

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – July 23, 2024

The meeting was held at McMurtrie Preserve and was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on July 23, 2024 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll call:

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

Absent –John Bonneprise and Dan Early.

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

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the June 18, 2024 board meeting were reviewed.

Motion (Elkin/Wood) to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

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

The report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$394,384.40
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$62,584.44
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:	 \$84,790.96

Jim discussed the report and mentioned that he has transferred \$5,000, an anonymous donation to the District, to the Non-Lapsable Fund. He answered any questions from board members about payments and expenditures. Jim also mentioned that the budget audit for the Annual Meeting will take place on July 24, 2024.

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

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment – Cheryl Clemens said that Bill James, the District’s alum consultant, has sent a letter regarding recent lake testing indicating that water quality and phosphorus levels look good for this time of the year. James also mentioned that the lake is still thermally stratified meaning that the lake has not “turned over” as yet. Cheryl mentioned that James has also sent a proposal for Lake Monitoring for years 2025, 2026 and 2027. The scope will include additional testing compared with prior years. The costs are generally in line with costs for testing in past years.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Jackie Elkin said that the CBCW staffing has been going reasonably well. She added that she has decided not to staff the south landing because the number of boaters launching there has been very low.

–EWM. Jim Reckinger said that Steve Schieffer visited the lake recently and provided a summary letter about this year's plant growth. Steve mentioned that plant growth in the lake has significantly increased compared with past years but is comparable to other lakes in our region. So far there has been no significant EWM growth noticed. One location on the reef near the southwest bay was found. Schieffer will provide recommendations regarding this area but it is now probably too late in the season to effectively treat for this plant.

–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 mostly died back. He mentioned that Clasping Leaf Pondweed, a native plant, is still present in many areas of the lake.

–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

· Annual Meeting: The board discussed this year's Annual Meeting. Documents needed for attendees include Agenda, 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes, 2025 Budget and Voting Ballots. Deans said he will send these to Cheryl Clemens so she can print paper copies for handing out.

· Committee Reports: Deans mentioned that the Communications Committee has met twice and is proceeding with improvements/updates to the District website. Danielle Olson is integral in this effort. Dan Davison and LeeAnn Schray are in the process of collating the email list of residents of the district and this effort is ongoing.

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: There are two grant applications being processed; Lake Monitoring and Clean Boats Clean Waters. Cheryl Clemens prepared the applications.

Motion (Wood/Reckinger) to apply for a grant for Lake/Alum Monitoring for years 2025, 2026 & 2027. Motion carried.

Motion (Elkin/Deans) to apply for a grant for CBCW for year 2025. Motion carried.

Both applications were signed at the meeting. They will be submitted to the DNR before deadlines.

· North Landing: Warren Wood discussed north landing improvements including replacement of the concrete boat ramp. A preliminary report/design of a new ramp was submitted 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 continues to discuss this work and how to pay for it. Warren said that Alden is still evaluating resolution of the lighting/cameras conflict. Deans mentioned that signs have been posted at the north landing but not at the south landing yet. He added that a business posted an advertising sign on the camera pole. Ted said Alden is aware of the sign and has no opinion either way whether these signs are allowed.

· Newsletter: Cheryl Clemens said the newsletter was mailed last week. Board members agreed that Cheryl did an excellent job in producing this newsletter.

· Board Member Reports: Jackie Elkin said a resident at the NW corner of the lake asked if there is a noise ordinance for our area (from a noisy dog barking). Wood said that he is not aware of any.

· Other Business: Nothing new

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

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, August 27, 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/Elkin) to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary