussed the report and answered any questions from board members. He indicated that although the “Net Available Balance” is a negative amount, funds will be forthcoming in the next month from the two counties for current assessments that will be adequate cover expected bills. Funds are also available in the “Non-lapsable Fund” and “Additional to CD” budgets.

Motion to approve the treasurer’s report was made by Early, seconded by Elkin. Motion carried.

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment –Dan Early, Jim Reckinger and Cheryl Clemens mentioned that they held discussions with Bill James, the District’s Alum Consultant in the past month regarding future treatment options. Dan and Cheryl discussed the document entitled “Cedar Lake Water Quality Management Options” which was prepared in collaboration with Bill James based on that discussion. The document discusses two options for pending treatments for Cedar Lake. Both options are for alum treatment in 2023 using buffered alum (buffered alum is similar to standard alum but results in less sulfate release). Option 1 includes treating both the 25’ and greater depth and the 20’ to 25” depth. Option 2 includes treating only the 20’ to 25’ depth.

Jim Reckinger explained that funds will be available for treating the lake in 2023 but the amount of treatment will be based on funds available. Dan indicated that the target would be to apply approximately 18% of the total amount of alum originally planned. With this treatment, the 4th of five originally planned, we would reach approximately 80% of the plan total.

Dan and Cheryl mentioned that there are other considerations in the document including testing of iron content in the lake and possible treatment of adding iron in the future.

Dan Early made a motion to proceed immediately with advertising for bids for Option 1 and to try and receive those bids for review at the February meeting. Warren Wood seconded the motion. Motion carried.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Cheryl Clemens mentioned that Polk County is holding Zebra Mussel Forum open to the public on February 2nd.

Jackie Elkin talked about CBCW inspectors as employees or contractors. It has been determined that the workers are employees. This would also apply to dam keepers and buoy keepers. Because of this it will be necessary to hire an administrative firm to process documentation and payment for these “persons for hire”. **Jim Reckinger moved to commence immediately with a search for a firm capable of providing these administrative duties. Motion was seconded by Dan Early. Motion Carried.** This search will be conducted by Jackie Elkin.

–EWM. Nothing new reported.

–Zebra Mussels. Zebra Mussels have not been found in Cedar Lake to date. Zebra Mussels have recently been found in Balsam and Wapogasset lakes. **A reminder to lake residents to please take a few minutes to look for Zebra Mussels attached to their docks and lifts. If anything looks suspicious please contact any of the board members or Polk County. Contact information is listed on the Cedar Lake website.** More information including photos is provided on the Cedar Lake website (<https://cedarlake-wi.org/>) as well as the DNR website. As discussed above there will be a Polk County Zebra Mussel Forum on February 2nd.

· Shoreland Zoning: Warren Wood indicated that there are no new issues.

· Lake Management Plan Update: Cheryl Clemens mentioned that the current schedule is to hold four or five advisory committee meetings, each approximately 1½ hours, starting in March and finishing in late May of 2023. The ultimate goal of these meeting is to update our Lake Management Plan and have it ready to submit to the DNR by mid-July of 2023. The Lake Management Plan update is critically important for the district to be able to apply for, and receive, future grants. The committee will consist of board members and Lake District residents. Any district residents interested in serving on this committee are asked to contact any of the board members. Contact information is listed on the Cedar Lake website (<https://cedarlake-wi.org/>).

Cheryl and the board discussed the composition of this committee. As far as lake residents, Deans mentioned that, from a recent email survey, 7 district residents expressed interest in serving on this advisory committee. Board members mentioned that they knew of others interested. Jackie Elkin, Tom Deans, Dan Early and Jim Reckinger mentioned that they are willing to help coordinate the meetings. A list of all interested lake residents will be assembled by the board (via text/email correspondence) and be presented at the February meeting. Cheryl provided a template for contacting interested residents.

· Dam: Warren Wood mentioned that we will need to appoint the 2023 dam keepers. Mike Hayes has already said he was willing to do the work in 2023. Deans will contact Mike and ask if he knows of anyone interested in helping him. We have typically had two dam keepers in the past. Anyone interested should contact members of the board.

Warren mentioned that he and Tom Deans received a proposal from CedarCorp to perform a Dam Failure Analysis (DFA). A Dam Failure Analysis (DFA) is needed before we can apply for the grant funds for any necessary repairs to the dam. Warren and Tom discussed this issue with Joe Pingel of CedarCorp. Mike Rogney

with the DNR has said that grant funds for this work would not be available until 2024 at the earliest. It is not even certain we would qualify for any grant funds. The district does not currently have available funds to proceed with dam repair work, with or without a grant. Because of this Warren mentioned that he and Tom Deans will contact Joe Pingel and cease involving CedarCorp with any additional work until further notice. Cheryl Clemens mentioned that the board should ask Mike Rogney with the WDNR which dam projects were recently funded with grants and which were not.

- Buoy: Deans will contact Emmett Meister about doing buoy keeper work in 2023. In addition the board has decided to repair existing buoys as needed and to add a warning buoy at the sand bar. Emmett has said he was willing to do this work as well.

- Board Member Reports:

 - Warren Wood mentioned that Alden Township has installed the two security cameras and security light at the north boat landing but new electrical wiring is needed to power these devices. Ted Johnson said he was not aware of the current status of the electrical connection other than the work is to be completed by the 2023 fishing opener. The cameras are will have recording capability. The district will share the initial cost of the security cameras with Star Prairie Fish and Game (50/50). The cameras are to cost approximately \$2000 and the District's share will be about \$1000. The ongoing cost of operating and maintaining this equipment (electric, etc.) will be covered by Alden Township.

- 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, Dam, Buoys, Board Member Reports, and Other Business.

- Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at Alden Town Hall at 5:30 PM (or by Zoom if circumstances require).

- Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn was made by Early, seconded by Reckinger. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary