

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –February 21, 2023 – Held via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 P.M. on February 21, 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 Early, seconded by Reckinger. Motion carried.**

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the January 24, 2023 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 February, 2023.

The January report showed a summary as follows:

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| Gross Available: | \$412,313.50 |
| Non-lapsable fund balance: | \$57,593.44 |
| Committed to alum treatment (CD) | \$250,133.17 |
| Additional to CD | \$60,350.44 |
| Committed to alum treatment (non CD) | \$6,082.16 |
| Committed to grants: | \$29,936.00 |
| Net Available Balance: | \$8,218.29 |

Jim discussed the report and answered any questions from board members. He indicated that funds from the two counties for current assessments (both standard and alum) are starting to be processed and deposited.

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Early, seconded by Deans. Motion carried.

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment –Cheryl Clemens mentioned that a request for bids was published for a 2023 Alum Treatment and one bid was received by the due date. The bid qualified as meeting requirements and was submitted by Solitude Lake Management. Solitude was formerly known as HAB, the firm that has applied the 3 previous alum treatments in Cedar Lake.

The alum treatment planned in 2023 will be using buffered alum (buffered alum is similar to standard alum but results in less sulfate release). Lake areas to be treated include depths from 20 ft. and greater. The treatment would be done in the 2nd half of July. Dan Early and Cheryl discussed the bid and noted it was in compliance with requirements of the document entitled “Cedar Lake, Wisconsin – Limnological response to alum treatment: 2022 interim report” dated 1/31/23 and prepared by Bill James, the District's alum consultant. That document includes Bill's analysis and recommendations. Cheryl mentioned that there are other considerations in the document including testing of iron content in the lake which will be done this year.

Jim Reckinger mentioned that the bid amount is \$695,789.00 and adequate funds are available for treating the lake in 2023. With this treatment, the 4th of five originally planned, we would reach approximately 80% of the plan total of alum to help control phosphorus (algae food) in the lake sediments.

Motion to proceed with the alum treatment in 2023 in accordance with Bill James' recommendations was made by Jim Reckinger, seconded by Tom Deans. Motion carried.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters.

Jackie Elkin talked about CBCW inspectors plan for 2023. She also mentioned that the District has received approval for grant funds for this effort in 2023.

It has been determined that the workers are to be considered “employees” of the District. This would likely also apply to dam keepers and buoy keepers as well. Because of this the District needs to hire an administrative firm to process documentation and payment for these “employees”. The search for a firm to administer the payroll is being conducted by Jackie Elkin and Jim Reckinger. So far no firm has been hired.

–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. They are also present in Bass Lake, Deer Lake and the St. Croix River in this area. Cheryl Clemens and Jim Reckinger discussed the Polk County Zebra Mussel Forum held on February 2, 2023. A link to that forum can be found at the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFijgXet5UI>

A continuing reminder to all lake residents is 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 five advisory committee meetings, each approximately 2 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, a recent email survey resulted in a number of district residents interested 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 provided to Cheryl so that she can begin coordinating meetings.

· Dam: Warren Wood mentioned that he has sent a letter to Mike Rogne with the WDNR requesting an extension of the deadlines for repair work that Mike recommended in 2019. He has not heard back from Mike as yet.

Warren mentioned that since the district does not currently have available funds to proceed with dam repair work, he and Tom Deans contacted Joe Pingel with CedarCorp and directed CedarCorp to not perform any additional consulting work until further notice. Joe agreed.

The District will need to appoint the 2023 dam keeper(s). Mike Hayes has said he was willing to do the work in 2023 and can handle the work by himself. Tom Deans will contact Mike to discuss details of this work.

- Buoy: Deans has contacted 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. Tom Deans will contact Emmett to discuss.

- Board Member Reports:

 - Jackie Elkin asked about board member terms. She noted that it was not clear where to find when/whose various terms expire. Tom Deans mentioned that the only available source for this information, at present, is to look back at the annual meeting minutes to see who was elected each year for a three year term. Tom said he will prepare a table listing the term dates for each board member. How this table is presented is subject to board review.

- 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, March 28, 2023 at Alden Town Hall at 5:30 PM (or by Zoom if circumstances require).

- Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn was made by Johnson, seconded by Elkin. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary