

**CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD MARCH 27, 2018, AT 5:30 P.M.
AT THE TOWN OF ALDEN TOWN HALL**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m., March 27, 2018, at the Town of Alden Town Hall by Chair Don Demulling. Board members present were Don Demulling, Joe Demulling, Dan Early, Ted Johnson and Warren Wood. Dan Davison and Jim Reckinger were absent. These members constituted a quorum. Also present was consultant Cheryl Clemens from Harmony Environmental.

Board member Warren Wood took minutes in the absence of the Secretary, Dan Davison.

Motion to approve Agenda made by Warren Wood, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried.

Public comments:

Horse Creek Farmer Lead Watershed Council members Neal Gustafson and Scott Carlson together with Eric Wojcik of Polk County Land and Water Conservation, made a very informative presentation. This is the 4th year of the Horse Creek Council's existence. Recently they brought the Squaw Lake Watershed Farmer Lead Council into their organization. There are now 17 councils throughout the State. They promote No Till farming practices which has been very successful in reducing phosphorus runoff due to program incentive opportunities. Currently, it is estimated that approximately 25 % of the tillable land in the Horse Creek/Squaw Lake Watershed is No Till. Ultimately that reduces the phosphorus coming into the Lake.

Minutes of the January 23, 2018, and March 6, 2018, meetings were reviewed. Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Dan Early and seconded by Ted Johnson. Motion carried.

Treasurers report. Dan Early gave the Treasurer's report in the absence Treasurer Jim Reckinger. The report showed a total balance on hand of \$279,361.18 with \$32,485.02 of that being in the non-lapsable fund. A motion to approve the Treasurer report made by Ted Johnson and seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried.

Alum Treatment. There was a discussion of future alum treatment options. Dan Early has met with HAB and will continue to do so. Cheryl Clemens reported that she expects a response to our recent grant application to be forthcoming soon.

Eurasian milfoil. TSB Lakefront Restorative and Diving presented a contract for 2018 for three days of harvesting Eurasian Milfoil at \$2300.00 per day or a total cost of \$6900.00.

Parcel Detachment. There was discussion about the concern of residents whose parcels had been detached as to when they would cease being taxed by the lake district. They were informed that 2017 real estate taxes would be their last tax bill with lake district taxes as the boundaries need to be redrawn and would be done in time for the mailing of 2018 real estate taxes.

TAP Agreement. The technical assistance project involving Bill James for monitoring of the alum treatment contract for 2018 was presented at \$14,520.00. This is covered by the lake planning grant.

Cheryl Clemens explained that she now has dual roles with Harmony Environmental and Dragonfly Gardens. She is now both your consultant on native plantings and the manager of (and trustee for her children as owners of) Dragonfly Gardens. As such, she is offering a package of services with consulting provided by Harmony Environmental and installation provided by Dragonfly Gardens. She asked the board if they had any concerns about this arrangement. In light of full disclosure, none of the board members expressed any concern about the arrangement.

Board Member Reports.

Buoys. There are twelve lake buoys that need to be placed in the spring pursuant to GPS coordinates and pulled in the fall. Emmit Meister will perform that task at a cost of \$400.00 in the spring and \$400.00 in the fall, for a total of \$800.00. He will also store the buoys indoors at his premises.

Annual Meeting. The annual meeting will be held Saturday, August 4, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. at the Star Prairie Township Hall located on Cook Drive, in Star Prairie Township.

Building, Fence and Signage at the Landing. The building, fence and signage at the landing on 10th Avenue was discussed. Alden Township has taken the antenna for its use. There will be further discussion at the next meeting regarding the fence and grounds and future use of the building now that the compressor is gone.

Construction of the Pavilion at the boat landing. This project will be starting soon. All permits are in order. Star Prairie Fish & Game is spearheading the project.

Insurance. The Insurance through Berquist Agency is coming up for renewal. A summary of the insured items and premiums was disseminated to the board members with a request that they review in time for the next board meeting at which time action will be taken as to our future insurance needs.

Star Prairie Fish & Game Lake Clean Up. On Saturday, March 24, 2018, Star Prairie Fish & Game members did a clean up around and on the lake and found

very little litter. A thank you goes out to Star Fish & Game for their efforts and to all the ice fisherman and winter lake users for their good housekeeping.

Shoreland Planting. There are nine parcels signed up for the DNR program which consultant Cheryl Clemens will coordinate.

Agenda items for next meeting.

1. Alum Treatment.
2. Eurasion milfoil.
3. Summer Newsletter.
4. Clean boats clean water.
5. Insurance requirements.
6. Building, grounds and signage at 10th Avenue boat landing.
7. Dam & buoy reports.
8. Parcel detachment/boundaries.
9. Board Member reports

Next meeting date is Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 5:30 p.m. at the Alden Town Hall. This will be posted on the website and official notices made.

Motion made by Joe Demulling and seconded by Ted Johnson to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Warren Wood, acting on behalf of Secretary Dan Davison.