

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
June 11, 2020**

The meeting commenced at 7:31 PM on Zoom Conference Call (Meeting ID: 847 867 563; PW: 126054)

In attendance: Tommy Lee, District Chairman
Brian Waterman, District Vice-Chairman
Richard Carr
Terry O'Coin, District Treasurer
Michele Cospers, District Clerk
John Moisan

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The previously distributed minutes of the May 14, 2020, May 17, 2020, and May 20, 2020 Management Committee Meetings were offered for approval. A motion was made, seconded, and voted unanimously to accept the Minutes. Rich Carr abstained since he was not present at the May 14 and May 20, 2020 meetings.

Clerk's Report

See attached memorandum dated June 11, 2020 for Clerk's report of communications for the period of May 15, 2020 to June 11, 2020.

Treasurer's Report

A Treasurer's Report dated 6/11/20 showed that the District had \$645,658.53 on deposit at Cornerstone Bank. Of this amount, \$447,766.77 was deposited in the money market account containing betterment payments. The report shows one deposit of \$2,231.14, a transfer of \$77,524.75 into the checking account for USDA loan payment 7 of 40, and one interest payment of \$207.39. The general funds checking account contains \$166,311.12. The report shows two deposits of \$17,390.69 and \$219.12 from tax receipts, and one transfer of \$77,524.75 from the betterment account for USDA loan payment 7 of 40. The report shows no payments. The dam stabilization account contains \$30,455.22. The report shows an interest deposit of \$41.88. \$1,125.42 was in the stabilization account. Mr. O'Coin requested and was granted approval for Warrant 227.

FY2020 Tax Payment Update

92 proprietors pay tax to the District. 30 proprietors have paid in full (\$7,669.93 / 27 %), and 55 proprietors have paid half (\$9,939.88 / 68%). 7 proprietors have not paid (1,420.39 / 5%). Therefore, 62% of tax payments have been collected. Payments are due in February and May, so this collection profile is inline with past years.

FY2020 Betterments Update

Payments were due in the Fall of 2019. 93 proprietors were assessed betterments by the District. 13 proprietors opted to prepay; 17 betterments were paid off due to early payoff or home sale; and 1 proprietor completed all payments on schedule. Therefore, 62 proprietors are still making betterment payments. 60 proprietors have paid in full (\$83,254.60 / 96.8 %), and 1 proprietors have paid half (\$4,240.06 / 1.6%). Therefore, 99.7 % of betterment payments have been collected. 1 proprietor has paid none, which reflects 0.3% of the betterment payments expected. This payment profile is better than past years.

Old Business

Lake Clarity & Level Management Update

Lake level is at net zero in terms of water level. There is a lot of pollen in the lake and a number of dead fish. ESS group has told us in prior years that as the vegetation begins to grow it uses up the oxygen in the water, and the more sensitive fish tend to suffer. Mr Lee found that the lower gate valve mechanism is broken, and it will need to be repaired. Currently the lake is +8 inches above the spillway. Water clarity is exception high. The committee is in discussion if there is any work or testing to e performed by ESS group in 2020 in terms of water clarity and invasive aquatic plant growth.

Dam Repairs and Maintenance

The dam crest has been mowed except where the old pipes were stored, but area should be mowed. Mr. Lee is going to contact Sunshine. The District is also still working to have the the cap stones replaced and small holes filled.

During the Fall 2019 draw down, it was discovered that our lower gate valve would not open properly. R.H. White was engaged to review the condition, and they believe a sheer pin may have broken off preventing the valve from mechanism from engaging the lever. We are in active discussions with R.H. White for repairs. To fix the sheer pin only, the estimate cost of repair is \$5,750. If the entire valve needs replacement, the estimated cost of repair is \$12,000. R.H. White is working with scheduling divers to begin the repair process.

Dam Inspection

The District has engaged with Lenard Engineering to conduct our State mandated dam inspection. The dam was inspected. A recommendation to fill near the cap stones will be made. Trees will need to be cut down with 20 feet of the dam. The concrete of the dam look to be in very good condition. The report should be issued this week.

Annual Meeting Review

Annual meeting went very well. No issues to discuss at this time.

New Business

Cedar Meadow Ski Club

A few new members have joined the Cedar Meadow Ski Club. There have been no new concerns regarding the placement and installation of the temporary ski slalom ski course. Mr. Moisan had a discussion will all drivers to keep distance away from neighboring docks as skiers are returned to Mr. Moisan's dock.

The permanent course will be repaired in three phases. The first will be raising the course to assess damage. The second will be obtain the necessary parts and fix the damage. The third will be to install the buoys and remove the temporary course.

Rawson Street Bridge Complaints

Mr. Stiles reported to us that there were many trespassers around his area and the Rawson Street Bridge area fishing. The District will encourage Mr. Stiles to call the police if his driveways are blocked or if people are acting disrespectful. Mr. Stiles does not want to put in and take out the buoys that were put up near the bridge with a no fishing sign. The District believes that the permanent bridge, less parking, and fencing on top of the bridge make the buoys unnecessary. The District will retrieve the buoys and eventually dispose of them if it is found they are indeed unnecessary. Mr Lee is will visit with Mr. Stiles regarding these issues.

Permitting Fireworks

Fireworks permits have been granted for other lakes in Leicester. The fire chief returned Rich's call with information regarding cost and feasibility. This could be a fun end of summer event for a lake celebration.

Betterment Loan

Can we rewrite the note at the USDA to another lender at a lower interest rate? Rich making inquiries and Mr. McGovern's office is looking into potential options for the District.

Boat Safety

There have been several ski boats noted going too quickly after dark without lights. This is obviously unsafe and should not be acceptable.

Executive Session

The meeting was not recessed to go into executive session at 8:07

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Management Committee was scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on Monday, August 13, 2020 by Zoom Meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

A True Copy Attest:

Michele M. Cospers, District Clerk

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District
Memorandum**

Date: June 11, 2020
Subject: District Communications
To: Management Committee
From: District Clerk

District Clerk Michele Cospers reported the following communications for the period of May 15, 2020 - June 11, 2020. This memorandum will be attached to the June 11, 2020 Management Committee Meeting minutes:

5/18 Proprietor Phil Stiles inquiring by email about installation of temporary slalom course to Mr. Lee

5/18 Proprietor Shane Schmiski called the District Clerk with concerns about placement of temporary slalom course.

5/15-5/18 Email communications between CMLWD board members regarding motion wording, document posting, voting procedures, proxies, and temporary slalom course installation.

5/27 Email communications between Proprietor and Ski Club President John Moisan & Mr. O'Coin regarding posting of Ski Club Flier and Life on the Water Event on the District Website.

5/27 Mr. Moisan also requested to join the June Management Committee date to help aide communication between the Ski Club and the Management Committee.

5/27 Email communications between Proprietor and Ski Club President John Moisan & District Management Committee regarding re-installation of temporary slalom course parallel to the permanent course that is need of repair.

5/28 Agenda for 6/11 meeting posted by Town of Leicester

5/28 Email from Tommy Lee regarding Dam Inspection

5/28 Email to Proprietor John Moisan regarding ski boat proximity to neighboring dock.

6/4 Email exchange between District Treasurer and a relator regarding betterments.

6/11 Email exchange with Phil Stiles regarding trespassers near the Rawson St Bridge.