

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – September 24, 2024

The meeting was held at McMurtrie Preserve and was called to order at 5:27 P.M. on September 24, 2024 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll call:

Present –Warren Wood, Jackie Elkin, Jim Reckinger, Tom Deans and Dan Early (via phone)

Absent –John Bonneprise and Ted Johnson

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

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the August 27, 2024 board meeting were available for review.

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

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

The report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$400,796.81
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$62,593.44
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:	\$91,203.37

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

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

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment – Dan Early said that he asked Eric Wojchik, County Conservationist from Polk County, to provide a letter of support for the District’s efforts in getting DNR grants for Lake Monitoring. Eric has agreed to do so.

Dan also mentioned that he and Cheryl Clemens have set up a conference call this week with Bill James, the District’s alum consultant and a representative from Solitude Lake Management (an alum application contractor) to discuss the next Alum Treatment and a possible iron treatment.

Bill James sent a brief report about the most recent water testing on 9/22/24. Bill has coordinated testing of the lake and bottom sediment this year. Dan again 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 supplemental treatment. The board discussed cost and funds available for treatment and

availability of Solitude (or other contractors) to do the work. Again, 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 discussed the recent encounter with a boater that entered (and exited) the lake transporting visible plant material on their trailer. There are state and county laws prohibiting this. Jackie said she contacted the DNR warden for our area. He said it was a clear violation but pursuing this matter will be difficult after the fact. Board members agreed that the CBCW staff should not confront boaters, only inform them of issues noticed. Jackie said that the staff has flyers that explain Clean Boats Clean Waters and she will ask staffers to hand this flyer out to anyone suspected of a similar violation. Jackie said that the CBCW staffing will end at the end of September.

- EWM. Jim Reckinger mentioned that Steve Schieffer with Ecological Integrity Service, our aquatic plant consultant, has provided a summary of EWM in the lake this year. Relatively little Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) has been found in the lake this year compared with years past. One small bed of EWM was found near the SW point to the bay. Treatment of this bed may be advisable next year, pending further evaluation next year.

- Curly-leaf Pondweed (CLP). Nothing new.

- Zebra Mussels. Zebra Mussels have not been found in Cedar Lake yet, but they are being found all around us. **To all lake residents, please check you docks and lifts as you remove them from the lake for the presence of these small clam-like mussels attached to your equipment.**

Dan Early suggested that we send an email to lake residents asking them to check their docks and lifts after removal from the lake for Zebra Mussels.

To date Zebra Mussels have been found in Deer, Wapogasset and Balsam Lakes in Polk County and just recently in Big Carnelian Lake just over the border in Minnesota. They have been found in Bass Lake in St. Croix County and the St. Croix River at many locations. 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 (<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Invasives/fact/Zebra>).

- Shoreland Zoning: No new issues to report.

- Grants: Cheryl discussed the DNR grant application for Lake Monitoring for year 2025. Lake monitoring is critical for evaluating our lake before any treatment and afterwards to determine the results of treatments. 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. The Board discussed strategies to possibly help submitting a successful application for these limited but crucial funds. Donations to the District to help fund this monitoring would be extremely helpful both in having more funds available, but also donations increase our "score" for the grant application rating. 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 and, in fact, no lighting at the landing at all. This will be looked at further but the Town of Alden owns and manages the landing.

· Board Member Reports:

Jim Reckinger mentioned that he reviewed our election process. Our Commissioner Candidate and Election Process can be found on our website (cedarlakewi.org). He also referenced Chapter 33 of the Wisc. State Statutes, which governs our district and a publication of “People of the Lakes”, a guide for Wisconsin lake organizations. Based on this review the board generally agreed that our election process is in general compliance with state rules. The Board will look at whether minor changes would be beneficial at upcoming meetings.

Jim also added that, based on Chapter 33, a meeting quorum is achieved with 3 board members present.

· Committee Reports: Cheryl Clemens mentioned that a Shoreline Native Plantings project has been completed at a lake property at the NW corner of the lake. She added that the Board has applied for 2 additional grants for Shoreline Planting projects for two other lake residents. Anyone interested in this program, where grant funds can cover much of the cost, should contact Doreen L’Allier, Shoreline Volunteer at 612-426-8982 (doreenlallier@gmail.com).

· 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: Due to a conflict with elections at Alden Town Hall on 10/22/24, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at the Alden Town Hall, 183 155th Street, Star Prairie at 5:30 PM (or by Zoom if circumstances require).

· Adjourn: **Motion (Reckinger/Elkin) to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary