

## CEDAR LAKE PROTECTION AND REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Meeting Minutes –September 27, 2022 – Held at Alden Town Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 P.M. on September 27, 2022 by Chair Warren Wood.

· Roll call: Present - Warren Wood, Dan Early, Jim Reckinger, Tom Deans, Jackie Elkin, and Ted Johnson. Quorum Present.

Absent - John Bonneprise. Also present – Cheryl Clemens of Harmony Environmental.

· Approval of Agenda: **Motion to approve the agenda was made by Early, seconded by Elkin. Motion carried.**

· Public Comments: None

· Minutes: The minutes of the August 23, 2022 board meeting were reviewed. **Motion to approve the minutes was made by Reckinger, seconded by Johnson. Motion carried.**

· Treasurer's Report: Jim Reckinger presented the treasurer's report for September, 2022. The report showed a summary as follows:

<b>Gross Available:</b>	\$434,116.32
Non-lapsable fund balance:	\$57,593.44
Committed to alum treatment (CD)	\$249,755.09
Additional to CD	\$60,244.91
Committed to alum treatment (non CD)	\$0.00
Committed to grants:	\$43,406.47
<b>Net Available Balance:</b>	<b>\$23,116.41</b>

Jim noted that additional funds have been deposited from recent tax proceeds. He also discussed recent CD (certificates of deposit) activity. Jim addressed any questions from the board. **Motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by Early, seconded by Elkin. Motion carried.**

· Business Items:

· Alum Treatment –The board discussed the recent algae bloom in the lake this past August. Cheryl Clemens mentioned that Bill James, the district's alum consultant, is evaluating available data and continuing testing of lake sediment. He has indicated that a reduced amount of iron in the lake may have contributed to the recent bloom. He intends to continue to do water and sediment testing, including over the winter, and plans to provide more information and recommendations after further analysis, in January or February of 2023. The status of any future treatment will depend on Bill's recommendations.

Warren Wood mentioned that he would like to have a board work session on water quality in mid October and has asked board members to attend.

· AIS

– Clean Boats Clean Waters. Jackie Elkin, CBCW coordinator, mentioned that monitoring of both landings will cease for the year at the end of this week. If anyone is (or knows of someone who may be) interested in this paid position for the coming year please let Jackie know at 612-801-6615.

–EWM. Jim Reckinger discussed that there was little evidence of significant EWM growth (and most other aquatic plants) in 2022. Jim Reckinger talked with Steve Scheifer, EWM consultant, who said this is likely due to late ice-out, cooler water temperatures and turbid water conditions this year.

–Zebra Mussels. Jim Reckinger mentioned that Zebra Mussels have continued to be found in Deer Lake. He showed a photo taken this year of zebra mussels attached to plants. Zebra Mussels have not been found in Cedar Lake to date. **When lake residents remove docks and lifts this fall it is very important to remember to look for these mussels attached to the equipment. If anything looks suspicious please contact any of the board members. Contact information is listed on the Cedar Lake website.** More information including photos is provided on the Cedar Lake website (<https://cedarlake-wi.org/>) and is shown on the DNR website.

- Shoreland Zoning: Warren Wood indicated that there are no new issues reported in the last month.
- Lake Management Plan Update: Cheryl Clemens mentioned that the original plan was to hold three meetings for this work in January and February of 2023. This could be delayed later into 2023 until more information is available for content. This issue was tabled until the next meeting.
- Dam: The board discussed some minor fill work needed at the east abutment this year. No action was taken but this work could commence soon.
- Board Member Reports:

–Ted Johnson mentioned that two security cameras for the north boat landing are on back order. The light will be a standard security light. The cameras are to have some type of recording capability, which is still being discussed by Alden Township.

–Warren Wood mentioned that the district has been asked to share the initial cost of the security cameras (50/50) with Alden Township. The cameras will cost approximately \$2000 and the District’s share will be about \$1000. The ongoing cost of operating the cameras and security light (electric, etc.) will be covered by Alden Township. **Motion was made by Wood, seconded by Reckinger, for the district to pay half of the camera equipment cost for the north boat landing. Motion carried.**

–Warren Wood asked about installation of fill at the north landing below the concrete ramp. Boaters that “power-on” cause this erosion hole. Johnson said he will ask maintenance personnel at Alden Township if this was done.

–Jackie Elkin said the issue of personnel working at the landing (and any other “paid” workers) as to whether they are covered by the District’s insurance coverage and whether they are considered “employees” or “contractors”, is still being reviewed. AIS board members, including Jackie, Dan Early and Jim Reckinger, will continue to research this issue and review options to address any measures the Lake District may have to take.

- Other Business:

–Warren Wood mentioned that there is a meeting of the St. Croix County Conservation Partnership planned for 11/9/22 and anyone interested attending can contact him for more information.

· Agenda for Next Meeting: Business items for the next meeting will include: Alum Treatment and Monitoring, AIS, Shoreland Zoning, Lake Management Plan Update, Dam, Board Member Reports, and Other Business.

· Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be on Tuesday October 25, 2022 at Alden Town Hall at 5:30 PM.

· Adjourn: **Motion to adjourn was made by Elkin, seconded by Early. Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:39 P.M.

Minutes prepared by Tom Deans, Secretary