

## **Cedar Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District**

### **41st Annual Meeting Minutes**

**August 6, 2016**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Don Demulling at 9:05 a.m. on August 6, 2016 at the Town of Star Prairie Town Hall.

Commissioners Present: Don Demulling, Joe Demulling, Helen Johnson, Warren Wood, Nick Rude, Dan Early and Dan Davison.

The Commissioners introduced themselves.

Don Demulling presented the agenda for approval. Motion to accept the agenda as presented by Doug Flom, second by Jim Reckinger. Motion carried.

Copies of the 2015 annual meeting minutes were available for attendees. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Jim Reckinger, seconded by Tom Kapsner. Motion carried.

Buzz Sorge from the DNR gave an overview of the proposed alum treatment including benefits and schedule. He referenced the latest study done by Bill James, the treatments at Spring Lake and Bald Eagle Lake and several other related topics. Following his presentation, several questions were asked by attendees.

Board Commissioner Dan Early explained that a committee of lake landowners, not including Board of Commissioner members, had met and discussed a process by which parcels within the lake district could be assessed at different levels due to their distance from the lake or watershed, view of the lake or watershed, and various other factors. This resulted in some parcels not being taxed at all for the proposed alum treatment, some being charged at half their assessed value and some at their full value. The Board had accepted and passed their recommendations at a previous Board meeting.

Board Commissioner Dan Davison reviewed the proposed schedule of the alum treatments and how it would be financed. The majority of the first treatment, proposed to be in 2017 would be paid by grants for which we have already been approved. The balance of the first treatment would be paid for by using existing funds the district has on hand and an assessment to property owners. The lake district may have to borrow some funds until the reimbursable grants are received from the DNR but the loans would be short term and payback of the loans would come from the grants, not by assessment to the landowners. After the 2017 treatment, owners would be assessed with the goal of having enough on hand from these assessments to pay for a treatment every three years. This would mean that borrowing would not be needed if the timing of the receipt of the assessments works out as planned. Several questions were asked including a question asking if the treatments and assessments can be stopped if we find the treatments are not working or for some other valid reason. The board concurred that the Resolution being considered today could be overturned at a future annual or special meeting of the district.

At this point a motion was made by Kevin Furlong, seconded by Sandy Flom asking for the vote. Motion carried. Attendees were asked to vote on the 2 resolutions regarding the alum treatment with results to be announced later in the meeting.

**Aquatic Invasive Species.** Commissioner Dan Early and Consultant Cheryl Clemens spoke regarding the Eurasian Milfoil that had been found in the lake last year, the treatments that have been done and the course of action for this year and going forward. Tamara early also spoke regarding the Clean Boats – Clean Waters program and the need for additional workers to staff the landing to inspect boats. Dan early also spoke regarding the Giant Knotweed and Japanese Knotweed that is growing on the land around the lake, especially on the west side of the lake and the need to have this treated.

**State Statute 33 and By-Laws.** Commissioner Wood informed the audience of the fact that the District Board has had to try to operate under both a set of By-laws and State Statute 33 and this has caused confusion and frustration. Following the lead of many lake districts, the District Board is recommending the attendees vote to abolish the by-laws and operate under State Statute 33. A motion was made by Kevin Furlong, seconded by Jerry Cadwell to abolish the by-laws and operate under State Statute 33. Motion carried.

**Resolution Results.** Chair Demulling announced the following results regarding the resolutions:

Resolution 2016A – To proceed with alum treatment as presented – 98 yes, 68 no.

Resolution 2016B – Authorization to borrow up to \$365,000 – 102 yes, 61 no.

Both Resolutions passed.

**Treasurers Report and Audit Committee Report.** Early presented the Audit Committee (Dan Olson and Mark Polski) report which stated that the accounts, deposits and transactions for the fiscal year had been reviewed that all accounts and balances are in good order.

Dan Early also presented the Treasurers Report consisting of income and expenses for the year, ending account balances and budget figures for next year. A motion was made by Bob Goodlad, seconded by Kevin Furlong to approve the Audit Committee Report, the Treasurers Report and the Budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Motion carried.

**Election of Commissioners:** Ballots were distributed for the election of commissioners. The terms of Early and Rude are both expiring. Election results were 124 votes for Early and 19 votes for Rude. Early was elected to a 3 year term and Rude to a 2 year term.

Kevin Furlong moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Doug Flom. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

The next annual meeting will be held on August 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town of Star Prairie Town Hall or other date, time or site to be announced.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison