

# CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2024

The meeting was held at McMurtrie Preserve and was called to order at 5:27 P.M. on August 27, 2024 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll call:

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

Absent –John Bonneprise

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

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the July 23, 2024 board meeting were available for review.

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

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

The report showed a summary as follows:

<b>Gross Available:</b>	\$388,518.11
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
<b>Net Available Balance:</b>	\$78,924.67

Jim discussed the report including some of the recent expenditures. He answered any questions from board members about payments and expenditures.

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

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment – Dan Early said that he and Cheryl Clemens had a recent conversation with Bill James, the District’s alum consultant. Bill has coordinated testing of the lake and bottom sediment this year. Dan mentioned that Bill will likely recommend that the next alum treatment be performed in 2025. Bill also mentioned that we may need to consider adding iron as a supplement to alum. The board discussed many aspects of treating the lake next year including cost and funds available, timing, dosage, availability of Solitude to do the work, etc. It was generally agreed that we would rely on Bill’s final recommendations, which should be provided to us later this year.

- AIS

- Clean Boats Clean Waters. Jackie Elkin said that a CBCW staffer recently encountered a boater that entered (and exited) the lake with visible plant material on their trailer. The boater was informed of the issue and did nothing to remedy the situation. Jackie asked about what we can/should do in cases like this. Board members agreed that the CBCW staff should not confront boaters, only inform them of issues noticed. Cheryl Clemens mentioned that there is a DNR warden (715-416-8945) working in southern Polk Co. The board agreed that this warden should be informed about this specific incident. Jackie said she will call the DNR warden.

- EWM. Jim Reckinger said that relatively little EWM has been found in the lake this year. He reported we have not used grant funds for EWM treatment in the past two years. Because of this we have requested, and successfully received, an extension of the current grant for such treatment to the end of 2026.

- Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP). Board members discussed the prevalence of this invasive plant this year. In fact growth of most aquatic plants has been above average. It was generally agreed to see what happens next year as this past year was unusual.

- Zebra Mussels. **It was announced this week that Zebra Mussels have just been found in Big Carnelian Lake, just across the border in Minnesota.**

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

- Shoreland Zoning: Nothing new to report

- Annual Meeting: The board discussed this year's Annual Meeting. Jim Reckinger added that next year is the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting but is not the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lake District. It was founded in 1976 meaning that in 2026 would be the 50th anniversary of the District.

- Grants: Cheryl discussed the grant application for Lake Monitoring for years 2025, 2026 and 2027. She mentioned that the DNR has changed the application process and we may not be able to get the full funding for testing for years 2025, 2026 and 2027 that we had hoped. Also requests for these funds are becoming more competitive. It was agreed that we will have to cover these costs but we may have to spend some regular district funds to cover this necessary work. We will continue to look into this issue further.

- North Landing: Warren Wood discussed the north landing cameras and lighting conflict. There appears to be some miscommunication about this issue as there is no light on the pole supporting the cameras. This will be looked at further. Ted Johnson (who is also a member of the Alden Town Board) said that Alden continues to discuss replacing the concrete ramp.

· Insurance: Warren discussed the insurance that we currently have. Based on a recent review by the insurance agent handling our insurance we appear to be adequately covered.

· Board Member Reports:

Tom Deans asked if the board should consider establishing a formal policy about not sharing the email addresses of district residents that we currently have. We have not shared these email addresses in the past and do not intend to in the future. After some discussion no further action was taken.

Dan Early suggested that we consider sending letters to any wake boat users that we know reminding them of our recommendations of staying in the middle of the lake while creating large waves. Another option, since we don't have contact info for visitors to the lake, would be to send an email to all residents (mindful of the fact that only a few have wake boats) reminding them of these recommendations that were included in this year's newsletter and posted at the north landing.

Jim mentioned that we should verify the number of board members needed for a quorum. He also mentioned that we should probably not continue a policy of qualification of candidates based on their county of residence. The board generally agreed with both of Jim's suggestions and Jim will look into the next steps.

· Committee Reports: Nothing new to report.

· Other Business: Nothing new

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

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at the McMurtrie Preserve Pavilion at 5:30 PM (or by Zoom or at Alden Town Hall if weather or circumstances require).

· Adjourn: **Motion (Johnson/Reckinger) to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary