

# CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2024

The meeting was held at Alden Town Hall and was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on November 12, 2024 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll call:

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

Absent –John Bonneprise and Jackie Elkin

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

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the September 24, 2024 board meeting were available for review.

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

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

<b>Gross Available:</b>	\$395,274.53
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)	\$8,611.69
Committed to grants:	\$2,000.00
<b>Net Available Balance:</b>	\$77,069.40

Jim discussed the report including that it cover two months. He mentioned some of the recent expenditures and incomes from tax assessments. He answered any questions from board members about payments and expenditures.

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

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment –Dan Early mentioned that he and Cheryl Clemens had 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 strategies for the next Alum Treatment. He said that earlier this year Bill James had recommended the “final 20%” treatment for 2025 based on recent water testing, but he is now considering other options. Bill has coordinated on-going testing of the lake water and bottom sediment before and since the alum treatment was started. Some options Bill presented include waiting until 2026 or 2027 and then using a higher dose of alum. He also is considering recommending 2 or more larger doses of alum over the course of the next few years. The board discussed cost and funds available for treatment and availability of Solitude (or other contractors) to do the work. If higher

doses are recommended/chosen the amount of alum and cost may exceed that within the original total dose of the current 10 year assessment plan. This could require asking lake residents for approval for additional assessments beyond the current plan, which ends in 2026. It was generally agreed that we rely on Bill's final recommendations and then consider best options going forward.

- AIS

- Clean Boats Clean Waters. Nothing new to report.

- EWM. Nothing new to report.

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

- Zebra Mussels. Nothing new to report. Zebra Mussels have not been found in Cedar Lake yet, but they are being found all around us and moving closer. **To all lake residents, please check your docks, canopy frames and lifts as you remove them from the lake for the presence of these small clam-like mussels attached to your equipment. They usually have stripes (thus “Zebra”) and are about the size of a dime.**

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](http://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 mentioned that DNR grant applications have been submitted for lake water testing, bottom sediment testing and CBCW costs.

- North Landing: Warren Wood discussed the north landing. The Town of Alden owns and manages the landing. Regarding the concerns that lighting interferes with the monitoring cameras, 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. Ted Johnson said he will bring this up at the next town board meeting.

Warren also discussed the status of the planning to replace the concrete ramp into the lake. The current ramp is too short and is breaking apart. He said an engineer is currently available to certify the plan as it becomes finalized. The board discussed options to cover the cost for this work. Alden would, of course, be the lead for the work as it owns the landing. Ted mentioned that the Lake District and other entities may be asked to help cover some of the cost. Grant funds from the DNR may also be available. Until a final scope of work and cost is determined the timing and any cost sharing are yet to be determined.

- Board Member Reports: Nothing new to report.

- Committee Reports: Nothing new.

· 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 conflict with holidays in December, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 15, 2025 at Alden Town Hall, 183 155<sup>th</sup> Street, Star Prairie at 5:30 PM (or by Zoom if circumstances require).

· Adjourn: **Motion (Early/Wood) to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary