

## CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on August 27th, 2019 at the Town of Alden Town Hall by Chair Don Demulling.

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

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

· Public Comments: None

· The minutes of the July 23rd, August 3<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting and August 3<sup>rd</sup> board organizational meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the July 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes was made by Early, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried. A motion to preliminarily approve the August 3<sup>rd</sup> annual meeting minutes and approve the August 3<sup>rd</sup> board organizational meeting minutes was made by Joe Demulling, seconded by Wood. Motion carried. The annual meeting minutes will receive final approval at next year's annual meeting.

· Treasurer's Report. Reckinger gave the treasurer's report for year to date 2019. The report showed a total balance on hand as follows:

Total balance:	\$81,033.89
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$12,426.56
Committed to alum treatment:	\$0.00
Committed to alum monitoring:	\$3,525.09
Net available funds:	\$65,082.24

Reckinger also reported that since the report was prepared, we had received a partial payment on the alum treatment grant. That amount, coupled with some of our existing funds was used to pay HAB in full and we should receive the remaining grant funds very soon. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Early, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

· Alum Treatment. There was nothing new to report regarding our alum treatment. Clemens mentioned that Balsam Lake had strongly approved an alum treatment for East Balsam and will be applying for a grant to cover some of the cost. She also mentioned we need to have a new monitoring plan in place for our treatment because the previous grant funds are used up and the current grant expires the end of 2019. A new scope and budget are needed for a grant application in December 2019. She is meeting with Bill James and any available board members to draft this plan.

· Invasive Species. Reckinger reported that the Yellow Flag Iris has become more difficult to identify because it is done blooming for the year. He and Early have contacted most of the owners of parcels affected and hope to treat many of these spots within the next two weeks. Reckinger also reported he is trying to contact the Hudson Dive Team do have them do some hand pulling of milfoil. These are relatively small areas. Knotweed has also been spotted in a few areas around the lake. Areas on the power company right-of-way will be treated. Zebra Mussel volunteers continue to check their testing areas and no zebra mussels have been found to date.

· Annual Meeting Re-Cap. Everyone felt the meeting went very well with good questions asked. Wood reported he had been in contact with the DNR regarding the muck/plant problem on the north end and they were to be out this week to review the situation. They believe it is related to a discharge from Horse Creek.

· Change of Official Newspaper. Davison stated that Forum Communications has combined the River Falls Journal, New Richmond News and Hudson Star Observer into one paper named the Star Observer. The New Richmond News had been our official newspaper. A motion was made by Wood, seconded by Early to change

our official newspaper to the Star Observer. Motion carried. Davison also mentioned that they are no longer publishing meeting notices for free and we will now be charged for these notices.

- Dam Discussion. Wood shared two proposals he had received from Cedar Corp. and Oakridge Engineering. The bid from Cedar Corp was \$3,500 and the bid from Oakridge was substantially higher, but included services we may not need at this point. Wood said he would contact Oakridge and get a more accurate bid on what exactly we need. A motion to authorize Wood to enter into an agreement on behalf of the Board and district with either Cedar Corp. or Oakridge for these service at a cost not to exceed \$4,000 was made by Davison, seconded by Early. Motion carried.

- Lakeshore Zoning and Regulations Discussion. Wood reported no new issues and the wrap-up of at least one previous issue.

- Board Member Reports:

- Demulling reported that dam boards will start to be pulled November 1<sup>st</sup> as per DNR requirements. He also emphasized that any dam repair work should be done while the water level is near its low point.

- Wood mentioned that any dam inspections by our chosen engineering firm, as well as ultimate repairs and on-going inspections will involve access through the McMurtrie property. He felt that the district should obtain an easement from the Star Prairie Land Trust for access to the dam area through the McMurtrie Preserve land. A motion was made by Wood, seconded by Early to authorize attorney Ron Siler to draft an easement for the McMurtrie property from the Star Prairie Land Trust allowing access to the dam area by the District representatives and its contractors. Motion carried.

- Johnson stated that reconstruction of 10<sup>th</sup> Ave. is near completion and noted that the north landing area was blacktopped as part of this project. The DNR has also stated that the old school house will be torn down this fall.

- Clemens reported that the Healthy Lakes Grant period is nearing an end. The Board asked her to extend this for another year and she will prepare the necessary paperwork.

Agenda items for the next meeting will include: alum treatment, AIS, dam, land zoning and regulations and board member reports

The next meeting will be Tuesday September 24th, 2019 at 5:30 PM at the Alden Town Hall.

Motion to adjourn by Johnson, seconded by Joe Demulling. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary