

CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –August 24, 2021 – Held at McMurtrie Preserve

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on August 24, 2021 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll call: Present; Dan Early, Jim Reckinger, Warren Wood, Tom Deans and Jackie Elkin. Absent; Ted Johnson and Joe Demulling. Also present was Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental.

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

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the July 27, 2021 board meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes as submitted was made by Reckinger, seconded by Elkin. Motion carried.

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

Gross Available:	\$98,014.28
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$38,517.44
Committed to alum treatment (CD)	\$0.00
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:	\$50,978.96

Reckinger indicated that the final payment for the alum treatment has been processed, including funds from the DNR grant.

After a discussion a motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Deans, seconded by Early. Motion carried.

· Business Items

· Alum Treatment – Early discussed alum treatment monitoring. Cheryl Clemens indicated that Bill James, the Lake Districts consultant, will continue monitoring the lake conditions and report on the effectiveness of the 2021 alum treatment. Some algae growth has been noted in the last 2 weeks. The bloom is sporadic and varies from area to area. This is to be assessed by James after recent and pending testing. Clemens indicated that this testing is performed approximately every two weeks. Early has scheduled a conference call to include Bill James, Cheryl Clemens and himself in order to review current monitoring data, ongoing monitoring, as well as alum treatment strategy going forward.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Early discussed the CBCW effort and indicated that Matt Olson will continue to coordinate this work through the end of the boating season.

–EWM. Reckinger said Steve Schieffer was on the lake the week before last to review the recent hand pulling of EWM at the south area of the lake. Schieffer indicated that the water clarity has diminished and he was limited in how much he could visibly review. He did some rake sampling and will follow up with a report of his findings. Steve will also address the best approach on how to manage the remaining EWM in his report.

–Zebra Mussels. A discussion took place regarding the ongoing search for Zebra Mussels (ZM) in our lake. Although no ZM have been found to date they have been found in many lakes in our area. It was suggested that sending an email to lake residents to look for ZM on their docks and lifts when they are pulled out this fall could help. Our email list does not include everyone on the lake but even a “partial list” email would help spread the word.

· Shoreland Zoning: Wood said that he has established a contact in each of the two counties (Polk and St. Croix). These contacts will be notified if any non-compliance issues are noticed.

· Lake Management Plan Update: Clemens discussed the procedure to update the Lake Management Plan. She indicated that the current plan was initiated in 2017. To help continue to get grant funding the plan should be updated. She indicated that efforts to be addressed in the updated plan include EWM control, alum treatment, CBCW and rehab of the dam. She presented a proposal for updating the plan which includes a timeline for the various tasks involved.

A motion was made by Wood, seconded by Reckinger, to allow Clemens to initiate the Lake Management Plan Update in accordance with the Proposal submitted by Clemens including the timelines. Motion Carried

· Annual Meeting Review:

–Early discussed voter eligibility questions that were brought up before the annual meeting. Wisconsin State Statutes, Chapter 33, address voter eligibility and state that “electors and property owners” are eligible to vote. After discussing the issue the board members agreed that any person that resides in the Lake District, is over 18 and eligible to vote in general elections, is an elector. The district can ask for proof of residency. Early recommended that the board provide information about eligibility to the electorate prior to any vote.

–Reckinger talked in general about guest speakers at the annual meeting. During the 2021 annual meeting the DNR Fisheries representative talked about the recent fish counts in Cedar Lake. The presentation and discussion carried on for some time because attendees had many questions. The board discussed the possibility of allowing guest speakers a specified amount of time. If attendees then had questions, and the speaker could stay after the meeting, they could be addressed after adjournment.

· Grant Applications: Clemens presented four grant resolutions; Continuing Alum Treatment, EWM Control, Alum Monitoring and Lake Management Plan Update. The board discussed the grants and Clemens answered any questions.

A motion was made by Early, seconded by Reckinger, to approve grant resolutions so that we may apply for the four listed grants. Motion carried.

· Board Member Reports:

–Deans talked about the proposal for concrete testing of the dam. After discussion it was agreed to delay any action at this time and to take this issue up at subsequent meetings. Installation of a waterproofing membrane at the two approaches to the dam is being discussed for this year.

–Early discussed the possibility of updating or redesigning the district’s web site. A number of issues were discussed leading to the conclusion that this would be discussed further at subsequent meetings of the board.

–Reckinger said that the current dam keepers, Irv Erickson and Dick Hoppe are retiring at the end of the year. He said that he was contacted by two persons interested in taking on these duties. It was agreed that this will be discussed further at the next meeting of the board.

–Elkin discussed the tree clearing along East Cedar Road at the NE shoreline of the lake. She also mentioned the ongoing efforts by property owners along the road to have the roadway vacated. The road is controlled and maintained by Alden Township.

–Deans mentioned that we should consider finding someone to establish the official “Ice Out” date going forward. Don Demulling did this for many years. This will be discussed at upcoming meetings.

· Committee Responsibilities: Wood discussed issues facing the district that would benefit by having a committee and appointing a chairperson. After discussion by the board Wood made the following appointments: Dam Repair and Operations – Deans; Shoreland Zoning – Wood; Alum Treatment – Early; AIS –Elkin (transitioning from Early and Reckinger).

· Other Business: Wood talked about the ongoing trash and sign damage issues at the NE landing. He talked with Alden Township and indicated that the NE landing issues have been added as an agenda item at the next Alden Township Board Meeting on 9-9-21. He encouraged the board members to attend that meeting if available.

· Agenda for Next Meeting: Agenda items for the next meeting will include: Alum Treatment, AIS, Shoreland Zoning, Grants, Board Member Reports and Other Issues.

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday September 28, 2021 at the McMurtrie Preserve Shelter at 5:30 PM.

· Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made by Elkin, seconded by Early. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Minutes submitted by Tom Deans, Secretary