

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – November 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday November 19, 2013 at the Star Prairie Community Center by Chair Brad Johnson.

Members present: Dan Early, Dan Davison, Don Demulling, Kent Rebeck and Warren Wood.

The agenda was presented by Johnson. There were no agenda changes. Motion to approve the agenda was made by Davison, seconded by Demulling. Motion carried.

There was no public input.

Minutes of the October 28, 2013 and November 12, 2013 were discussed. It was noted that the date in the minutes from the November 12 meeting were incorrect. Motion to approve the minutes as corrected was made by Johnson, seconded by Davison. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was tabled.

Brad Johnson appointed Kent Rebeck to fill out the unexpired term on Stuart Nelson on the Board representing St. Croix County. Motion by Early to approve this appointment, seconded by Demulling. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. Compressor and Piping. Demulling reported that a lake association near Wausau wants the aerator/compressor, but it's first needed in order to get the piping out. The DNR is planning on the spring of 2014 to get the piping out of the lake. Don will check into any requirements or options regarding the capping of the well.
2. There was a discussion on prioritizing the items contained in the lake plan. Although all items are important, it was the Board consensus that the alum treatment is the main priority, as shown in the results of the lake resident survey earlier in 2013.
3. There was a discussion regarding Beaver Creek Reserve. They have provided services to us in the past in regard to monitoring the north boat landing and the Board discussed if we wanted to keep using their services. A motion was made by Davison, seconded by Demulling to send a letter of support stating that we intend to use their services again in 2014. This letter will be used in their application for a grant for DNR funding of their program.
4. Kent agreed to take a look at the District's current various insurance policies and report back to the Board on any changes he would recommend we consider.
5. Near-Shore Habitat. Warren stated he had a conversation with Marty Engel of the DNR regarding the possible use of "fish sticks" (fallen trees or logs) to help provide fish habitat structure. Marty stated he had looked at this option several years ago but decided that the fish cribs were better for our lake. With spring ice movement and shallow shores around most of the lake there are very few places where the fish sticks would be viable. Nonetheless, residents are encouraged to leave trees that have fallen into the lake if they provide fish habitat.
6. Several items for inclusion in the newsletter were discussed and these items will be forwarded to Cheryl Clemens.

New Business

1. There was a discussion about the possibility of placing a buoy or buoys to create a slow-no-wake zone near the north landing. It was decided to wait until later in 2014 to discuss this.
2. Johnson brought up for discussion the posting/publication of our meeting notices and agenda. They are currently published in the New Richmond News newspaper. After much discussion, a motion was made by Demulling, seconded by Rebeck to also have them posted at the Town of Alden Town Hall, the Town of Star Prairie Town Hall and the Village of Star Prairie Village Hall. Motion carried. Johnson will send agendas/notices to these places to be posted each month.
3. Items for next month's agenda are to include: damkeeper approval, possible moving of our permanent records from the Alden Town Hall to the Star Prairie Village Hall, discussion of newsletter content, discussion of the November 26th meeting with DNR reps and Cheryl Clemens regarding the alum treatment and status of Lake Plan approval by the DNR.

Next meeting date: Regular Meeting (date change because of Christmas) December 17, 2013 at 5:30.

Motion to adjourn by Wood, seconded by Demulling, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary