

**Cedar Meadow Lake Watershed District
Minutes of Management Committee Meeting
August 4, 2022**

The meeting commenced at 7:32 PM on Zoom Conference Call (Meeting ID: 879 7156 6246 Passcode: 854092)

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 May Monthly meeting, Annual Meeting, and June Monthly meeting were offered for approval. May monthly meeting minutes dated: 5/12/2022 motion made and accepted with corrections; May 18, 2022 annual meeting motion to accept Mr. Lee - seconded by Mr. Waterman; 6/9/2022 - Mr. Lee motioned to accept minutes; seconded by Mr. Waterman.

Clerk's Report

Clerk's report of communications for the period of June 10, 2022 - August 4, 2022.

- 6/11/22 - Email from Proprietor - Phil Stiles re: concerning activity on bridge; police dept. Contacted and suggested reinstalling signage; current signage faded; Tommy replied; Tommy to take a look at current condition.
- 6/13/22 - Email between Terry O'Coin (Treasurer) and Will Foster (USDA) re: compliance follow-ups for the CMLWD USDA Loan
- 6/14/22 - Email correspondence to CMLWD Management Committee from Nick McMahon from The Pond and Lake Connection and Anna Chase (TRC) re: Lake treatment application (6/14/22)
- 6/17/22 - Email from Brian Falk (Mirick O'Connell) re: receipt of the checks and forms to set up escrow accounts re: settlements for Karen O'Shea.
- 6/27/22 - Tommy emailed Steve Crowe (Sunshine Mowing) re: reminder of access to the western portion of the dam crest
- 6/29/22 - Clerk phone call with Will Foster USDA re: introductions and updating district contact information; email also exchanged between Terry O'Coin (Treasurer) and Will Foster prior to phone call
- 7/22/22- Will Foster re: Civil Rights Review telephone call set for 8/5/2022 @ 4pm

Treasurer's Report

A Treasurer's Report dated 8/4/22 showed that the District had \$712,922.71 on deposit. \$554,237.23 was on deposit in the checking account. Of this amount, \$96,702.79 was deposited in the Money Market account containing betterment payments. The report shows two interest payments of \$101.65 and \$94.80. The report shows one transfer (8/4/2022): \$500,000.00 to

Checking account for USDA Principal pay down. 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 1 payment; (1) \$2,436.04 to WDA Design Group, Inc. re: Notice of Intent, ConCom prep, planning for tree cutting behind dam. The dam stabilization account contains \$60,808.53 The report shows two interest deposits of \$7.50 and \$7.25. \$1,174.16 was in the stabilization account. Mr. O'Coin is requesting approval for warrant 245.

Tax Payment & Betterment Payment Updates

92 proprietors pay tax to the District. Mr. O'Coin reported approximately 94% of tax collections have been met for FY2022, and approximately 98% of betterment collections for FY2022. There have been no other betterment payoffs.

Old Business

Lake Clarity & Level Management Update

Mr. Lee reported that the lake level is down approximately 8-10 inches. This level is normal for this time of year. Summer has been dry and warm. Lake water clarity is good and has been maintained.

Dam Maintenance and Dam Crest

Sunshine is mowing and doing well in mowing both sides of the dam crest.

Weed Treatment & Water Quality Monitoring

Treatment re: Option 2 re: weeds management was completed on 6/24/2022. There are some floating weeds visible near the middle of the lake.

Mr. O'Coin noted observation of "soap sud" like on the surface of the lake. Also typical for this time of year.

Pricing option now available for additional weed management in subsequent years. A whole lake treatment in 2023 ~\$59k (Sonar/Floradone Treatment).

Mr. Lee is connecting ESS Group with Burncoat Pond to assist with weed management efforts upstream.

Tree Cutting Permitting Progress

The Limoges (142 Charles Street) are in agreement to cut trees. Mr. Lee discussed the benefit of purchasing a small strip of land for dam maintenance purposes. At present the district has permission to access through the Limoges property for dam access.

Mr. Waterman has been working with the DEP Central Regional Office. The Stormwater Management regulations and stormwater checklist to be completed and submitted. A draft cover letter has also been completed. The final draft with the tree cutting notice of intent will be submitted to the CMLWD Management Committee for final approval prior to submission.

Mr. Waterman reviewed the schematics of the proposed tree cutting with the management committee. Cutting area encompasses 20 feet below the dam.

The CMLWD has received estimates and proposals from Elliot Tree Cutting. Evan Berthume, Spencer MA has expressed interest in providing a bid. His estimate is pending.

New Business

Mr. Carr gave an update on Cedar Meadow Lake Social Club - off to a great start. The July 4th Boat Parade and Paddle Poker/Potluck events were successful; more events to be announced.

Mr. Lee was contacted by Mr. Stiles (400 Rawson Street) regarding signage at the bridge to deter fishing and activity happening at the dam. Prior to the construction of the new bridge there was a complex buoy system to deter fishing that ran from shore to shore. The CMLWD Management Committee discussed that some alternative solutions be discussed with Mr. Stiles and Chief Dupuis (5 Rawson Drive). Mr. Lee will follow up.

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, September 8, 2022 by Zoom Meeting.

Adjournment

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

A True Copy Attest:



Jillian Spratt, District Clerk