

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – February 23, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday February 23, 2016 at the Town of Alden Town Hall by Chair Don Demulling.

Members present: Don Demulling, Dan Davison, Joe Demulling, Warren Wood, and Dan Early. Kent Rebeck and Helen Johnson were absent. Also present were guests Cheryl Clemens from Harmony Environmental and several lake district owners/residents.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Early, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried.

Public Comments: None.

Minutes of the January 26, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Early, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried.

· Treasurer's Report. Early gave the treasurer's report for January, 2016. The report shows bank balances totaling \$126,913.64, of which \$27,950 is in our non-lapsable fund. Net balance is \$98,963.64. A motion to approve the January report was made by Davison, seconded by Wood. Motion carried.

· Ad Hoc Committee Report. Early and Clemens reviewed the purpose of this committee and reported on the process the committee used to determine if some parcels in the lake district should be assessed at a lower rate than others for payment of the alum treatment. Clemens explained they developed 5 different classifications for parcels and assigned a classification to each lot based on criteria such proximity to the lake, size, etc. The results, classifications and recommended assessments are attached to these minutes. A motion was made by Early, seconded by Davison to accept and implement the committee's recommendation. Wood felt that Class 4 lots should be assessed at 0% to 25% because of the lack of direct lake access and minimal benefit from the alum treatment to Class 4 lot owners. After a great deal of discussion the motion carried, with Wood voting against the motion.

· The special meeting for lake residents/owners was discussed. It was decided that the meeting will be held on Saturday morning, April 30th at 9:00 at the Town of Star Prairie Town Hall. The agenda and content of the meeting were discussed. Clemens is to contact the DNR to see who can speak at the meeting. Jim Groth, one of the petitioners for the special meeting was given a list of the petitioner signers. The Board concurred that the petitioning group would be welcome to present a speaker at the annual meeting that may have concerns or issues regarding the alum treatment. In addition, individual residents/owners would be able to speak at the meeting, with some time limit criteria yet to be established. Financial information regarding the cost of the treatment and assessments will also be presented. The voting process, resolutions to be voted on and issues regarding who is eligible to vote still have to be discussed. Cheryl will have a first draft of the agenda, resolutions and the above related materials at the next meeting. The Board

concurred that Ron Siler should review the resolution(s) to be voted on and give guidance to the Board as to who is eligible to vote.

- Parcel Detachment Request. The Board has received requests from Jim Groth and Norm Hornbostel to have their parcels removed from the lake district. The Board felt that we must first adopt some type of process and criteria to remove parcels. Davison had previously distributed a draft process. The Board agreed to discuss this process at the next meeting. After the process is adopted, the above requests will be addressed.

- Newsletter Topics. The Board felt that the special meeting notice and related materials should go as a special mailing and not be included in a newsletter. It was felt that a special mailing would ensure more people would notice it and pay attention to it. As mentioned above, Cheryl will have a first draft of materials to review at our March Board meeting. Written information about the Eurasian Water Milfoil treatment will be available at the special meeting but will not be discussed at the meeting.

- Board Member Reports:

- Wood and Don Demulling stated the city of New Richmond is very interested in the compressor from the aerator system. City employees will look at the equipment when the snow melts and hopefully arrangements will be made for them to take it.

- Don Demulling stated he will inspect the dam in the spring and he anticipates some minor repairs may have to be made.

- Items for the next meeting will include:

- Discuss special meeting content, issues and process.
 - Parcel detachment policy/criteria/resolution.
 - Board members reports.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2016 at 5:30.

Motion to adjourn by Wood, seconded by Early. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:47 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary