

# CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2026

The meeting was held at McMurtrie Preserve Pavilion and was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on May 26, 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), Lake District resident Dan Janse (by phone for early part of meeting)

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

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

· Public Comments: Dan Janse, Lake District resident, attended the meeting by phone to discuss the parking situation at the north landing. Dan mentioned that during the Labor Day weekend cars were parked on both sides of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. for many “blocks”. He said that the Polk County sheriff visited the area and said that he could ticket or tow any vehicles blocking driveways. Dan said that no driveway was blocked. Board members mentioned that parking along 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. has typically been a problem, especially on weekends and holidays. Parking on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. is the jurisdiction of Alden Township and Polk County. The District doesn’t have any authority to control/regulate parking as the landing and road are owned and controlled by Alden and the parking lot is owned by the DNR. It was suggested that residents could install “No Parking” signs but should place them at the appropriate distance from the road surface.

· Minutes: The preliminary minutes of the April 28, 2026 board meeting were available for review.

**Motion (Reckinger/Wood) 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:

<b>Gross Available:</b>	\$923,596.29
Non-Lapsable Fund Balance	\$70,983.44
Alum Treatment (CD)	\$267,862.26
Alum Treatment (non CD)	\$484,161.74
Committed to grants:	\$16,000.00
<b>Net Available Balance:</b>	\$84,588.85

Jim discussed the report including recent invoices, expenditures and deposits. He mentioned that he has completed the process of transferring all Lake District accounts to FNC Bank. He answered any questions from board members.

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

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment –During the April board meeting the board passed a motion to approve the Bid from Solitude Lake Management (the only bidder) for the next Alum Treatment. Cheryl Clemens, Dan Early and Warren Wood mentioned that, after further review, the bid/proposal from Solitude needs some minor revisions. The board decided, therefore, to revise the motion to approve, 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, incorporating revisions (as listed below). This motion to approve the Bid supersedes the motion in April.**

1) Revise all places in the Solitude Proposal that state “...depths of 25 feet and greater (37-ac)...” to read “...depths of 25 feet and greater (**370-ac**)...”. This means that the area of alum application will be 370 acres, or the area of the lake where depths of 25’ and greater occur.

2) The INSTRUCTIONS/CONDITIONS section, 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet, will be revised to read “The Lake District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, and to order 20% +/- of the quantity specified **for each annual treatment**. This means that the District, at its discretion, can increase or decrease the quantity of alum to be applied by as much as 20% for each of the 3 treatments, individually.

3) The INSTRUCTIONS/CONDITIONS section will be revised to add a new bullet that states: “**The owner agrees the first treatment (of three) will take place in August of 2026. The owner, at its discretion, can cancel treatment numbers two and three at any time.**” This means that the District agrees that the 1<sup>st</sup> treatment in 2026 will go forward but reserves the right, for any reason, to cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> treatments, at any time.

**Motion carried.**

Briefly, 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 plan (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 but the District has the option to cancel the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> treatments. The board has also discussed applying for additional grant funds to help cover the costs. This is being evaluated.

· AIS

CBCW – Dan Early said that Declan Grubbs, the new Clean Boats Clean Waters coordinator for this summer, has started. Dan mentioned that the board agreed to increase the pay for inspectors. The pay increase will be \$2.00/hr. 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](mailto: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. Lake District residents should be aware that Polk County is in the process of considering revisions to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. The proposed revisions can be viewed at the Polk County website; [www.polkcountywi.gov](http://www.polkcountywi.gov).
- Grants: Nothing new.
- North Landing: Warren Wood said that a source of funds for the grant to help pay for the North Landing improvements could possibly be available. He said that Alden has agreed to re-apply for the grant funds to help cover the cost. The application will be submitted by June 1, 2026. Notice of whether the grant application is successful should be available by the end of June, 2026. More information will be provided as it becomes available.
- Wake/Surf Boats: Board members discussed making a sign for the north landing, similar to one that is already there, but larger, with a new map and larger lettering. Danielle Olson and Tom Deans are finalizing the design.
- Preliminary Budget for 2027: Jim Reckinger provided a draft of the new budget for 2027 and asked board members to confirm line item budgets for anticipated expenditures. Board members discussed various expected costs and agreed to provide Jim with any revisions. Many of the budgets will follow 2026 with some variations. Jim said that the finalized budget for next year will be presented for approval at the next board meeting.
- Newsletter Topics: Cheryl Clemens said that this year's newsletter needs to be finalized by mid-June. The board discussed topics and arrived at the following: Fisheries, Boat Landing Renewal, Dam Operation, Wake/Surf Boat Operation (and new map), Alum Treatment, Native Plantings and Filamentous Algae.
- 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, Annual Meeting, Board/Committee Reports and Other Business.
- Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 23, 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/Early) to adjourn. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary

PRELIMINARY