

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

Meeting Minutes – October 24, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on October 24, 2017 at the Town of Alden Town Hall by Chair Don Demulling

Members present: Don Demulling, Joe Demulling, Nick Rude, Dan Davison and Warren Wood. Also present was consultant Cheryl Clemens from Harmony Environmental.

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

Public Comments: None

Minutes of the September 26, 2017 meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Joe Demulling, seconded by Rude. Motion carried.

- Treasurer's Report. Rude gave the treasurer's report for October month-to-date. The report showed a total balance on hand of \$119,880.47 with \$32,485.02 of that being in the non-lapsable fund. Net available funds are \$87,395.45. The loan from Bremer Bank for the alum treatment has been paid in full. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Davison, seconded by Joe Demulling, Motion carried.
- Alum Treatment. Clemens distributed and reviewed the latest water monitoring information and graphs from Bill James. They showed a substantial drop in Chlorophyll levels and substantial increase in water quality from his 2010 study. There was a spike in Chlorophyll in late August – early September of 2017 but it has dropped significantly since then. Clemens also discussed the assessments for the next tax year. She is still waiting for St Croix county information but Polk County has been as expected.
- Volunteer AIS Committee. Rude presented a report prepared by Jim Reckinger that showed where they have sampled and the results. No AIS were found during their sampling. The plan is to have the group do sampling at least 3 times during the year at various lake locations.
- Healthy Lakes – Shoreland Initiative. Clemens discussed a card that will go out with the next newsletter. It allows lakeshore owners on Cedar Lake to apply for grant money to do natural plantings along their lakeshore.
- Milfoil. As noted earlier in the year, chemical treatment did not work as well as hoped. A full report on the eradication efforts will be coming shortly. Clemens reviewed the grant monies received and spent so far.
- Clemens noted the newly updated Lake Management Plan has been approved by the DNR and a copy was placed in the lake district's file cabinet at the town hall. It will also be put on the website for anyone to review.
- Parcel Detachment. The Board continued their in-depth discussion regarding the pending detachment requests and the option of detaching all classification 5 parcels as a whole. It was decided that the parcels pertaining to the pending requests should be inspected and evaluated under the established, written guidelines the Board has used in the past. A motion was made by Rude to do these evaluations

on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00. Motion seconded by Davison, Motion carried with Wood abstaining. Wood will contact the affected landowners.

- Buoy and Dam Report. Don Demulling reported the buoys were removed October 23<sup>rd</sup>. The water level for the lake will start to be lowered on November 1<sup>st</sup>. This takes 2 to 3 weeks to achieve the desired winter water level. He stated that he would inspect the dam when the water level is lowered to see what repairs might be needed on the dam.

- Other:

1. Clemens reviewed the content for the upcoming newsletter which should go out around the end of November.
2. Clemens stated that the Polk County Board is considering additional changes to their lakeshore zoning regulations.

- Items for the next meeting will include:

- Alum Treatment
- Healthy Lake Initiative – post card response
- Milfoil treatment report
- Parcel detachment
- Dam report
- Farmer Led Council donation clarification
- Board members reports

Because of upcoming holidays, the November and December meetings will be combined into one meeting on Tuesday December 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM at the Alden Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Rude, seconded by Wood. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary