

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – June 18, 2024

The meeting was held at Alden Town Hall and was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on June 18, 2024 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll call:

Present –Warren Wood, Jackie Elkin, Ted Johnson, Jim Reckinger, Dan Early and Tom Deans

Absent –John Bonneprise.

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

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the May 28, 2024 board meeting were reviewed. Jim Reckinger made a correction of the date for 2025 Budget approval from July to June.

Motion (Early/Johnson) to approve the minutes (as amended). Motion carried.

· Treasurer’s Report: Jim Reckinger presented the treasurer's reports for June 2024
The report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$405,110.18
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$57,593.44
Committed to alum treatment (CD)	\$242,584.96
Additional to CD	\$2,415.04
Committed to alum treatment (non CD)	\$0.00
Committed to grants:	\$2,000.00

Net Available Balance: \$100,516.74

Jim discussed the report and answered any questions from board members about payments and expenditures.

Motion (Johnson/Early) to approve the treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment – Dan Early and Cheryl Clemens said that they had a conversation with Bill James, the District’s alum consultant. They talked about strategies for applying for an Alum/Lake Monitoring Grant to cover years 2025, 2026 and 2027. Bill had some suggestions to help increase the likelihood of receiving the grant; including adding some special testing that would help analyze lake conditions. Bill will send a draft monitoring proposal to the board in early July. The board can then finalize details of the application, which must be submitted by September of this year. The board previously decided that we should apply for an “implementation” type grant vs. “planning” type grant. This will be discussed further at the July meeting.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Jackie Elkin said that the CBCW staffing has been going well and the staff is consistent and dependable.

–EWM. Jim Reckinger said that the volunteer search efforts have started. So far there has been no significant EWM growth noticed, although it is still early in the season.

–Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP). Jim mentioned that this invasive aquatic plant, which was growing extensively in the SW bay and the east side of the lake, has started to die-off. CLP has been in Cedar Lake for many years, being first identified in 1977. Jim said Steve Schieffer, an AIS consultant for the District, visited the lake recently to survey and map this growth. The board discussed the CLP issue and agreed that it would be a good idea to talk about this in the forthcoming newsletter to lake residents and at the upcoming Lake District Annual Meeting on August 3, 2024.

–Zebra Mussels. Nothing new to report.

Zebra mussels have been found in Deer, Wapogasset and Balsam Lakes in Polk County. They have been found in Bass Lake in St. Croix County and the St. Croix River as well. 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 while in the lake and 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: Nothing new to report.

Five committees were formed by the Board at the March meeting. They include:

- Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)
- Water Quality (Alum, etc.)
- Shoreland (protection and habitat)
- Dam (operations and maintenance)
- Communication & Outreach.

Scope and Responsibilities documents have been prepared for each committee and 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.

Lake residents interested in serving as a member of any of the committees can contact any board member. Contact info can be found at our website (cedarlakewi.org).

· Grants: Nothing new to report (other than for Alum Monitoring, discussed above)..

- Ordinances: Nothing new to report.
- North Landing: Warren Wood again 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 on” to their trailers. He said that Karsten Petersen, an engineer with Polk County, provided a preliminary report/design of a new ramp and he submitted this to the Town of Alden (Alden owns the land and ramp) for review. Ted Johnson (who is also a member of the Alden Town Board) said that Alden looked at the proposal and discussed doing this work at their most recent meeting. Ted said they will continue to evaluate doing the work and how to pay for it. The Lake District and Star Prairie Fish and Game are looking at ways to help cover the cost if that becomes necessary. An option discussed, which is used by other nearby lakes, is charging a use fee at the landing.

The preliminary report/design for the new ramp by Polk Co. also includes an option for a new ADA compliant dock.

- 2025 Budget: Jim Reckinger provided the final draft of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for review. Jim explained how he arrived at line item numbers. The budget is similar in scope to the prior budget with some revisions. Board members discussed the budget and Jim answered any questions.

Motion (Early/Wood) to approve the 2025 Budget for presentation and approval at the Annual Meeting. Motion carried.

- Newsletter: Cheryl Clemens provided a list of possible topics to consider for this mid-year newsletter. The board discussed the list and generally agreed that the topics are timely. Board members agreed to provide Cheryl with some narrative regarding some of the topics. The target is to have the “paper” newsletter mailed to lake residents in mid July before the Annual Meeting. The newsletter will also be sent by email to those lake residents that have provided their email addresses.

- Board Member Reports: Nothing new.

- Committee Reports: Nothing new

- Other Business: Board members discussed the Lake District Annual Meeting. The meeting this year will be held at 9:00 AM, August 3, 2024 at the Star Prairie Town Hall, 2118 Cook Drive, Somerset, WI. As far as presentations, Warren Wood suggested that the Polk County engineer be present to discuss the North Landing ramp work. Other topics being considered include the lake water level, Curly Leaf Pond Weed and the next alum treatment.

- Agenda for Next Meeting: Business items for the next meeting will include: Alum Treatment and Monitoring, AIS, Shoreland Zoning, Committee Reports, Communication Committee, North Landing, Annual Meeting, Newsletter, Board Member Reports, and Other Business.

- Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 23, 2024 at the McMurtrie Preserve Pavilion at 5:30 PM (or by Zoom or Alden Town Hall if weather or circumstances require).

- Adjourn: **Motion (Johnson/Early) to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:11 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary