

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –June 27, 2023

The meeting held at the McMurtrie Pavilion was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on June 27, 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, Ann Goodlad, husband Jay and Kevin Hanson, Lake District residents.

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the May 23, 2023 board meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes was made by Reckinger, seconded by Wood. Motion carried.**

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

The report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$653,707.96
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:	\$27,000.00
Net Available Balance:	\$21,010.89

Jim discussed the report and answered any questions from board members. He discussed the savings accounts and CD's.

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

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment –Dan Early said Solitude Lake Management has scheduled to arrive at the north landing on 7/10/23 and start treatment on 7/11/23. The treatment is scheduled to be completed by 7/20/23. The board discussed timing of the treatment and it was brought up that the Senior Pontoon Day is 7/12/23. This could create congestion at the north landing since the Senior Day will use both the north and south landings. After discussion Warren Wood asked Dan Early to contact Solitude and see if they could push back the start date or accommodate the Senior Day traffic. Dan said he will contact them Wednesday.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Jackie Elkin said inspections are proceeding fairly normally.

–EWM. Jim Reckinger said that Steve Scheifer inspected the lake and found no EWM. As such there will be no need to treat this year. An application for a permit for treatment was previously submitted. Jim said he

asked for a refund of the fee but was told no. Cheryl said that she had a contact and the permit fee should be refundable. Jim will follow up.

–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 a vacant lot owner at the west side has been given a permit to allow parking a trailer home because they installed a septic system (holding tank). The permit allows this use from May to September. 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 Draft of the updated Lake Management Plan has been posted at the Cedar Lake website (cedarlakewi.org) for public review and comment until July 11, 2023. After that time any revisions deemed necessary will be made. There have been no comments, questions or feedback received so far. **A Motion was made by Wood, seconded by Early, to accept the Draft (and incorporating any necessary revisions if needed) as final. Motion carried.**

· Newsletter: Cheryl Clemens mentioned that a paper newsletter will be sent via regular mail on Thursday, June 29.

· 2024 Budget Draft: Jim Reckinger provided a final draft of the 2024 budget for the board to review. Budget items were discussed line by line and some minor revisions were made. The proposed budget, based on estimates/projections of anticipated costs, is \$82,684 or approximately \$5,000 less than 2023. **A Motion was made by Reckinger, seconded by Early, to accept the 2024 budget as presented and revised. Motion carried.**

· North Landing: Wood mentioned that the two cameras are installed and operating at the north landing. Early mentioned that he and Deans visited the landing, met a worker with Alden Township, and were shown that the cameras are connected to a computer and video monitor in the pump house on site. Recorded video is stored on the device for 30 days. Alden Township has one pump house key and another was given to Early. Early said he will give that key to Jackie Elkin so that she can store CBCW supplies in the pump house. 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.

· Farmer Led Watershed Council: Warren Wood mentioned that the Council plans to continue their efforts but funding is becoming a challenge. A grant that was funding this effort has expired. Members of the Board agreed that work of this Council is a significant benefit to the Lake District in its efforts for a cleaner and healthier lake. It was agreed by all to increase the annual donation to this group for 2024 from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

· 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 Lake Management Plan Update, Alum Treatment and Fisheries. Other topics and speakers could be added.

· Board Member Reports:

–Ted Johnson said that the township is evaluating what can be done to replace the rip-rap wash out below the concrete ramp into the lake at the north landing. This is caused by boats “powering-on” to trailers. He said that simply adding more rip-rap fill is not advised as there is already a “pile” below the ramp. This situation will be discussed further including asking for a volunteer with a back-hoe to help pull the existing fill toward shore.

–Jackie said she has had questions about adding a sign at the landing to inform wake boaters about best operating practices to help protect the lake environment. It was pointed out that there already many signs at the landing and a plan needs to drawn up for overall signage. It is important to remember that this landing is owned by Alden Township and any signage is subject to their control. This will be discussed further.

· Other Business:

–Please note that the Cedar Lake P&R District has changed its website domain name to cedarlakewi.org and primary email address to district@cedarlakewi.org. The old address, cedarlake-wi.org, will still be functional until next year when its registry expires.

–Lake resident Jay (with Ann Goodlad) asked about the recent fish die off at Cedar Lake. Wood explained that Kasay Yallalay, DNR Fisheries scientist for our lake has indicated that the die off was likely caused by a common bacteria that affects fish when lake water warms up rapidly. All at the meeting agreed that the fish die off has significantly subsided.

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

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at McMurtrie Pavilion at 5:30 PM (or by Zoom or another location if circumstances require).

· Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn was made by Reckinger, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary