

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – January 17, 2024

The meeting was held at Alden Town Hall and was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on January 17, 2024 by Chair Warren Wood.

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

Absent –John Bonneprise.

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

· Approval of Agenda: **Motion (Johnson/Reckinger) to approve the agenda. Motion carried.**

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the December 12, 2023 board meeting were reviewed. **Motion (Wood/Johnson) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.**

· Treasurer's Report: Jim Reckinger presented the treasurer's reports for January 2024
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:	\$52,780.94

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

Motion (Wood/Johnson) to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment – Dan Early and Cheryl Clemens reported the Lake District is waiting for the final lake monitoring report after the 2023 alum treatment from Bill James. James did provide a preliminary report and is awaiting further lab tests to finalize that report.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Nothing new to report

–EWM. Jim Reckinger briefly discussed monitoring and treatment plans for 2024.

–Zebra Mussels. Nothing new to report.

Zebra mussels have recently been found in Deer, Wapogasset and Balsam Lakes in Polk County. 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: 3 grants were recently submitted. The State will inform the district about the outcome of the grant requests, probably by March. The grant submissions are:

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

· Shoreland Zoning: Cheryl Clemens mentioned that Polk County is currently evaluating parts of the Shoreland Zoning ordinances.

· Lake Management Plan Update: Board members have prepared preliminary Scope and Responsibilities documents for the Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), Water Quality (Alum, etc.), Shoreland, Dam and Communication & Outreach committees. The documents will serve as guides to committee activities. Each document will be reviewed by board members for corrections/revisions and submitted for further review at the February meeting. Cheryl Clemens mentioned that since great effort was put into developing the Lake Management Plan Update in 2023, that each committee should follow that Plan as a guideline for these documents. She suggested that each scope document should also include language that each committee should work with the Communications and Outreach Committee to implement the education and engagement strategies related to alum/other treatments included in the Cedar Lake Management Plan. The strategy should be reviewed and updated annually.

· Ordinances: There are proposals regulating wake boat use being discussed in the Wisconsin state legislature. Some proposals are more restrictive and some less so. The Lake District is in discussion with Wisconsin Lakes while awaiting any legislative action that may occur. The board also discussed Lake District authority to create ordinances. This will be discussed at a future board meeting.

· North Landing: Warren Wood discussed replacement of the concrete ramp at the landing. Briefly, the ramp is too short and results in constant outwash of the lake bed just below the ramp when boaters “power onto” their trailers. This causes “holes” that can significantly disrupt trailer stability. He has communicated with the Town of Alden, Garfield Township, and Polk County regarding the boat launch. He mentioned that he will attend the Alden Town Meeting on Feb. 8 to discuss this issue since Alden owns the land and ramp. An option that he will discuss is charging “launch fees” for each use of the ramp to help cover the fairly significant costs to install and maintain the ramp/landing.

Warren also mentioned that lights at the landing interfere with the recently installed camera. Other locations are being considered for the lights.

· Board Member Reports: None

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

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at Alden Town Hall at 5:30 PM (or by Zoom if weather or circumstances require).

· Adjourn: **Motion (Johnson/Reckinger) to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:44 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary