

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – April 25, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on February 28, 2017 at the Town of Alden Town Hall by Chair Don Demulling

Members present: Don Demulling, Nick Rude, Dan Davison, Dan Early, Joe Demulling Ted Johnson and Warren Wood. Also present were consultant Cheryl Clemens from Harmony Environmental and John Holz and Catherine Bosley from HAB Aquatics.

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

Public Comments: Representatives from HAB Aquatics were introduced.

Minutes of the February 28, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Joe Demulling, seconded by Wood. Motion carried.

· Treasurer's Report. Rude gave the treasurer's report for March and April. Payments to the district from the special assessment were discussed. Approval of the report was tabled due to a question on the report that could not be answered at the time. Approval will be done at the next meeting. Clemens mentioned we'll be receiving two grants totaling \$37,500 for alum treatment monitoring (which will be segregated from the general funds) and also an \$8,000 grant for AIS expenses which we have already incurred.

· Alum Treatment and Contract. There have been a few questions from landowners and realtors about assessment amounts and where to find this information. The tax slips residents received in December 2016 contain the current assessment and assessments for the next few years will be approximately double that amount. All real estate tax information is available on-line at the county websites at no cost and with no login or account information needed. Clemens is finalizing work plan details with HAB for the treatment.

· Alum Demonstration – Open House. Treatment will most likely begin June 12th. On June 14th the district will hold an open house at the north landing for anyone interested in the treatment – other nearby lake district boards, residents, local politicians, media, DNR, etc. Invitations will be sent and information posted on the website. HAB stated that during the application they will have a website available to residents that will be updated every day to keep everyone up to date on their progress, any issues, etc. The address will be www.cedarlakealum.com. It is not yet available but will be when the treatment starts. It was clarified that the NOAA weather website for New Richmond airport will be used to determine forecast wind speeds, etc. during the application period.

· Lake Management Plan Update. Clemens stated that the plan has been updated to include the revised alum treatment strategy. A motion to approve the updated plan was made by Davison, seconded by Early. Motion carried.

· The Board had brief discussion regarding the Aquatic Plant Management Committee. Clemens reported that they have met and will be meeting again and she should have a report to the Board at the May or June Board meeting.

- Detachment Requests. The Board has received 3, and is expecting one more, detachment requests, all for land classified as “Class 5”. Further discussion was tabled until the May meeting.

- Board Member Reports.

- Don Demulling reported:

1. The Star Prairie Fish and Game group has committed to donating \$1,000 to us annually for an indefinite period of time for AIS management efforts.
2. March 29th was the 2017 ice out date.
3. Star Prairie Fish and Game members took out the old sign at the north landing and have constructed and installed a new sign. A big thank you to SPFG!
4. Additional rock has been added to the north landing in the water at the end of the cement. Boat owners are reminded not to “power” their boats on to the trailers. Repairs to the cement at the landing were also done because of the ice damage this year.
5. The normal lake level was met on April 16. Dam keepers had started installing boards about two weeks prior to this. It normally takes roughly 2 weeks to reach this level depending on precipitation.
6. Buoys were installed on April 24th.
7. SPFG is considering installing a small open-sided pavilion at the north landing and wondered about a possible donation from the lake association. This will be considered at a future meeting.

- Early reported that we are in need of staff to monitor the landing this summer for our Clean Boats – Clean Waters program. He feels an increase in the pay level for a leader in the position may have to be considered.

- New Board member Ted Johnson gave the Board some background on himself. His is a native of the area and farms just north of Cedar Lake. He is very active with the Horse Creek Watershed Farmer Led Council and has been active with other Polk County land and water issues.

- Wood mentioned that the Star Prairie Land Trust will hold their annual meeting at the McMurtrie Preserve on July 23rd with a program that will focus on Cedar Lake. Members and non-members are encouraged to attend.

8. Cheryl discussed newsletter content. It was decided that in order to get current alum treatment information out to the residents, a newsletter would be done shortly and annual meeting notices will be done as separate mailing later. The annual meeting date is August 5, 2017.
9. Davison reported that he has been in touch with the Wisconsin Commissioner of Public Lands department for the loan for the alum treatment. It appears that they have a pre-payment restriction that may not be in our best interest. He is also talking with Bremer Bank and they are very interested in doing the loan for us. He will report back at the next meeting.

Items for the next meeting will include:

- Alum Treatment
- Detachment Process
- Preliminary budget discussion for annual meeting.
- Preliminary agenda discussion for annual meeting.

- 4th of July parade and possible Grand Marshall.
- Pavilion donation request.
- Board member information on lake website.
- Board members reports.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at 5:30 at the Alden Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Wood, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary