

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –July 25, 2023

The meeting held at the McMurtrie Pavilion was called to order at 5:31 P.M. on July 25, 2023 by Chair Warren Wood.

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

Also present – Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental.

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

· Public Comments: Cheryl Clemens mentioned that she received a call from lake resident Steven Hendrickson who was responding to the recent email regarding lakeshore plantings. Steven wanted to express his thoughts on East Cedar Drive and whether it could be removed. He also expressed his concern that wake boats are causing shoreline erosion. The Board discussed Steve’s concerns and noted that East Cedar Drive is an Alden Town road and is subject to their control. Large wakes from wake boats is a concern that many lake districts and associations have been discussing recently and this issue will continue to be a topic of discussion in the future.

· Minutes: The minutes of the June 27, 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 July, 2023.

The report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$645,254.97
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$57,593.44
Committed to alum treatment (CD)	\$0.00
Additional to CD	\$60,350.44
Committed to alum treatment (non CD)	\$489,413.24
Committed to grants:	\$27,000.00
Net Available Balance:	\$10,897.85

Jim discussed the report and answered any questions from board members. He discussed the savings accounts and CD’s. One CD has matured and funds will be transferred into savings.

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

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment –Jim Reckinger said Solitude Lake Management started the alum treatment on 7/11/23 and completed it on 7/18/23. The last Daily Application Log from Solitude showed that 111,981 gallons (112,000 planned) were applied. A total of 37 tanker truck loads of alum and buffered alum were delivered. The alum to buffered alum ratio was 2/1. Testing of lake water and sediment will continue after the treatment.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Jackie Elkin said inspections continue to proceed fairly normally.

–EWM. Jim Reckinger said that Steve Schieffer inspected the lake the week of 7/17 and found very little EWM. He was surprised so little EWM is growing in the lake considering the abundance found in the last 3-4 years.

–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 (cedarlakewi.org) as well as the DNR website (dnr.wisconsin.gov).

· Shoreland Zoning: Warren Wood said that there are zoning no issues noted or reported in the last month. 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 said that the final, updated Lake Management Plan has been signed and submitted to the DNR for review. A copy is available for review at the Cedar Lake website (cedarlakewi.org).

· North Landing: Warren Wood and Ted Johnson talked about the two cameras installed and operating at the north landing and mentioned that a sign needs to be installed notifying their presence. It is important for all to note that THE CAMERAS ARE NOT MONITORED. They record video for a limited time period that can be retrieved and reviewed if there is a need. The security light has not yet been installed and Johnson will check on this. Ted said that the township is evaluating what can be done to replace/correct the gravel/rip-rap that has washed out below the concrete ramp into the lake that is caused by boats “powering-on” to trailers. He reiterated that simply adding more rip-rap fill is not advised as there is already a “pile” below the ramp. Ted said the Town of Garfield has a backhoe that may be used to pull back the existing fill. This situation will be discussed further. Ted mentioned that there is a trash problem again at the landing. Trash was found in the porta-potty. The Town of Alden has been advised by haulers not to install a receptacle or dumpster because past experience has shown its use will be abused. Alden is evaluating options.

· Annual Meeting: The Board discussed the upcoming Annual Meeting of the Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District. The meeting will be held on Saturday, August 5, 2023 at 9:00 AM at the Star Prairie Town Hall located at 2118 Cook Drive, Somerset, WI. Topics for presentation were discussed and included the Alum Treatment, Lake Management Plan Update, and Fisheries. Other topics such as EWM/Invasives, CBCW, the Dam and possibly others will be part of the Lake Management Plan discussion and presented by board members. District residents in attendance can vote for two open positions on the board.

· Board Member Reports:

–The Board discussed signage at the north landing and decided that signs should be installed for the security cameras and wake boat use. It was pointed out that there are already many signs at the landing and a plan needs to be drawn up for overall signage. Warren asked that Tom Deans and Jackie Elkin develop a sign plan for the Board and the Town of Alden to review and implement. It is important to remember that this landing is owned by Alden and any signage is subject to their control. This will be discussed further.

· Other Business:

–Cheryl Clemens mentioned that Lake Owen in Wisconsin is considering an ordinance to control the size of wakes allowed by wake boats. Many lake associations and districts are discussing this issue as more and more

wake boats are being used. Banning of wake boats is not a feasible option because of state boating rules and regulations. She will keep the Board updated on this issue.

–Tom Deans mentioned that a lake resident asked if a Loon Nesting Platform (Raft) could be installed on the lake. Warren said that the Star Prairie Fish and Game (SPF&G) would likely consider helping in this effort as this fits with their goals. Tom will look into this and get back to the Board.

–Warren said the SPF&G held their Annual Senior Pontoon Ride and Picnic on July 12th. He said that it was a great success the group would like to thank all residents who volunteered their boats and time to help with the effort. He asked that the District post a note on the website to thank SPF&G and all volunteers.

· Agenda for Next Meeting: Business items for the next meeting will include: Alum Treatment and Monitoring, AIS, Shoreland Zoning, Lake Management Plan Update, Ordinances, North Landing, Annual Meeting Review, Board Member Reports, and Other Business.

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at McMurtrie Pavilion at 5:30 PM (or by Zoom or another location if circumstances require).

· Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn was made by Johnson, seconded by Wood. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary