

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2023

The meeting was held at Alden Town Hall and was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on December 12, 2023 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll call: Present – Jim Reckinger, Warren Wood, Dan Early, Jackie Elkin (via Zoom) and Ted Johnson

Absent – Tom Deans and John Bonneprise.

Also present – Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental (via Zoom).

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the October 24, 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 November/December 2023. The report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$138,067.01
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$57,593.44
Committed to alum treatment (CD)	\$0.00
Additional to CD	\$0.00
Committed to alum treatment (non CD)	\$7,139.41
Committed to grants:	\$2,000.00
Net Available Balance:	\$71,334.16

Jim discussed the report including recent expenditures. He answered any questions from board members.

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

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment – Dan Early reported the Lake District is waiting for the final lake monitoring report from Bill James. Bill did indicate iron levels are lower in the lake as compared to 2010/2011. Iron bonds with phosphorus released from bottom sediment during lake turnover. Iron concentrations will be studied during the summer of 2024 before any recommendations are made regarding iron levels in the lake.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Nothing new to report

–EWM. Steve Schieffer (Ecological Integrity Service) provided results of Invasive Species meandering surveys conducted in June and July.

The survey reported four aquatic invasive species – Yellow Iris, Curly Leaf Pondweed, Narrow Cattail, and Chinese Mystery Snail.

Suggested actions include:

- hand pulling the few Yellow Iris plants at 6 locations on the lake,
- monitoring Curly Leaf Pondweed beds on the east shore north of the sand bar, and
- monitoring Narrow Cattail in the southwest bay

The report did not include observations for Eurasian Water Milfoil. That was included in a separate report provided earlier.

Jim Reckinger said that a report from Steve Scheifer has been provided showing results of a recent survey of aquatic plants in the lake. This report will be posted on the Cedar Lake website (cedarlakewi.org).

–Zebra Mussels.

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 after they are removed from the lake. If anything looks suspicious please contact any of the board members, Polk County or Wisconsin DNR. 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).

· Grants: 2 grants were recently submitted. The State will inform the district about the outcome of the grant requests by March. The grant submissions are:

1. Alum treatment for 2024-2026
2. Healthy Lakes – 5 property owners comprising 12 projects

4 grant reimbursement requests will be submitted.

1. CBCW 2023
2. Lake Management Plan Update
3. Aquatic Invasive Species Control
4. Alum Treatment Lake Monitoring

· Shoreland Zoning: Nothing to report

· Lake Management Plan Update: Jim Reckinger presented the scope and responsibilities document for the Aquatic Invasive Species committee. The document serves as a guide to committee activities.

· Ordinances: There are proposals regulating wake boat use being discussed in the Wisconsin state legislature. The Lake District is in discussion with Wisconsin Lakes while awaiting legislative action. The board also discussed Lake District authority to create ordinances. This will be discussed at a future board meeting.

- North Landing: Warren Wood has communicated with the Town of Alden, Garfield Township, and Stevens Engineering in Hudson regarding the boat launch. Stevens recently worked with 2 launches on Lake Wapogasset. Stevens Engineering will develop a proposal to improve the north landing along with cost estimates. The proposal will likely be received by mid 2024.

Lights at the landing interfere with the recently installed camera. Other locations are being considered for the lights.

- Board Member Reports:

- 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-Action Plan and Committee Review, Ordinances, North Landing, Board Member Reports, and Other Business.

- Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at Alden Town Hall at 5:30 PM (or by Zoom if weather or circumstances require).

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

Minutes prepared by Jim Reckinger