

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – October 28, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 28, 2015, at the Town of Alden Town Hall by Chair Don Demulling.

Members present: Don Demulling, Joe Demulling, Warren Wood, Dan Early, Kent Rebeck and Helen Johnson. Dan Davison was absent. Also present was consultant Cheryl Clemens.

Also present were lake residents: John Kinder, Regan Brown, Steve Frey, Dennis Cornhill, Bob Jacobs, Richard Zeier, Art & Mary Garcia, Beth Wood, Norman and Mary Hornbostel, Jim Groth, Connie Wilson and Larry Larson.

Board member Warren Wood took minutes in the absence of the secretary Dan Davison.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Warren Wood and seconded by Helen Johnson. Motion carried.

Public comments:

Jim Groth commented that he did not see the value in his property being in the lake district because it is not on the lake. He did not see the benefit to his land by the alum treatment. He inquired as to how the boundaries were made in the first place and whether the Board can redistrict those boundaries. Several other attendees had similar thoughts. Chair Don Demulling asked that further comments be reserved for the discussion regarding the on-lake /off-lake parcel subject.

Minutes of the September 22, 2015, were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Dan Early and seconded by Kent Rebeck. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report was submitted by Treasurer Dan Early. Motion to approve treasurer's report made by Joe Demulling and seconded by Warren Wood. Motion carried.

Special Assessment. The letter of Attorney Ron Siler dated October 22, 2015, was received by the board members and discussed including the special assessment procedure.

The Targeted Run Off (TRM) Grant was discussed by consultant Cheryl Clemens. She notes that we received \$165,000.00 of the \$1,000,000.00 grant requested. \$30,000.00 of that sum has to be dedicated for the farmer lead counsel projects as per the terms of the award. We don't know that the entire \$30,000.00 must be used for BMPs because the entire grant was not awarded. Consultant Clemens is checking into it. Consultant Clemens also noted that we previously received the lake protection grant of \$200,000.00. She indicated that the Board should not count on additional funds being received if reapplication for the TRM grant was made.

The alum treatment planning and financing was discussed. It was noted that there was no further progress on that issue. Board member Dan Davison was not present to give any further updates.

The Motion for Special Meeting was discussed. It was noted that the Board did not approve the Petition at the last meeting, although there was discussion to that effect. Accordingly, a Motion was made to approve the Petition for Special Meeting by Dan Early and seconded by Warren Wood. Motion carried. Lake owner Larry Larson expressed concern regarding a date being set that will accommodate the many owners that travel south for the winter months and would like to vote at the special meeting. A further Motion was made to not set a date for the special meeting but to hold it at a date to be determined after April 15, 2016, and not any time before that date. Motion by Dan Early, seconded by Warren Wood. Motion carried with one nay vote by Kent Rebeck.

There was a discussion of special assessment. Consultant Clemens noted that the Special Assessment procedures under Chapter 33 were less onerous than previously thought because it was determined that the Board would fulfill its requirements by sending a notice to each district residence with instructions for them to provide the details of the special assessment to any lien holders including mortgage holders on their property. There was further discussion that the details of the special assessment be on the agenda for the special meeting.

A discussion was held regarding the on/off parcels and the district boundaries. Art Garcia discussed that he did not see how the alum treatment of the lake would benefit his parcel. His thoughts were echoed by others. Kent Rebeck suggested that an ad hoc committee be appointed with fair representation by members throughout the lake district both on and off the lake for determination of the benefits to the land owners and apportionment of the costs by special assessment.

It was suggested that all notices of meetings, whether monthly meetings or annual meetings or special meetings be posted on the website in addition to the newspaper and town hall postings, including the date, time, location and agenda.

The tax levy to be submitted for 2015 for payment in 2016 was discussed. It will be \$33750.00, down from \$47,000.00 for 2014. The tax levy for 2015 does not include any assessment for the alum treatment. Members present were encouraged to look over their tax bills to determine if they have an assessment for the Cedar Lake District noted on their tax bill.

The bridge mitigation sanitary district study was briefly discussed. Warren Wood will call Angela Popenhagen who is familiar with such undertakings to determine what is involved. Further discussion will occur at the next meeting.

The Eurasian Milfoil was discussed. Cheryl Clemens handed out document entitled Cedar Lake EWM Treatment Summary which discussed the treatment and post treatment survey.

It was also discussed that the two buoys marking the Eurasian milfoil areas need to be removed before ice out. Cheryl Clemens discussed the grant availability. A Motion was made by Don Demulling, seconded by Kent Rebeck, to hire Ecological Integrity Services (Steve Schieffer) to do a lakeside AIS Survey and pre and post treatment monitoring and to have Cheryl Clemens coordinate EWM activities.

Board Member reports:

The no wake and marker buoys were pulled. \$500.00 will be paid to Star Prairie Fish & Game for doing so. \$250.00 for the buoys to be put in the spring and \$250.00 for them to be taken out in the fall. There was also discussion to remove the EWM buoys this fall and not replace them.

The dam keepers will draw down the lake one foot after November 2, 2015, for the winter. Dick Hoppe and Irv Erickson will be paid \$750.00 each. They will be given a 1099 for Miscellaneous Income.

The next meeting dates of the Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District were discussed. It was decided not to have both a November and December meeting because of the holidays. In lieu thereof one meeting will be held Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. at the Alden Township Hall. Agenda items for that meeting include the following: Sanitary District, TRM Grant, followup with Attorney Ron Siler on potential assessment and issues with the special meeting, the formation of a committee to determine the apportionment and assessment and newsletter topics.

Motion to adjourn made by Joe Demulling, seconded by Don Demulling, motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Warren Wood, acting secretary