

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –April 25, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on April 25, 2023 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll call: Present - Warren Wood, Jim Reckinger, Jackie Elkin, Dan Early, Ted Johnson 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 Early. Motion carried.**

· Public Comments: Jeff Johansson, the Alden Township Road Supervisor, was at the meeting and discussed the cameras recently placed at the north landing. He said that they should be connected and ready for the fishing opener. The additional light on the camera pole still needs to be connected. Jeff also discussed adding rip-rap to the shallow area at the boat ramp. He said that they have placed large rock (6”-12’) in the water below the concrete ramp but boaters “powering-on” to their trailers have displaced even this heavy rock. He will look into adding more rock.

· Minutes: The minutes of the March 28, 2023 board meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes was made by Reckinger, seconded by Elkin. Motion carried.**

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

The January report showed a summary as follows:

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| Gross Available: | \$659,813.27 |
| 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) | \$237,620.02 |
| Committed to grants: | \$27,910.09 |
| Net Available Balance: | \$26,206.11 |

Jim discussed the report and answered any questions from board members. He discussed the savings accounts and CD’s. He indicated that the Draft 2024 budget will be available for review at the May meeting.

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

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment –Dan Early said the Performance Bond has been reviewed by the District’s attorney, Ron Siler. Some follow up is needed with Ron to prepare an addendum to the agreement with Solitude to certify the bond will be continually maintained. Ted Johnson said that the Town of Alden Board approved the use of the north landing by Solitude for the alum treatment equipment during application. Cheryl Clemens mentioned that the permit for the 2023 treatment has been issued. She also said she has discussed, with Bill James (the District’s alum consultant), the possible need for maintenance doses of alum after all 5 planned treatments are completed. Bill did not provide specific information but indicated that continued testing will help make that determination. A 2023 alum treatment is planned to take place this year in mid July through mid August.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Jackie Elkin said she has 12 boat inspectors lined up for this year, so far. Saturday, April 29th is “kick-off” day for the workers. She discussed needing workers during the July 4th holiday period (June 30-July 4) saying that she is having trouble getting commitments. The board discussed this and agreed that increasing the pay for this is warranted. **Motion was made by Wood, seconded by Early, to increase the pay during this holiday period to 1½ normal wages. Motion carried.**

–EWM. Jim Reckinger said that he has reached to volunteers to monitor for EWM and most have responded positively. He indicated that he would like to send an email to district residents asking for more volunteers.

–Zebra Mussels. Nothing new to report. 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.

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.

· Shoreland Zoning: Warren Wood indicated that there are no new issues. He noted that Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District has no legal authority to identify, report or enforce zoning violations. This is the responsibility of Polk and St. Croix counties.

· Lake Management Plan Update: Cheryl Clemens discussed the second meeting of the committee held on April 11, 2023. Based on that meeting Cheryl has prepared an agenda with priorities for the subsequent meetings. The next committee meeting dates will be May 2 and May 16, from 6:00 to 8:00PM and are held at Alden Town Hall, 183 155th Street, Star Prairie. Cheryl said that after the committee meetings are completed a special meeting of the board would be a good idea to go over results. This meeting is planned for May 30, 2023 at 5:30PM at the Alden Town hall.

· Dam: Reckinger discussed the start-up of dam operations. Boards are being installed to raise the lake level to normal water elevation. Reckinger mentioned that installing aluminum board slot liners may be needed as the boards tend to stick at the bottom. This will be discussed further at the end of the year.

· Buoys: Deans mentioned that Emmett Meister is starting buoy repair and plans to have the buoys placed as soon as the work is done. Deans mentioned that a permit is needed for the new sandbar buoy and he has started the process for this application.

· Board Member Reports:

–Warren Wood said the Star Prairie Fish and Game group is holding an event at the Uttgard property in Star Prairie this Saturday at 11:00 AM. Free native plant habitat seeds will be handed out until gone.

–It has been determined that the workers for CBCW, Dam Keeper and Buoy Keeper are to be considered “employees” of the District. Because of this the state of Wisconsin has requirements that must be met. Jim Reckinger and Warren Wood are discussing these requirements with the respective authorities.

–Tom Deans asked Cheryl if she has received the Final 2021 Cedar Lake Fisheries Report from the DNR. Cheryl said she will contact Kasay Yallalay to get a copy of the final report. This will be posted on the Cedar Lake website.

· Other Business:

–Deans mentioned that we normally send out a newsletter to lake residents each spring. He and Cheryl will prepare one for this year and likely send it via email.

· 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, Payroll Service, Draft 2024 Budget, Board Member Reports, and Other Business.

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 23, 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 Reckinger. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary