

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

Meeting Minutes – August 23, 2016

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

Members present: Don Demulling, Dan Davison, Helen Johnson, Joe Demulling, Dan Early, Nick Rude and Warren Wood. Also present was guest Cheryl Clemens from Harmony Environmental. Two lake residents/owners were in attendance.

Early asked that a newly received parcel detachment request be added to the agenda. A motion to approve the amended agenda was made by Joe Demulling, seconded by Early. Motion carried.

Public Comments: Larry Larson stated his concerns about the non-lake owners not paying anything toward the alum treatment while the lake property owners are paying for all of it except what is received in grants. He encouraged the board to continue efforts to find alternative funding. He also thanked the Board for their work on the issue.

Minutes of the July 25, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Wood, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

Minutes of the August 6, 2016 annual meeting were reviewed. A correction in the adjournment time was noted. Motion to preliminarily approve the amended minutes was made by Rude, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried.

Minutes of the August 6, 2016 Board organizational meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Johnson, seconded by Wood. Motion carried.

· Treasurer's Report. Early gave the treasurer's report for July, 2016. The report shows bank balances as of the end of July totaling \$125,423.14, of which \$32,485.02 is in our non-lapsable fund. Net balance is \$92,938.12. A motion to approve the report was made by Davison, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried.

· Annual Meeting Re-Cap. The general consensus was that it was a very good meeting with great comments, and respectful participation. It was further felt that Buzz Sorge of the DNR did a good job with his discussion and this was mentioned by several attendees. It was also felt that people seem to like the "pay-as-we-go" approach to the alum treatment more so than the previous scenario.

· Alum Treatment. Clemens presented a list of tasks and a related timetable regarding the special assessment notices and other items that must be completed. Early reported that he had received a firm quote from HAB of \$1.76 per gallon for a cost of the first alum treatment. Discussion of the bid process also occurred. Early made a motion to accept the process and timetable as outlined by Clemens, and to allow Clemens and/or the Chair to make any changes necessary and to set Friday evening October 7<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM as the time for the required public hearing. Motion carried

Eurasian Water Milfoil. Clemens reported that this year's treatment of the milfoil was less effective than last years, but it is not clear as to why. She continues to meet with Steve Schieffer, the consultant

who is monitoring the effectiveness of the milfoil treatment. She feels a better approach may be needed next year and will work on this during the winter months.

- Potential Lake Plan Update. Clemens explained the need for updating the Lake Plan, especially in the area of milfoil treatment and the alum treatment. She will be working on this during the January – March timeframe.

- Japanese Knotweed. Lake property owner Kevin Furlong met with Wood and Early and has agreed to help with the issue. With the help of Rude they will continue to ask Polk-Burnett Co-op for assistance. Star Prairie Fish and Game members have also agreed to help.

- Committee Assignments:

Dam and Buoys – Don Demulling, Joe Demulling and Star Prairie Fish and Game members.

Alum Treatment – Johnson or Alden representative, Clemens, Early.

Shoreland Preservation – Wood

Aquatic Invasive Species and Knotweed – Early, Rude, Star Prairie Fish and Game

Wood mentioned that Shawn Schottler may be an excellent speaker for the next annual meeting regarding lakeshore plantings.

- Donation. Don Demulling stated that Star Prairie Fish and Game in conjunction with Star Prairie Land Trust had recently constructed a pavilion on the McMurtrie Preserve at the southeast corner of the lake. 6 or 8 picnic tables had been placed along with 2 park grills. Sponsorships are available for the picnic tables. A motion was made by Wood, seconded by Early to make a \$125 donation to Star Prairie Land Trust for the one-time sponsorship of a picnic table. Motion carried.

- Board member Reports:

Don Demulling stated the dam keepers have been busy trying to maintain a constant lake level with the rainfall this summer.

- Items for the next meeting will include:

- Alum Treatment
- Eurasian Water Milfoil and Knotweed
- Johnson parcel detachment request
- Board members reports.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 27th, 2016 at 5:30 at the Alden Town Hall. Motion to adjourn by Johnson, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary