

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –March 28, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 P.M. on March 28, 2023 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll call: Present - Warren Wood, Jim Reckinger, Ted Johnson and Tom Deans. Quorum Present.
Absent - John Bonneprise, Jackie Elkin and Dan Early.
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 February 21, 2023 board meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes was made by Johnson, seconded by Reckinger. Motion carried.**

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

The January report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$660,511.67
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:	\$28,609.00
Net Available Balance:	\$26,205.60

Jim discussed the report and answered any questions from board members. He indicated that funds for current assessments (both standard and alum) are being deposited.

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

After discussion of the report Jim mentioned that he is looking to open additional bank accounts to deposit funds in separate banks so that the District funds will be insured by the FDIC. The current limit for FDIC coverage is \$250,000 per bank, per depositor. We would normally not reach this limit except when we have funds for alum treatments.

Motion was made Wood, seconded by Johnson, to approve Jim Reckinger, as Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Treasurer, to open an account with FNC Bank (and another bank, if necessary) to keep deposits under FDIC limits. Motion carried.

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment –Cheryl Clemens mentioned that the permitting process for the 2023 treatment is in progress. The alum treatment planned in 2023 will take place sometime in mid July through mid August.

Ted Johnson mentioned that the District needs to schedule the use of the north boat landing with the Town of Alden for the alum contractor's (Solitude) equipment. Warren Wood gave Christine Genung, Alden Town Clerk, a request in writing for use of the landing. Christine said she will add this request to the agenda for the next Alden Town Meeting.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. No new information.

–EWM. Jim Reckinger noted that there was no treatment for EWM in 2022 but a treatment may be needed in 2023. Due to poor water clarity an evaluation of the EWM was not done in 2022. This will need to be done in 2023. Jim mentioned that Steve Scheiffer will perform this review when feasible. In 2021 there were 3 general areas of EWM in the lake identified. Jim mentioned that if treatment is needed a DNR permit will be required. **Motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Deans, to allow Jim Reckinger to apply for a permit to treat for EWM, if determined necessary and recommended by Scheiffer, in the 3 areas where it has previously been identified. Motion carried.**

–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.

· Lake Management Plan Update: Cheryl Clemens discussed the first meeting of the committee held on March 21, 2023. Based on that meeting Cheryl said she would like to revise the priorities for the subsequent meetings and provided an outline of those revisions. The next committee meeting dates will be April 11, May 2 and May 16, from 6:00 to 8:00PM and are held at Alden Town Hall, 183 155th Street, Star Prairie.

· Dam: The board discussed the appointment of the 2023 Dam Keeper. Mike Hayes has agreed to do the work in 2023 for a fee of \$1,500 which is the same total fee as the previous year. **Motion was made by Deans, seconded by Reckinger, to appoint Mike Hayes as the Dam Keeper in 2023. Motion carried.**

· Buoys: The board discussed the appointment of the 2023 Buoy Keeper. Emmett Meister has agreed to do the work in 2023 for a fee of \$1,000 which is \$200 more than the previous year. **Motion was made by Deans, seconded by Johnson, to appoint Emmett Meister as the Buoy Keeper in 2023. Motion carried.**

Deans has contacted Emmett Meister to repair existing buoys as needed and to add one warning buoy at the sandbar. The existing buoys will need some chains and decals replaced. Deans mentioned that the new buoy and the decals are available from Warner's Dock. Emmett has said he was willing to do this work. Tom Deans will contact Emmett to discuss.

The board also discussed whether a DNR permit is required for the new buoy at the sandbar. Cheryl Clemens said she has a contact at the DNR to address this question and she will provide Deans with that contact info.

· Board Member Reports:

–Warren Wood said that he attended the recent meeting of the Farmer's Led Council for Polk County. Ted Johnson added that he is a member.

–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 District needs to hire an administrative firm for payroll processing and administration. Jim Reckinger and Jackie Elkin performed a search, found two options (Paychex and OnPay) and concluded that "OnPay" meets the requirements and has the lower cost. **Motion was made by**

Johnson, seconded by Wood, to approve Reckinger or Elkin to engage OnPay to provide payroll services for Lake District employees. Motion carried.

–Tom Deans mentioned that we have received the *Preliminary* 2021 Cedar Lake Fisheries Report from the DNR in early 2022. The final report was to be provided by the DNR in 2022. Warren Wood said he will contact Kasay Yallalay, the DNR Fisheries contact for Cedar Lake and ask the status of the final report.

· 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, Payroll Service, Board Member Reports, and Other Business.

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 25, 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 6:55 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary