

# CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – May 28, 2024

The meeting was held at McMurtrie Preserve Pavilion and was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on May 28, 2024 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll call:

Present –Warren Wood, Tom Deans, Ted Johnson, Jim Reckinger and Dan Early (via phone).

Absent –Jackie Elkin and John Bonneprise.

Also present – Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the April 23, 2024 board meeting were reviewed.

**Motion (Wood/Reckinger) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.**

· Treasurer’s Report: Jim Reckinger presented the treasurer's reports for May 2024

The report showed a summary as follows:

<b>Gross Available:</b>	\$405,716.40
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
<b>Net Available Balance:</b>	\$101,122.96

Jim discussed the report and answered any questions from board members about payments and expenditures. Jim also mentioned that he has provided the preliminary 2025 budget for initial review. This is discussed further, below

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

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment – Dan Early and Cheryl Clemens mentioned that in applying for an Alum Monitoring Grant for 2025 we should apply for an “implementation” type grant vs. “planning” type grant. Board members agreed.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Jackie Elkin, prior to the meeting, said that the CBCW staffing has been going well.

-EWM. Jim Reckinger mentioned that the start-up for volunteer search efforts has just begun. So far there has been no EWM noticed, although it is still early in the season.

-Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP). Jim mentioned that this invasive aquatic plant is growing extensively in the SW bay and at some other areas of the lake. CLP has been in Cedar Lake for many years, being first identified in 1977. Deans noted CLP in the small bay just north of the SW bay. Dan Early said that he noted the plant growing along the east side of the lake just north of the sandbar. Control measures were discussed including targeted herbicide and mechanical harvest. It was agreed to monitor the growth this summer by volunteer search. Jim also added that he would contact Steve Schieffer, an AIS consultant for the District, to provide an estimate for mapping the plant this summer.

-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 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](http://cedarlakewi.org)) as well as the DNR website ([dnr.wisconsin.gov](http://dnr.wisconsin.gov)).

- Shoreland Zoning: Warren Wood said that he talked with Logan Hacker, the new Zoning Administrator in Polk County.
- Lake Management Plan Update: Nothing new to report.

Five committees were previously 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](http://cedarlakewi.org)).

- Grants: Nothing new to report.
- 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 Polk Co. just provided him with an initial preliminary report/design of a new ramp and he will submit this to the Town of Alden for review. Alden owns the land and ramp. Ted Johnson said that Alden is looking into doing this work but they will have to look at the final cost and how to pay for it. The Lake District and Star Prairie Fish and Game are exploring ways to help cover the cost if it becomes necessary.

Warren mentioned that there is also discussion about replacing the dock at the landing with an ADA compliant dock. The preliminary report/design for the new ramp by Polk Co. includes an option for a new ADA dock.

- 2025 Budget: Jim Reckinger provided the initial draft of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget for review. Jim explained how he arrived at line item numbers and asked board members if there were any revisions based on planned work/expenditures. The budget is similar in scope to the prior budget with some revisions. After discussion Jim said he will finalize the numbers and submit the Budget for final board review and approval at the June meeting.

- Board Member Reports: Dan Early said the Communications & Outreach Committee had their first meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Danielle Olson, Dan Davison, Dan Early and Tom Deans met. Topics covered included improvements to the CPR&RD website, finding the best way (email or other) to communicate with lake residents and exploring options for an email server. The next meeting for this committee is scheduled for June 7 at the Star Prairie coffee shop. Lake Resident LeeAnn Schray recently expressed interest in participating on this committee. Dan said he will contact LeeAnn.

- Other Business: Board members have discussed a newsletter for this year. It was agreed that a mid-year newsletter would be preferred. Cheryl Clemens agreed to help with the process.

- Agenda for Next Meeting: Business items for the next meeting will include: Alum Treatment and Monitoring, AIS, Shoreland Zoning, Lake Management Plan, Communication Committee, Ordinances, North Landing, 2025 Budget, Newsletter, Board Member Reports, and Other Business.

- Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 18, 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/Reckinger) to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary