

## **CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT**

Meeting Minutes – August 25, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday August 25, 2015 at the Town of Alden Town Hall by Chair Don Demulling.

Members present: Don Demulling, Dan Davison, Warren Wood, Dan Early, Kent Rebeck and Helen Johnson. Also present were guests Cheryl Clemens from Harmony Environmental and lake residents/owners Dennis Cornhill, Steve Frey, Jerry Cloutier, Dan and Suzie Olson and one other couple.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Wood, seconded by Rebeck. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Frey, Cloutier, Cornhill and the unidentified couple voiced concerns regarding the cost of the alum treatment, value of the treatment and concern over the fact there is no guarantee of success. The Board acknowledged receipt of the petition calling for a special meeting to address concerns and possible re-vote on doing the alum treatment. A date for the meeting will be set. Frey also asked that more budget information be provided prior to the normal annual meetings either through newspaper publication or the website. He also felt the website should clarify that the district is now using Wisconsin Chapter 33 rather than the previous By-laws.

Minutes of the July 28, 2015 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve by Early, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held August 8, 2015 were reviewed. No changes were made and these will be approved at the 2016 annual meeting.

· Treasurer's Report. Early gave the treasurers report with a review of bank account activity since the last meeting. Current bank balances total \$117,118.28, of which \$27,950 is in our non-lapsable fund. Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Early, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried.

· Milfoil Update. No word on our \$20,000 grant application yet, but Cheryl sees no reason it would not be approved. The first treatment of spraying the milfoil appears to be successful. The subsequent pulling of the remaining milfoil could not be done because of the extremely poor water visibility. It will be attempted again if visibility improves.

· Alum Treatment. No word on the TRM Grant, but the decision is not expected until late September at the earliest. Wood reported that he spoke with an attorney (Chuck Holtman) at Smith Partners who did the legal/contract work for the Rice Creek Watershed – Bald Eagle Lake alum treatment. His fees appear reasonable and Wood feels comfortable having that firm do the required legal work for us with the assistance of a Wisconsin attorney such as Ron Siler in New Richmond, who has municipal law experience. Cheryl stated we are still waiting on a cost quote from Bill James on monitoring the alum treatment.

- Stillwater Bridge Mitigation Funds. Warren gave a summary of his conversation with Angela Popenhagen of Stevens Engineers and the steps required to complete the grant application. It was agreed to table the discussion until the Board had time to review the information Wood provided.

- Board Member Reports:

- Don Demulling stated that a lake resident felt that we should consider a parliamentarian to be used at the annual meeting. No action taken.

- Don Demulling has been in contact with the damkeepers and they have reported that it's been a challenging year for them with the heavy rains we have experienced. The Board felt they have done a good job keeping the lake at a relatively constant level given the weather issues.

There was a discussion regarding the scheduling and logistics of the special lake district meeting. Various dates were discussed. The Star Prairie Town Hall is not available September 19<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl will check with Buzz Sorge and Bill James to see when they are available. Content and mailing requirements of the meeting notice were discussed. It was felt the first step to take is to get a legal opinion to see if the petition is valid and see if the action suggested in the petition is legal under Chapter 33 or any other Statutes. Wood made a motion to retain Attorney Ron Siler of New Richmond to research and advise us on any matters pertaining to the petition we received for a special meeting and re-vote pertaining to the alum treatment. Second by Early. Motion carried.

- Agenda items for the next meeting should be forwarded to Don Demulling or Davison.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2015 at 5:30.

Motion to adjourn by Davison, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary