

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – August 28, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on August 28th, 2018 at the Town of Alden Town Hall by Chair Don Demulling.

Members present: Don Demulling, Warren Wood, Dan Davison, Dan Early, Joe Demulling, Ted Johnson, Jim Reckinger (by phone). Also present was consultant Cheryl Clemens.

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

· Public Comments: None

· The minutes of the July 24, 2018 meeting, August 4, 2018 annual meeting and August 4, 2018 Board Organizational meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the July 24th minutes and August 4th organizational meeting minutes and to preliminarily approve the August 4th annual meeting minutes was made by Joe Demulling, seconded by Early. Motion carried. The August 4, 2018 minutes will be reviewed for final approval at the 2019 annual meeting.

· Treasurer's Report. Reckinger gave the treasurer's report for year to date 2018. The report showed a total balance on hand as follows:

Total balance:	\$295,079.87
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$56,627.00
Committed to alum treatment:	\$165,991.32 plus \$4,008.68 (Excess CD)
Committed to alum monitoring:	\$19,212.00
Committee to other grants:	\$0
Net available funds:	\$49,240.87

Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Early, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried.

· Alum Treatment. Cheryl and Early stated that Bill James continues to do testing on the water as scheduled. James reported to them that there has been a phosphorous release. Because of that, he is more inclined to recommend that we do another alum treatment in 2019 if possible. The Board will make a final determination after the summer season and more test results are received. This will most likely happen at the October Board meeting.

· Eurasian Water Milfoil Volunteer Report. Reckinger reported that decreased water clarity has resulted in less activity in checking for milfoil but it will most likely increase again as the water clears, especially for any new large areas. The DASH team (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) was on the lake for two additional days and we'll be receiving a report on their results. Steve Schieffer will also be out to inspect the lake. The board will explore chemical treatment for next year with ProCellacor, a new chemical showing promising results treating milfoil. It was also noted that three Twin Cities area lakes have now discovered zebra mussels.

· Clean Boats – Clean Waters. Early reported that monitoring for the year is slowing down as the year winds down and boat traffic has dropped significantly.

- Parcel Detachment. Wood will contact Ron Siler to get the process completed to obtain a new legal description for the district. This will then be recorded with the county.
- Annual Meeting Re-Cap. It was felt that the meeting was well attended and went very well with good questions being asked.

Board Committee Assignments. After a substantial discussion, board committee assignments were decided on as follows:

Fisheries, dam, buoys and DNR Support – Don Demulling.
AIS Co-Chairs – Reckinger and Early
Shoreline Protection Issues – Wood
Parcel Detachment – Wood
Alum Committee – Early
Communications – Davison
Farmer Led Council and Alden Town Liaison – Johnson
Polk County Liaison - Joe Demulling

A brief description of the committees and duties will be drafted and reviewed at a future meeting.

Zoning Issues. Wood presented a “Zoning Contacts” sheet which contained contact information for various DNR, county and town officials who have jurisdiction over lake zoning and building compliance issues. This information will be posted on the website. If a lake resident has a concern about a property owner possibly undertaking an activity that may be a violation of shoreland or building regulations, they can be given the sheet to contact the appropriate official. The Lake Association has no enforcement authority over zoning, housing or building regulations.

Board Member Reports:

Wood reported that a culvert on the south end of the lake was unearthed due to the reconstruction of County Road H and there may be a concern with runoff into the lake. The DNR was notified and they are working with the county for an adequate resolution. Johnson will also look at the site to see if any further land conservation practices are needed.

Demulling stated that the dam keepers have been busy trying to maintain the appropriate water level and it has been difficult due to the dry conditions and then subsequent wet conditions. He felt they’ve done a great job and the Board agreed that their efforts are very much appreciated. Demulling also reported that cement cutouts or slots where the boards for the dam are inserted have worn a bit and it makes it difficult to place or remove the boards. They have found a vendor to make aluminum inserts into those slots to alleviate the problem and this should be completed this fall.

Clemens presented a grant application she completed to the Star Prairie Fish and Game group. Last year they gave \$1,000 to our efforts to control milfoil and we are now applying to them for another grant.

Clemens presented a packet of information she put together that can be given out to new people on the lake to help educate them on good conservation practices, invasive species issues, contact information and a variety of other information that lakeshore residents may need to know. She will put together several of these and Davison will draft a “welcome” letter to go with them. They will be distributed with the help of neighbors and the communications committee.

Davison had sent Board members a draft of a possible e-mail newsletter format which can be used to help keep in touch with lake residents. The board consensus was to move forward with sending this out on a regular basis and when important news should be communicated to lake residents. Residents can sign up on the website to receive the e-mail newsletter.

Agenda items for the next meeting will be: alum treatment, AIS, CBCW, parcel detachment, lakeshore zoning issues, board committee assignment discussion and board member reports.

The next meeting will be Tuesday September 25th, 2018 at 5:30 PM at the Alden Town Hall. Motion to adjourn by Wood, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary

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