

## CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

### Meeting Minutes – June 23, 2026

The meeting was held at Alden Town Hall and was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on June 23, 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 Meeting Agenda was available for review.

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

· Public Comments: Warren Wood mentioned that he has had a number of conversations with lake resident Shane Demulling about water quality and Shane asked Warren to mention his comments at the Board meeting. Shane has noticed an abundance of filamentous algae along his shoreline. Warren said he explained that this algae is occurring everywhere throughout the lake and typically floats to shore with the wind. Board members added that this will be a topic of discussion at the annual meeting.

· Minutes: The preliminary minutes of the May 26, 2026 board meeting were available for review.

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

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

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| <b>Gross Available:</b>   | \$937,160.47 |
| 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:** \$94,403.03

Jim discussed the report including recent invoices, expenditures and deposits. He discussed how all Lake District accounts are now in one bank, FNC Bank. He answered any questions from board members.

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

· Business Items:

- Alum Treatment –Cheryl Clemens said the signed contract for Alum Treatment for 2026 has been received from Solitude Lake Management and is ready for signature by Warren Wood. Dan Early reminded the Board that the treatment this year is planned to occur between Aug. 10 and Aug. 31.

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, is fully engaged. He mentioned that the onsite staff members are doing a good job so far. He talked briefly about the budget for this work. 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 – Jim Reckinger said he had a good conversation with Steve Scheiffer, aquatic plant consultant for our lake. Steve answered many questions from Jim about the different plants growing on our lake this year (both invasive and native), including filamentous algae, Curly Leaf Pondweed, EWM, Small Leaf Pondweed and others. Jim Mentioned that Steve (or his assistant) will visit the lake in July and should have more information in time for the Annual Meeting. Board members asked Jim if he would be willing to provide a presentation of aquatic plant growth on the lake this year and Jim agreed.

- 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: Jim Reckinger said there have been some small adjustments to approved grants.

- North Landing: Warren Wood said that a source of funds for the grant to help pay for the North Landing improvements could still possibly be available. He said that Alden has re-applied for the grant funds to help cover the cost. The application was submitted by June 1, 2026. Notice of whether the grant application is successful likely won't be available August, 2026. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

- Wake/Surf Boats: Danielle Olson has designed a new sign for the north landing, similar to one that is already there, but larger, with a new map and larger lettering. The new sign clearly shows where wake/surf boats should stay when creating large wakes. A map designed by Polk County is shown on the sign delineating areas that are 25 feet and deeper and at least 600 feet from any shore. Board members

thought the sign was an improvement. Cheryl Clemens suggested that we add a QR code to the sign that includes an interactive map. Danielle said she would look into adding that.

- Preliminary Budget for 2027: Jim Reckinger provided a second draft of the budget for 2027 and asked board members to confirm line item budgets for anticipated expenditures. Board members discussed various expected costs. Many of the budgets will follow 2026 with some variations. Some minor modifications were made and 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 is in the final draft form. She has incorporated various revisions from board members to arrive at the final draft. The newsletter will be mailed to each Lake District resident in mid July and will also act as the official legal notification of the District's Annual Meeting on August 1, 2026.

- 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 will be posted on the Cedar Lake website <https://cedarlakewi.org/> in July.

- Board Member/Committee Reports: The board discussed the possibility of a survey of lake residents to cover many current topics. After discussion it was agreed to delay any survey until later this year or next year.

- 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, Board/Committee Reports and Other Business.

- Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 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 7:24 PM

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary