

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –May 26, 2020 – By Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on May 26, 2020 by Chair Don Demulling via Zoom digital meeting. The public had access to the meeting by use of Zoom.

Members present: Don Demulling, Dan Davison, Dan Early, Jim Reckinger and Warren Wood. Also present was consultant Cheryl Clemens. Also, present were lake residents Anyrine Clausen and Dan Janse.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Davison seconded by Early. Motion carried.

· Public Comments: Dan Janse is a north end resident along 10th street and spoke in regard to how busy the north boat landing is now and the traffic and other issues it has caused along 10th St. It is interfering with access to driveways and is a safety concern. Residents in that area also have concerns about activities at the landing and in the pavilion area. He has spoken to Polk County law enforcement but wants the lake district to also be aware of these issues.

· The minutes of the April 28th 2020 board meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Early, seconded by Wood. Motion carried.

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

Total balance:	\$323,939.62
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$12,426.56
Committed to alum treatment (CD)	\$228,525.44
Additional to CD	\$1,474.09
Committed to alum monitoring:	\$3,525.09
Net available funds:	\$77,987.97

A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Early, seconded by Davison. Motion carried.

· Alum Treatment.

1. Clemens reported that East Balsam Lake and Long Lake near Centuria will be treated within a couple weeks. This is the first treatment for East Balsam and the second for Long Lake.
2. Early had contacted HAB for a ballpark cost estimate of alum, as well as the availability of alum. They stated alum prices have been stable but transportation costs have increased.

· Horse Creek Monitoring. Early met with the UW-Stout people that will be doing the bulk of the monitoring and testing. So far this season they have taken samples on three different dates. There appears to be some small debris in the samples which may account for some of the issues of the muck on the North end but it's way too early to know. Polk County water department interns plan to kayak as much of the creek as they can to view any possible sources of debris such as beaver dam break, etc.

· North End Silt/Delta. It was agreed that although we have no power to fix any problem in this area, the consensus was that this item should be kept on the agenda for future meetings and we should be informed of, and discuss, any changes in this situation. Wood agreed to be the liaison between residents affected in this area by the silt (and also boat landing issues) and our Board.

· Invasive Species. Early reported that inspections started on Memorial Day weekend. Reckinger reported that some Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) has again appeared in the general area of the lake where it appeared earlier, but not where we chemically treated last year. Steve Schieffer will be out next week to inspect the area and recommend a treatment plan if required.

· Dam Discussion. At the last meeting, the Board had asked Wood to research the cost of a Dam Failure Assessment, which may be required if we are to receive a grant to help with dam repairs. He reported the cost is estimated at \$14,000. Clemens stated there may be a less expensive option since our dam is so small. Wood will follow up on this with Cedar Corp and the DNR.

· Lakeshore Zoning and Regulations Discussion. No new issues have been reported and Polk County believes they're seeing general compliance improve.

· Grants. Reckinger mentioned that \$18,750 has been received for alum treatment monitoring. Clemens reported that the Healthy Lake Grant program for our lake might be full for this year, which would be great news. She still has two visits scheduled.

· Preliminary Budget Discussion. Reckinger presented a first draft of a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year. Each item was discussed and several adjustments were suggested. Reckinger will provide a revised document at the June meeting.

· 2020 Annual Meeting in Light of COVID-19. It was felt that we should plan on the August 1st date, but also see if the town hall is available for other dates in August. The Wisconsin Association of Lakes had a webinar which Reckinger and Clemens "attended". Various options were discussed by the Board such as a very limited business type meeting, meeting in the town hall parking lot, etc. All this discussion was in light of legal requirements for annual meetings. Will be discussed again at the June meeting.

· Board Member Reports:

Don Demulling stated he has ordered/purchased one buoy (replacement) and two stickers at a cost of about \$450. He also stated the lake is very close to the normal summer level. Also, he had taken some of the UW-Stout crew out on the lake for alum monitoring – sample collection. He stated the day they went out the bottom temperature at 28 feet was 50 degrees and the visibility from the top was about 9 feet.

Agenda items for the next meeting will include: alum treatment, AIS, dam, Horse Creek monitoring, zoning and regulations, north end silt/delta, budget discussion, grants, 2020 annual meeting and board member reports.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday June 23rd, 2020 at 5:30 PM either by Zoom or at the Alden Town Hall. This information and updates to be published on the website.

Motion to adjourn by Reckinger, seconded by Davison. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary

Commissioner Candidate Nomination Process
Approved by Board of Commissioners 4-28-2020

Property owners attending the annual meeting elect commissioners to fill positions that will expire at the end of the meeting. One or two commissioner positions will expire at each annual meeting.

Nomination Process

In order to be included on the ballot at the annual meeting, a candidate must submit a written notice of the intent to run for a commissioner position. The notice must be received in the lake district post office box 60 days prior to the annual meeting. The address is P.O. Box 93, Star Prairie, WI. 54026. The annual meeting notice will include commissioner positions to be voted on and the candidates running for those positions. Write-in candidates are not allowed in commissioner elections. Nor are nominations allowed during the annual meeting.

District members will be asked to vote for candidates to fill each position with an expiring term. Candidates receiving the most votes will serve as commissioners.

Commissioner Positions

Commissioners are elected to 3 year terms. Starting in 2020, commissioner positions will expire in a 3 year cycle following a 2-2-1 pattern.

Commissioner Eligibility

If not appointed as a Town or County representative, the board nominee must be an eligible voter of the Cedar Lake P&R District.

Commissioner Expectations

Commissioners must regularly attend monthly board meetings.

Commissioners must serve as an officer of the board or lead a board committee.

In order to understand lake district operations, the board encourages Lake District members and prospective commissioner candidates to participate in monthly board meetings and Lake District committee projects and groups.