

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – April 28, 2026

The meeting was held at Alden Town Hall and was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on April 28, 2026 by Warren Wood (Chair).

· Roll Call:

Commissioners Present –Warren Wood (Chair), Jim Reckinger (Treasurer), Tom Deans (Secretary), Dan Early, Danielle Olson and Ted Johnson.

Absent –John Bonneprise.

Other Attendees – Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental (by phone)

· Approval of Agenda: The Agenda was available for review.

Motion (Early/Johnson) to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The preliminary minutes of the March 24, 2026 board meeting were available for review.

Motion (Reckinger/Olson) to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

· Treasurer's Report: Jim Reckinger presented the treasurer's reports for April 2026. The report showed a summary as follows:

Gross Available:	\$1,054,302.96
Non-Lapsable Fund Balance	\$70,983.44
Alum Treatment (CD)	\$262,764.96
Additional to CD	\$2,415.04
Alum Treatment (non CD)	\$624,140.19
Committed to grants:	\$17,000.00
Net Available Balance:	\$76,999.33

Jim discussed the report including recent invoices, expenditures and deposits. He mentioned that he is in the process of transferring all Lake District accounts to FNC Bank and this is nearly done. He explained that because this transfer is currently in-process, the bank account totals will be updated as this is completed. He answered any questions from board members.

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

· Business Items:

· Alden Special Assessment Return – Jim Reckinger discussed payment of Alden Special Assessment returns and said this is complete except for those residents that have not yet paid their taxes, in-full, due for this year. Those residents will receive a return only after they have paid their taxes.

- Alum Treatment –Cheryl Clemens shared results of bidding for the next treatments and said that one bidder (Solitude Lake Management) responded to the Invitation for Bid (IFB) that was published for bidding. The Lake District is planning to complete up to 3 consecutive annual treatments of smaller doses in the critical deeper areas of the lake starting in 2026. Funds collected and remaining from the 10-year assessment that just ended with the 2025 tax year will be used to pay for the costs of these treatments. Available grant funds will also be used. The first of these treatments is planned for this coming summer in August. The second and third treatments are planned 2027 and 2028. The first two treatments are considered part of the original scope of the overall treatment plan started in 2017. This treatment (as all prior treatments) is based on guidance provided by Bill James, the District’s alum consultant. The bid scope and cost are for all three years. The board also discussed applying for additional grant funds to help cover the costs. This is being evaluated.

After discussing the bid the board agreed that we currently have the funds to cover the first two treatments and some of the third treatment. As such a motion was made as follows:

Motion (Early/Olson) to approve the Bid from Solitude Lake Management for the next three Alum Treatments for years 2026, 2027 and 2028, with the 2028 year treatment contingent on Lake District approval. Motion carried.

- AIS

CBCW – Dan Early said that Declan Grubbs, the new Clean Boats Clean Waters coordinator for this summer, has started. Dan suggested that the board consider increasing the pay for inspectors. The board is considering the pay increase. Anyone interested in paid/part time work as an onsite monitor of boats arriving and leaving the lake can contact Dan Early at early.danielj@gmail.com, or just let any board member know. Board member contacts can be found on our website; cedarlakewi.com.

EWM – Nothing new.

- Shoreland Zoning: Warren Wood reported that there is nothing new as far as zoning issues are concerned, based on conversations with representatives from both Polk and St. Croix Counties. Polk County is in the process of looking at revisions to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. A public meeting was recently held. Warren Wood and Danielle Olson both said that they will contact Polk County and try to get more information about this issue.

- Grants: Nothing new.

- North Landing: Warren Wood said that the source of funds (Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Fund) for the grant to help pay for the North Landing improvements is no longer available. He said that other options for funding are being considered and he would provide more information as it becomes available.

- Wake/Surf Boats: Cheryl Clemens said that Polk County has prepared a map of the areas that wake/surf boats should operate. This map was based on limiting the area to depths of 25 feet and deeper and a minimum of 600 feet from any shore. The board agreed these limitations are particularly important for Cedar Lake as alum treatments rely on undisturbed alum in the upper sediments. Tom Deans said he would look into making a sign for the north landing, similar to one that is already there, but larger, with a new map and larger lettering.

- Preliminary Budget for 2027: Jim Reckinger asked board members for input on budgets for anticipated expenditures in 2027. Board members discussed various expected costs and agreed to provide Jim with estimates. Many of the budgets will follow 2026 with some variations.
- Annual Meeting: The board held a discussion of this year's annual meeting. Topics discussed included alum treatment, fisheries, north landing, wake boats and AIS. It was agreed to discuss topics further at subsequent meetings.
- Board Member/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, Wake/Surf Boats, Preliminary Budget, Newsletter Topics, Annual Meeting, Board/Committee and Other Business.
- Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 at McMurtrie Preserve Pavilion, 2328 Co. Rd. M, Star Prairie, at 5:30 PM (or at another location or by Zoom if circumstances require).
- Adjourn: **Motion (Johnson/Reckinger) to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary