

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – May 27, 2025

The meeting was held at McMurtrie Preserve and was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on May 27, 2025 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll Call:

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

Absent - John Bonneprise and Ted Johnson

Other Attendees – Cheryl Clemens

Warren Wood welcomed Danielle Olson who has agreed to fill the vacant commissioner position.

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The preliminary minutes of the April 22, 2025 board meeting were available for review.

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

· Treasurer's Report: Jim Reckinger presented the treasurer's reports for May 2025. The report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$682,302.14
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$62,593.44
Committed to alum treatment (CD)	\$254,969.94
Additional to CD	\$2,415.04
Committed to alum treatment (non CD)	\$248,218.43
Committed to grants:	\$16,000.00

Net Available Balance: \$98,105.29

Jim discussed the report. He mentioned some of the recent expenditures and incomes. He answered any questions from board members about payments and expenditures. Jim also mentioned that the 2026 preliminary budget will be discussed below in Business Items.

Motion (Early/Olson) to approve the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

· Business Items:

· Healthy Lakes Native Plantings –Cheryl Clemens mentioned that Doreen L'Allier will not be able to coordinate this work this summer. She added that in the current grant period there have been 4 planting projects completed and 7 that are pending.

- Alum Treatment – Cheryl Clemens mentioned that a DNR permit application to determine the feasibility of treating the lake with iron is being developed. EOR, a consultant that is familiar with this type of treatment, is working with the district.

- AIS

EWM - Jim Reckinger said that there are no plans to treat EWM beds this year.

CBCW - Dan Early said that Leah Cody has agreed to be the CBCW coordinator for the lake this year. Dan and Leah are currently looking at staffing and planned hours for the workers at the North Landing. Dan also asked that the Board recognize Alex Modesette, a CBCW inspector in past years and is planning to work with CBCW again this year. It was recently announced that Alex is the valedictorian of his class at New Richmond High School.

- Shoreland Zoning: Nothing new to report.

- Grants: Nothing new to report.

- North Landing: The Town of Alden has agreed to replace the concrete boat launch ramp at the North Landing as well as other improvements including a new handicap accessible dock and parking space, assuming that a 50% matching grant from the DNR is funded. Warren Wood and Marty Engel (a former DNR employee) have submitted a grant request (on behalf of the Town of Alden) to the DNR to cover up to 50% of the total cost for this work (currently estimated at \$63,000.29) or approximately \$31,500.

If the grant is fully funded at 50% of the estimated cost, the remaining 50%, or approximately \$31,500, is to be covered as follows:

- Alden has agreed to provide approximately 33% of the total cost (or 2/3 of 50%) (up to \$21,000).

- Star Prairie Fish & Game has agreed to provide approximately 12% of the total cost (up to \$12,000).

- CLP&RD board voted to contribute approximately 5% of the total cost (up to a \$5,000). The actual amount of contributions needed will depend on the final cost of the project and grant amount.

Marty said the DNR should provide an indication if the grant will be awarded in August. If approved the work could start as early as October of this year.

Lake residents should be aware that if/when the landing work takes place; the landing may be closed for periods during construction.

- Commissioner Positions: Nothing new to report.

- 2025-2026 Budget: Jim Reckinger provided the first draft of the budget for 2025-2026. He discussed how he arrived at the projected budgets by line item, using past and anticipated expenditures. The Board discussed some items and Jim answered questions posed. Jim will take input from the discussion and develop a final budget for review at the next meeting.

- Annual Meeting: The Board discussed the next Annual Meeting which will be on Saturday, August 2, 2025.

- Board Member Reports:

Warren Wood asked Tom Deans about the dam operations this year. Tom mentioned that the lake level started low due to little snow and runoff. The level rose during recent rain in May. Warren asked about the work that will need to be done at the dam. Tom mentioned that the repair work listed in the DNR report has not been done due to a lack of funding. Warren asked if we have passed the deadlines to complete the work in the DNR report. Deans said we have passed all the deadlines but we submitted a letter to the DNR asking for extensions for the work. Warren asked about the survey benchmark at the top of the dam. Deans said there is a benchmark but the DNR has required that the benchmark be resurveyed. Deans said that this survey is part of the scope of the work for the overall dam repair, which has been put off. The benchmark elevation does not affect the operation of the dam. The dam and lake level are controlled using a stream gauge.

Warren Wood mentioned that the District recently received two donations. Both donations were made to the family of Nancy Coles. Don and Nancy Coles enjoyed many years at Cedar Lake. Donations were given by Mary Coles Bruss and the Chris and Michelle Stark family. We thank them for their generous contributions to enhance Cedar Lake for the benefit of all.

- Committee Reports: Nothing new.
- Other Business: The Board discussed a newsletter for this summer. It was agreed that Cheryl Clemens will prepare the “paper” newsletter. Suggested topics for the newsletter were discussed and included Annual Meeting, Wake/Surf Boats, Water Quality (Alum/Other Treatment), Aquatic Vegetation, Zebra Mussels, New Commissioners, North Landing Improvements and Request for Residents Email Addresses.
- 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, 2025-2026 Budget, Annual Meeting, Board Member Reports, Committee Reports and Other Business.
- Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at McMurtrie Preserve Pavilion, Star Prairie at 5:30 PM (or at another location or by Zoom if circumstances require).
- Adjourn: **Motion (Deans/Reckinger) to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary