

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –May 23, 2023

The meeting held at the McMurtrie Pavilion was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on May 23, 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, Eric Wojchik of Polk Co., Brad Johnson of Farmer Led Council and Kevin Hanson, Lake District resident.

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the April 25, 2023 board meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes was made by Early, seconded by Elkin. Motion carried.**

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

The report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$657,638.25
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:	\$24,031.09

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 has been provided (discussed below in Business Items).

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

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment –Dan Early said the necessary documents have been processed to proceed with the treatment. The treatment this year will take place beginning in mid July, using buffered alum. Timing, material and dosage are per the recommendations of Bill James, the District's alum consultant.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Jackie Elkin said inspectors have started work for the year. She discussed the need for workers during the July 4th holiday period (June 30-July 4). The Board had previously agreed to increase the pay during this holiday period to 1½ normal wages. Jackie said that she would prefer to pay workers a straight \$20/hour instead. **Motion to increase July 4th holiday pay to \$20/hour was made by Elkin, seconded by Reckinger. Motion carried.**

–EWM. Jim Reckinger said that an application for a permit for treatment this year has been submitted. Actual treatment methods and timing will depend on the extent of EWM growth.

–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. The 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 fourth and final meeting of the committee held on May 16, 2023. Based on all of the meetings Cheryl provided notes and has prepared an “Action Plan” spreadsheet to be reviewed by the Board. She also provided a draft of a Plan Implementation document that is to be reviewed at a summary meeting on Tuesday May 30, 2023 at 5:30PM at the Alden Town hall. Based on that final meeting a draft of the updated Lake Management Plan will be prepared and submitted for review.
- Buoys: Deans mentioned that all buoys have been repaired and installed in the lake, including the new buoy at the sandbar.
- Admin. Services for Hired Personnel: Jackie said that the first payroll was processed. Both she and Jim said that the process went smoothly.
- Newsletter: Deans mentioned that an email newsletter is planned for this year and asked board members about topics to be covered. Topics to possibly cover include Alum Treatment, Cameras at North Landing, Lake Management Plan Update, New Buoy at the Sandbar, Annual Meeting Information and Zebra Mussels. The newsletter is tentatively planned to be sent in early July.
- 2024 Budget Draft: Jim Reckinger provided a draft of the 2024 budget for the board to review. The proposed budget, based on estimates/projections of anticipated costs, is \$79,034 or approximately \$8,000 less than 2023. A finalized version of the 2024 budget will be presented at the June meeting for board approval.
- Farmer Led Watershed Council: Eric Wojchik of Polk Co. LWRD provided a presentation describing the Farmer Led Water Shed Council for the Horse Creek Area. The council is a volunteer organization of local farm producers in the watershed that affects Cedar Lake (mainly along Horse Creek). He discussed activities and results of the efforts. The implementation of these farm practices can have very significant and positive benefit to the quality of Cedar Lake. Brad Johnson has had an active role in this Council since its implementation in 2013 and was at the meeting. Brad talked about the group and how it works. A number of questions were asked and answered. The Council plans to continue these efforts but funding is becoming a challenge.
- Board Member Reports:
 - Ted Johnson said Alden is changing porta-potty vendors at the north landing to save costs. He also mentioned that the township is evaluating what can be done to replace the wash out below the concrete ramp into the lake from boats “powering-on” to trailers.

· Other Business:

–None

· Agenda for Next Meeting: Business items for the next meeting will include: Alum Treatment and Monitoring, AIS, Shoreland Zoning, Lake Management Plan Update, Newsletter, Draft 2024 Budget, North Landing, Annual Meeting, Farmer Led Council, Board Member Reports, and Other Business.

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at McMurtrie Pavilion at 5:30 PM (or by Zoom if circumstances require).

· Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn was made by Johnson, seconded by Early. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:02 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary