

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2023

The meeting was held at Alden Town Hall and was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on October 24, 2023 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll call: Present – Jim Reckinger, Ted Johnson, Tom Deans and Warren Wood. Quorum Present.
Absent - Dan Early, Jackie Elkin and John Bonneprise.
Also present – Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental.

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the September 26, 2023 board meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes was made by Johnson, seconded by Wood. Motion carried.**

· Treasurer's Report: Jim Reckinger presented the treasurer's reports for October 2023
The report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$142,016.29
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:	\$75,283.44

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

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

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment – Cheryl mentioned that Bill James, the district's alum consultant, provided an email regarding testing in September and that the results are positive as far as phosphorus levels are concerned. He also mentioned that the lake turned over in early September. A final report of test results after this year's alum treatment will be prepared by Bill and should be available later this year or early next year.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Nothing new to report

–EWM. 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. So far Zebra Mussels have not been found in Cedar Lake. Zebra Mussels have recently been found in Balsam and Wapogasset lakes, and are also present in Bass Lake, Deer Lake and the St. Croix River in this area, surrounding Cedar Lake.

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 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 he has been made aware of a new construction project at the north side of the lake and will discuss the status of the project with the Polk County Zoning Administration staff. 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 and the local towns.
- Lake Management Plan Update: The Board discussed forming committees to help implement the goals of the recently updated Lake Management Plan. Cheryl Clemens provided the board with a document entitled “Cedar Lake Committees for Plan Implementation” which identifies a number of possible committees as well as an outline of how the committees could be structured, possible procedures to follow in order to reach the various goals and the process for interaction with the Board. In particular each committee would be composed of a board member acting as a lead and lake residents (and board members) as advisory members. The Board discussed the listed committees and agreed that it is a reasonably comprehensive list for this effort. Preliminarily, based on information to date, the Board assigned leads as follows: Aquatic Invasive Species – Jim Reckinger; Alum – Dan Early; Shoreland – Warren Wood; Dam Maintenance – Tom Deans; Outreach – Jackie Elkin. This will be further discussed at future meetings.
- Ordinances: Warren Wood proposed to table discussion of ordinances for future meetings.
- North Landing: Warren Wood said Alden has concerns about security light on the pole at the north landing. The lights appear to adversely affect the quality of the camera video. They are considering installing the lights on the concrete outhouse near 10th Ave. or on the pump house to the east. Two security cameras are installed and operating. 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 board discussed replacing the concrete ramp, which is too short, with a new longer ramp. DNR provides grant funds through their Recreational Boating Facilities Grant program. Replacing the concrete ramp, which is too short, would be included for grant funding. The grants are 50/50 matching. Since Alden owns the landing and ramp they would have to apply for the grant to replace the concrete. The board agreed that the District would cover the cost for preparing a grant application to be used by Alden. The cost for the actual work could be shared with Alden, Cedar Lake P&R District and possibly Star Prairie Fish and Game. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

The signs for the north and south landings are in hand and installation is to take place this year.
- Board Member Reports:
 - Ted Johnson mentioned that there were many responders present after the boating accident on October 9th. This included staff from both Polk and St. Croix Sheriff Departments, Allied Emergency Services as well as a number of rescue personnel from various Minnesota agencies. He thought it would be fitting to send notes to those that carried out the search thanking them for their services. Warren Wood added that both Emmet Meister who pulled Brooke Anderson from the water and Dan Baillargeon who pulled Milly, the owner’s dog, from the water, should also be sent notes thanking them for their efforts. The Board agreed that notes of gratitude should be sent to those who responded and helped.
- 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 Board agreed to combine November and December meetings due to the holidays. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at Alden Town Hall at 5:30 PM (or by Zoom if weather/circumstances require).

· Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn was made by Reckinger, seconded by Deans. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary