

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – April 22, 2025

The meeting was held at Alden Town Hall and was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on April 22, 2025 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll Call:

Commissioners Present –Warren Wood (Chairperson), Jim Reckinger (Treasurer), Tom Deans (Secretary), Dan Early and Ted Johnson

Absent - John Bonneprise

Other Attendees – Cheryl Clemens (by phone)

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The preliminary minutes of the March 25, 2025 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 April 2025. The report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$655,656.60
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)	\$248,218.43
Committed to grants:	\$1,000.00
Net Available Balance:	\$98,844.73

Jim discussed the report. He mentioned some of the recent expenditures and incomes from tax assessments. He answered any questions from board members about payments and expenditures. Jim also mentioned that the 2026 preliminary budget will be presented to the board at the May meeting.

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

· Business Items:

· Healthy Lakes Native Plantings –Cheryl Clemens mentioned that two additional residents are going to go forward with plantings on their shoreline. Doreen L’Allier will provide a summary soon

· Alum Treatment – Cheryl Clemens mentioned that EOR will start in May to prepare a WDNR permit application to determine the feasibility of treating the lake with iron. Iron treatment has been recommended by Bill James, the District’s water quality and alum consultant. This treatment is being considered to supplement prior alum treatments in order to neutralize phosphorus and help prevent late season algae blooms. EOR is a consultant that is familiar with this type of treatment.

- AIS – Jim Reckinger said the plan to treat the small Eurasian Water Milfoil bed outside the north end of the entrance to the SE bay in early summer is being questioned by the DNR. He will follow up.
- Shoreland Zoning: Nothing new to report.
- Grants: Nothing new to report.
- North Landing: Warren Wood said he attended the meeting of the Town of Alden on April 15 to discuss plans for replacing/upgrading the NE landing. Warren said Marty Engel (a former DNR employee) agreed to prepare and submit a grant request to the DNR to cover up to 50% of the total cost for this work (currently estimated at \$63,000.29). He said the Town Board agreed to provide approximately 1/3 of the estimated cost of \$63,000.29, or approximately \$21,000. He said Star Prairie Fish & Game agreed to provide approximately 12%, not to exceed \$12,000 for this work. Warren said that the Polk Co. engineer is currently obtaining more up-to-date bid amounts for this work. The grant request must be submitted by June 1, 2025.

Motion (Wood/Early) for approval for CLP&RD to provide approximately 5%, not to exceed \$5,000, toward this work. Motion Carried.

- Commissioner Positions: Warren Wood said that he received a resignation letter from Jackie Elkin on April 7, 2025. He mentioned that the board was grateful for the work Jackie put in during her tenure. **Motion (Wood/Reckinger) to accept Jackie’s resignation. Motion Carried.**
- Board Member Reports: Warren Wood mentioned that a resident on Lake Mead in central Wisconsin has asked us for information on aeration systems, similar to one installed in Cedar Lake 20+ years ago. Warren said he will pass this inquiry on to Buzz Sorge, a former DNR employee that was originally involved with the Cedar Lake system. He indicated that there is no equipment left from that system and it was disconnected many years ago.

Jim Reckinger mentioned that Extension Lakes of the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point system offers free on-line courses to lake districts such as ours. He mentioned that he would look to participate in the “Developing Organizational Capacity for Lake Groups” course. Tom Deans indicated that he would look to participate in the “Communicating Effectively Using Email” course.

Tom Deans mentioned that the board members should look into the Commissioner Candidate Process to see if there are any changes anyone would like to consider.

- Committee Reports: Nothing new.
- Other Business: **Motion (Wood/Johnson) to go into closed session to discuss Commissioner Positions under Wisconsin Statutes 19.85. Motion Carried.**

Motion (Johnson/Reckinger) to go out of closed session. Motion Carried

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

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at McMurtrie Preserve Pavilion, Star Prairie at 5:30 PM (or by Zoom if circumstances require).

· Adjourn: **Motion (Johnson/Deans) to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary