CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2026

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

· Roll Call:
Commissioners Present –Warren Wood (Chair), Jim Reckinger (Treasurer), Tom Deans (Secretary), Dan Early and Ted Johnson.
Absent –John Bonneprise, Danielle Olson.
Other Attendees – Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental. Also attending the meeting were Shane Demulling, Wendy Demulling and Michelle Reinhardt, all lake residents.

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

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

· Public Comments: Shane and Wendy Demulling talked about the heavy plant growth in the SW bay and asked about the possibility of renting (or hiring) an aquatic plant harvester to remove plants near their property in the bay. Warren Wood explained that the CLP&RD Board cannot provide approval or issue permits for this work. This is exclusively controlled by the DNR and approval/permits are secured by applying to the DNR. Cheryl Clemens added that we have not included mechanical harvesting in the current Lake Management Plan (LMP) and because of that it is unlikely that the DNR would approve this undertaking. Board members mentioned that this will be a topic of discussion at the annual meeting. Updating the LMP will also be discussed.

· Minutes: The preliminary minutes of the June 23, 2026 board meeting were available for review.

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

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

Gross Available:	$933,118.67
Non-Lapsable Fund Balance	$70,983.44
Alum Treatment (CD)	$267,862.26
Alum Treatment (non CD)	$484,161.74
Committed to grants:	$19,750.00
Net Available Balance:	$90,361.23

Jim discussed the report including recent invoices, expenditures and deposits. He discussed how some "Special Assessment Returns" are listed and the reasoning for that. He answered any questions from board members.

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

Jim also mentioned that the annual audit of the District's accounts has been completed and the audit committee included Michelle Reinhardt, Dan Olson and Jay Schrankler.

Jim then added that some of the "Special Assessment Return" checks that were sent out in March have not been cashed. He asked board members to contact any of those people that they knew and have them call him to resolve this.

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment –Cheryl Clemens said the treatment this year is planned to occur between Aug. 18 and Aug. 27.

Warren Wood then explained that 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 2nd and 3rd 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, is fully engaged and that the onsite staff members are doing a good job so far. 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 – Jim Reckinger said he reviewed some areas of past EWM growth and noticed that there are plants in 3 different spots. Jim added that Steve (or his assistant) will visit the lake in July and hopefully have more information in time for the Annual Meeting. Jim will provide a presentation of aquatic plant growth on the lake this year at the annual meeting.

· Shoreland Zoning: Warren Wood reported that there are two zoning related questions in Polk County. He said he notified the Zoning Administrator of these and is awaiting feedback. 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.

· Grants: Cheryl Clemens said there will be three grant applications to consider at the next meeting, one related to Alum application and two related to Alum Monitoring.

· North Landing: Warren Wood said that a source of funds for the grant to help pay for the North Landing improvements will not be available. He said that in lieu of the full scope of the work there is a plan being developed to only replace the concrete ramp. The other work (handicap dock, parking, etc.) will be planned for later. He added that the Town of Alden, Star Prairie Fish and Game and the Lake

District could fund the ramp-only work but the Lake District would need to increase its contribution from $5,000 to $7,000. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Motion (Wood/Early) to increase the CLP&RD contribution for the concrete ramp replacement from $5,000 to $7,000. Motion carried.

· Wake/Surf Boats: Danielle Olson designed a new sign for the north landing, similar to one that is already there, but larger, with a new map and larger lettering. That new sign is now in place at the landing.

Warren Wood discussed ordinances that some Wisconsin towns have enacted to restrict/ban wake boats. He said that many are being challenged in court by boating industry coalitions.

· Annual Meeting: The Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, August 1, 2026 at 9:00 AM at the Star Prairie Town Hall, 2118 Cook Drive, Somerset, WI. The board held a discussion of this year's annual meeting. Topics discussed included alum treatment, fisheries, north landing, wake boats, water quality, aquatic plant growth and AIS. A full agenda is posted on the Cedar Lake website https://cedarlakewi,org/ .

Persons who will provide narrative for the various topics were discussed. Cheryl mentioned that the slides for the annual meeting have been sent to board members for their review. Warren Wood said he will get approval of Town of Star Prairie for the use of the hall and find out if the hall has a PA system with a remote microphone.

· Board Member/Committee Reports: Board members thanked Cheryl Clemens for the excellent work in composing and sending the recent newsletter.

· 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, Annual Meeting Review, Lake Management Plan Update, Board/Committee Reports and Other Business.

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 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 7:06 PM

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary