

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
June 9, 2022**

The meeting commenced at 7:35 PM on Zoom Conference Call (Meeting ID: 861 7202 3190 Passcode: 973112)

In attendance: Tommy Lee, Chairman
Richard Carr, Vice Chairman
Brian Waterman, Committee Member
Jillian Spratt, Clerk
Terence O'Coin, Treasurer

Minutes of Previous Meetings

The previously distributed minutes of the Annual Meeting were offered for approval. Mr. Lee made a motion to table the Annual Meeting minutes until the next meeting of the CMLWD Management Committee. Motion was seconded and voted unanimously.

Clerk's Report

Clerk's report of communications for the period of May 18, 2022 - June 9, 2022.

- 5/26/2022 - 6/9/2022 - Continuous email correspondence between Mr. O'Coin and Will Foster from the USDA. Email correspondence included signatures required for the Security Inspection Report; Annual Servicing Worksheet and Insurance Policy
- 5/19, 5/31 emails between CMLWD Management committee (Tommy Lee, Sr.) and Brian Falk from Mirrick O'Connell re: Shea and the District

Treasurer's Report

A Treasurer's Report dated 6/9/22 showed that the District had \$776,187.52 on deposit at Cornerstone Bank. Of this amount, \$670,726.31 was deposited in the Money Market account containing betterment payments. The report shows one interest payment of \$117.61. The report shows one transfer (6/9/22): \$75,088.00 to the General Fund for USDA Loan Payment (9 of 40). The general funds checking account contains \$49,726.75 The report shows one deposit of \$75,088.00 (transferred from Money Market account) for the USDA Loan Payment 9 of 40. The report shows 7 payments; (1) \$1200 to Mirick O'Connell for Eminent Domain Taking, Charles St., Book 22883, Page 303, (2) \$15,000 to Mirick O'Connell for Eminent Domain Taking, Rawson St., Book 6901, Page 287, (3) \$55.22 to Tommy Lee for Postage expenses for eminent domain taking, (4) \$34.93 to TRC Environmental Corporation for 2022 Aquatic Plant & Water Qual. Mon. & Reporting, (5) \$1,474.50 to Mirick O'Connell for legal fees, (6) \$3,456.44 to TRC Environmental Corporation for 2022 Aquatic Plant & Water Qual. Mon. & Reporting-Weed

Mapping; and (7) \$1330.00 to WDA Design Group, Inc. for the Draft Notice of Intent, ConCom prep, planning for tree cutting behind dam. The dam stabilization account contains \$60,785.79. The report shows one interest deposit of \$7.99. \$1,174.16 was in the stabilization account. Mr. O'Coin is requesting approval for warrant 244.

On Warrant 240, the CMLWD Management Committee had approved two checks (#338 and 339) for the amounts of \$1200 and \$15,000 respectively for the eminent domain taking. These funds will now be held in escrow indefinitely once a rightful owner has been determined.

Tax Payment & Betterment Payment Updates

92 proprietors pay tax to the District. Mr. O'Coin reported no updates on betterment or tax collections, as no payments have been received since the last meeting. The remaining funds are expected through the summer. There have been no other betterment payoffs.

Old Business

Lake Clarity & Level Management Update

As per Mr. Lee, the lake level is average and on point for time of year. At present, there is a lot of tree pollen on the surface of the lake. TRC Environmental Group performed water testing (pre-algae sampling). Results were negative for cyanobacteria. All levels were well within the acceptable limits.

Mr. Lee shared with the CMLWD Management Committee that mapping has been completed by TRC Environmental Group regarding potential treatment options for weed management. Mr. Lee reviewed the three options proposed by TRC with the committee. Please refer to **Weed Treatment & Water Quality Monitoring** below.

Dam Maintenance and Dam Crest

Sunshine is completing the moving on the eastern side of the dam crest but not the western side. Mr. Lee will be following up with Sunshine via email.

Weed Treatment & Water Quality Monitoring

TRC Environmental Group completed a mapping on 5/24/2022. Results indicated an abundance of fanwort and milfoil. TRC Group proposed the following options for weed management:

- **Option 1.** Treat the entire mapped area of fanwort with Clipper and the entire mapped area of variable-leaf milfoil with Reward. This approach would provide good control of invasives in the lake this year. However, given the extent of fanwort in the waterbody, regrowth in 2023 is expected, and Clipper could then not be applied to any areas where it was applied in 2022.
- **Option 2.** Treat all mapped milfoil areas with Reward, treat a subset of fanwort areas with Clipper. The fanwort treatment could target recreationally important locations or areas with denser growth (e.g. the ~10 acres with fanwort cover >25%). Fanwort

regrowth/expansion from untreated areas would be expected in 2023, but areas of the lake that were not treated with Clipper in 2022 could be treated, with rotating treatment areas addressed in subsequent years.

- **Option 3.** Treat a limited area of the Lake with Reward and Clipper this year and conserve budget for a May 2023 treatment with Sonar. This option would provide longer term control of fanwort within the Lake than the use of contact herbicides, which would likely need to be applied annually (depending on various factors). However, Sonar treatment is very expensive and needs to be started in May, so is not an option for control this year.

The most recent treatment was 2015 and significantly influenced the lake aesthetics late in the summer recreational season.

The CMLWD Management Committee decided to proceed with **Option 2** (Partial contact treatment) for this season. *TRC Environmental Group is contracting to have the herbicide application conducted by The Pond and Lake Connection. Pending permits, application will occur on June 14, 2022.*

Tree Cutting Progress

Mr. Waterman is currently working on the permit process. The CMLWD aims to fell trees in Fall 2022. To date, the district has one estimate (Elliott Tree Cutting), with another company also interested in providing the district with an estimate. The management committee will be following up with Elliott Tree Cutting regarding an expiration to their original estimate.

Annual Meeting Review

Motion to table until next meeting. Motion seconded and voted unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Waterman shared that after speaking with fellow proprietors along the eastern shore of the lake mention was made of some new vegetation concentrated in one area near the Halpern residence. Mr. Waterman suspects it may be filamentous algae. Mr. Waterman will share photos and a description with TRC Environmental Group for input.

It has been brought to the district's attention that some proprietors and neighbors of proprietors are using pyrethrum, a pesticide for treatment of insects and arachnids. The district plans to share information about its use and potential harms to water life in our annual newsletter, on our website, and social media pages.

Mr. Carr and Mr. O'Coin are working closely with the USDA regarding pre-paying the USDA loan. Mr. Carr will prepare an amendment to the loan and connect with Will Foster from the USDA regarding the preparation of any necessary paperwork.

Executive Session

The regular meeting of the management committee was not recessed for an executive session.

Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Management Committee was scheduled for 7:30 P.M. on Thursday, August 4, 2022 by Zoom Meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 P.M.

A True Copy Attest:

Jillian Spratt, District Clerk