

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –February 23, 2021 – Held electronically by Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on February 23, 2021 by Chair Don Demulling.

Members present: Don Demulling, Dan Davison, Dan Early, Jim Reckinger, Ted Johnson and Warren Wood. Also present was consultant Cheryl Clemens (consultant), Eric Wojchick and Colton Sorensen (Polk County Land and Water Resources), residents – Dan Janse, Lisa Marinac, Dan Michaelis, Kim Glidden.

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

· Public Comments: None

· The minutes of the December 15, 202 board meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Early, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.

· Eric Wojchik and Colton Sorensen spoke to the group about their findings on the north end delta. They showed a presentation that showed map overlays of Horse Creek from 2015 and 2020. They pointed out the many places where the creek has changed direction and broken through to create a new flow path. These were numerous, and in some cases quite large. The presentation also showed information on a beaver dam break near Big Lake that altered flow and also weather data that showed we have undergone a particularly long time period of above average precipitation. They felt this can easily account for the changes in Horse Creek. They are still waiting for data from Bill James regarding water sampling. Several residents had questions which were answered.

· 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:	\$372,539.83
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$28,915.44
Committed to alum treatment (CD)	\$228,525.44
Committed to alum treatment (non-CD)	\$12,629.43
Additional to CD	\$1,474.56
Committed to alum monitoring:	\$18,750.00
Net available funds:	\$82,244.96

Reckinger mentioned the CD will be maturing very shortly and we will most likely renew it for a short time period, adding funds from the recent tax collection. A motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Davison, seconded by Early. Motion carried.

· Alum Treatment – Early reported that we have a signed contract with HAB for a 2021 treatment. The DNR has a new permitting procedure which has slowed things slightly but should not result in a delay of the treatment.

· AIS. Early gave the following report on Clean Boats – Clean Waters on area lakes this summer:

<u>Boats Inspected</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Balsam	6451	4993	5929
Cedar	2230	2306	2330
Whappo	916	1458	0
Bone	689	963	814
Deer	883	877	787

<u>People Reached</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Balsam	12528	9878	13812
Cedar	3695	3783	3718
Whappo	1819	3099	0
Bone	1415	1950	1487
Deer	1699	1693	1611

<u>Hours Spent</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Balsam	4015	2310	2749
Cedar	699	770	730
Whappo	202	283	0
Bone	371	627	536
Deer	272	281	296

Dan Early will contact the Star Prairie Fish and Game group about reconsidering a donation to either our CBCW effort of EWM treatment. Reckinger stated the EWM treatment permit process will be starting now with an anticipated treatment area of about 18 acres. A motion was made by Early, seconded by Wood to proceed with a 2021 ProCellacor treatment for EWM. Motion carried. Reckinger mentioned that we need more volunteers to monitor for EWM. This involves looking for it in the lake as well as throwing and retrieving short rakes to capture and identify the EWM. Anyone interested in helping should contact Jim Reckinger.

- Dam Discussion – Nothing new to report. An existing crack should be repaired in the spring.
- Shoreland Zoning –Nothing to report
- Water Patrol – Wood stated he has spoken with the Polk County Sheriff and they do plan on having a patrol on Cedar Lake this summer, but it’s unknown at this point how often it will happen.
- Grants. An extension for the Healthy Lakes grant has been granted to the end of 2021.

Board Member Reports:

- Demulling mentioned the Star Prairie Fish and Game group will be doing an “end of ice fishing season” cleanup on the lake on March 20th. Lake residents are encouraged to join in.
- Wood reported that he spoke with Kasey Yallaly, DNR fish biologist assigned to our lake. She said the scheduled 2019 walleye stocking did not happen because of COVID issues, but it should be done in 2021. Approximately 15,000 to 20,000 walleye fingerlings will be released and 1,000 – 1,500 muskie fingerlings. Information on past stocking can be found on the DNR website.

Agenda items for the next meeting will include: alum treatment, AIS, Horse Creek monitoring, zoning and regulations, grants and board member reports.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday March 23, 2021 by Zoom at 5:30 PM.

Motion to adjourn by Reckinger, seconded by Early. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Dan Davison, Secretary