

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – March 26, 2024

The meeting was held at Alden Town Hall and was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on March 26, 2024 by Chair Warren Wood.

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

Absent –John Bonneprise.

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

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the January 17, 2023 board meeting were reviewed (there was no meeting in February). **Motion (Johnson/Wood) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.**

· Treasurer's Report: Jim Reckinger presented the treasurer's reports for February/March 2024. The report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$382,637.90
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)	\$242,584.96
Committed to grants:	\$0.00
Net Available Balance:	\$82,459.50

Jim discussed the report including recent deposits and expenditures. Jim mentioned that the report is for both February and March. He said that the funds for Alum Treatment (although showing as non CD) have since been placed in a CD. He answered any questions from board members.

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

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment – Cheryl Clemens reported the Lake District has received the final lake monitoring report after the 2023 (4th) alum treatment from Bill James. The report will be posted to the Cedar Lake website (cedarlakewi.org). The recommendations in James' report, together with further testing in 2024, will determine when and what the 5th and final treatment will be.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Nothing new to report

–EWM. Jim Reckinger mentioned that he is scheduling training for 2024. He discussed Curly Leaf Pondweed which has been in the lake for some years. The prevalence of this invasive plant may need further evaluation this year to see if it is spreading.

–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).

· Shoreland Zoning: Nothing new to report.

· Lake Management Plan Update: Board members have prepared, discussed and finalized Scope and Responsibilities documents for committees in accordance with guidelines of the Lake Management Plan (LMP). The five committees include Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS), Water Quality (Alum, etc.), Shoreland, Dam and Communication & Outreach. The documents will serve as guides to committee activities. The committees are important; they will include District resident volunteers and board members to discuss and help implement goals and strategies outlined in the LMP. This will not only help us all to understand a vision for the future of Cedar Lake but it is important to help us when applying for grants available to meet these goals. The committee structures will be reviewed and updated annually.

Motion (Reckinger/Early) to approve the Scope and Responsibilities documents as finalized for the five committees. Motion carried.

· Grants: Jim Reckinger provided a spreadsheet showing the status of active and closed grants. The board discussed these and agreed that Jim’s Grant Status spreadsheet was very helpful. Cheryl Clemens mentioned that the District should start the process now to apply for an Alum Treatment Monitoring grant for the next treatment since another lake district recently applied for this grant and was not successful.

· 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. This issue will be discussed at future board meetings.

Warren Wood mentioned that he was recently made aware that the Cedar Lake District prepared an ordinance, circa 2001, related to regulation of the number of boat slips and piers (2 each) allowed per lot. He said he will research this more and try to find out if this ordinance was enacted.

· 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 attended the Alden Town Meeting on Feb. 8 to discuss this issue since Alden owns the land and ramp.

Ted Johnson said that just recently, Alden recently was able to use long backhoe to pull gravel up to fill the “power-on” hole below the concrete ramp. Of course this is only a temporary fix.

Warren mentioned that there is also discussion about replacing the dock at the landing with an ADA compliant dock. An option being discussed is charging “launch fees” for each use of the ramp to help cover the fairly significant costs to install/maintain the ramp/landing.

Warren also mentioned that lights at the landing interfere with the recently installed cameras and Alden is looking into the solution.

· **Board Member Reports:** Warren Wood talked about the Star Prairie Trout farm. The current owner is looking to change the zoning to allow homes to be built on the property. This is provided for information only as it does not directly affect the lake, however it is in the near vicinity. The Apple River flows around the lake to the east and south.

Warren also mentioned that the District has received a number of calls recently about the water level. An e-newsletter was sent on March 16th to district residents explaining how the lake level and the dam are related.

Tom Deans said that the signs for the landings will be installed this spring. He also mentioned that steel sleeves for the dam slots are on order and will be installed this spring or summer if it is feasible.

· **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, April 23, 2024 at Alden Town Hall at 5:30 PM (or by Zoom if weather or circumstances require).

· **Adjourn:** **Motion (Johnson/Early) to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary