

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –July 27, 2021 – Held at McMurtrie Preserve

Before calling the meeting to order, due to the unexpected passing of Chairman Don Demulling in early July, members of the board expressed their deepest sympathies for Don’s family. Don was an integral part of the Cedar Lake community for many years and his absence will be missed by all.

·Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Ted Johnson at 5:30 P.M. on July 27, 2021.

·Select Acting Board Chair: The first order of business was to select an acting Board Chairman. A motion was made by Dan Early, seconded by Joe Demulling, to select Jim Reckinger as acting Board Chairman until reorganization occurs after the Annual Meeting of CLPRD on August 7, 2021. The motion carried.

·Members present: Joe Demulling, Ted Johnson , Dan Early, Jim Reckinger, Warren Wood and Tom Deans. Also present were consultant Cheryl Clemens and lake resident Bruce Seagren.

·Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Wood, seconded by Early. Motion carried.

· Public Comments:

–Ted Johnson discussed the issue of people leaving trash at the NE landing. A discussion of adding a trash bin and a “launch fee” to cover the cost of trash clean-up took place and will be further discussed by Alden Township.

–Bruce Seagren asked about the vacant board position as a result of Don Demulling’s passing. Warren Wood explained to Seagren that the board is bound by the rules of Wisconsin State Statute Chapter 33 which dictates the procedures that a lake district must follow in conducting its business and replacing board members. Those regulations were followed after Dan Davison’s resignation and will be followed in filling Don Demulling’s position.

· Minutes: The minutes of the June 22, 2021 board meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Early, seconded by Wood. Motion carried.

· Discuss Board Vacancy. Discussion of the board vacancy for Don Demulling’s position took place. The appointment of someone to fill this position is the responsibility of the Board Chair as required by State Statute. Since there will be no official CLPRD business to conduct until after the Annual Meeting acting Chair Reckinger opted to fill the recent vacancy by appointing the person who places 2nd in the voting for the Polk County commissioner to fill the Don Demulling vacancy (2 years remaining). The person that places 1st in the Polk voting will fill Dan Davison’s position which will be for a 3 year term. As also required by statute, the majority of the board discussed and approved the appointment.

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

Gross Available:	\$104,045.10
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$28,915.44
Committed to alum treatment (non-CD)	\$157.88
Committed to alum monitoring:	\$7,360.00
Committed to other Grants:	\$1,000.00
Net available balance:	\$66,611.78

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

- Horse Creek Monitoring. Nothing new to report.

- Alum Treatment

- 2021 treatment was completed on June 28, 2021. The area treated was the deepest 332 acres of the lake compared to about 676 acres in previous treatments. Approximately the same amount of Alum was applied this year compared to prior treatments resulting in a “double dose” in the area treated. This year’s dosage was determined by Bill James, the lake’s consultant for alum treatment, based on testing and analysis of lake conditions over the past two years by James. That analysis showed that the deepest areas of the lake are releasing the most phosphorous.

- Cheryl Clemens indicated that the CLPRD will need to develop a new lake monitoring plan going forward after this treatment and has initiated discussions with Bill James in this regard. This will be discussed further in subsequent meetings including any available grants to cover these costs.

- AIS

- Clean Boats Clean Waters. Early provided a summary of CBCW staffing and hours at the boat landing for the year to date.

- Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM). Reckinger reported that hand pulling (by root) and harvesting of EWM was done by divers at the south area of the lake on July 22, 2021 in areas with high concentrations. Discussion took place regarding additional hand pulling if consultant Steve Schieffer indicates that it would be beneficial. A motion was made by Early, seconded by Wood, to allow another day of EWM removal if Schieffer considers it beneficial. Motion carried.

- Shoreland Zoning –Nothing new to report

- Annual Meeting Discussion.

- Kasey Yallaly from the DNR will speak first about the fisheries of Cedar Lake based on this year’s fish counts and other research.

- Wood proposed that the board and lake residents honor Don Demulling for his 27 years of service to the benefit of Cedar Lake.

- Reckinger indicated that the ballots for commissioner elections will be revised to allow voting for 2 persons from Polk County to fill the two vacant positions. A “blank” ballot would also be provided in case of any ties.

- Grants: Reckinger provided a list of grant status, including planned, active and closed grants. Clemens indicated that application for the grants will continue. She further indicated that the Lake Management Plan for Cedar Lake will need to be revised to include EWM control in order to obtain any grants for that effort. Further discussion is to take place in this regard.

- Board Member Reports:

- Wood said that Ron Siler, the Board’s legal counsel has not responded to his recent calls. Since legal counsel is needed Warren indicated he will draft a letter to Siler asking for a response by 8/20/2021.

- Deans sent a memo to Board members regarding a recent visit in July to look at the dam. Some minor “waterproofing” is being considered. A more extensive repair of the dam continues to be evaluated.

–Reckinger indicated that Irv and Dick, the 2 dam keepers, are retiring this winter (after the last board removal) and the Board will need to find replacements. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

–Wood asked we inform the candidates running for the Polk vacancies that they will be allowed 3 minutes each at the annual meeting to discuss their background and reason for running.

- Agenda items for the next meeting will include: alum treatment, AIS, zoning and regulations, Lake Management Plan, annual meeting review, grants, board member reports and other business.

- The next meeting will be on Tuesday August 24th, 2021 at the McMurtrie Preserve Shelter at 5:30 PM.

- Motion to adjourn made by Deans, seconded by Early. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Tom Deans, acting Secretary