

Cedar Lake Improvement Board Meeting Minutes  
Regular Public Meeting  
Greenbush Township Hall, Greenbush, MI  
Friday, December 8, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

1. Call to order 10:03 a.m.
2. Board Roll Call: Present--Vaughn, Brummund, Strauer, Campbell, Sutton. Absent: Huebel. There was a quorum. Dailey phoned in to participate but not vote. Total of 5 participants joined meeting in person or by phone.
3. Online Meeting Operating Protocol & Housekeeping was discussed.
4. Public Comments: Jeff Linderman inquired about the reason for the closed session held at October board meeting, inquired if anyone that was a non-board member was present during the closed session, and inquired the attorney's name that was part of the closed session.
5. Approval of 12-8-23 Agenda - Motion to approve agenda as presented made by Brummund/Strauer. All ayes, motion passed.
6. Approval of Minutes from 10-13-23 meeting: Motion to approve minutes as presented made by Brummund/Strauer. All ayes, motion passed.
7. Old Business:
  - a) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Fee appeal by Jeff Linderman: The Appeal Decision confirmation letter was included in the board packet.
  - b) Travis Sanitation: Unfulfilled scope of the work on the demolition project contract. Vaughn will follow up.
  - c) Lake resident survey: Vaughn wanted opinions of board as to whether another motion needed to be made regarding the survey on a multi-year full lake dredging project. There is a motion from 4-13-23 that would allow for this action. The board felt the standing motion should hold and Vaughn will continue with the survey project.
  - d) Briarwood Bay Cut dredging project: This project will not proceed at this time. The contractor that was contacted regarding this project was indicted by the State of Michigan and there are a few other concerns and obstacles. There was no motion made to proceed with this project at this time.
8. New Business
  - a) Mark Kieser, Kieser & Associates, called-in and reported on progress and initial results from the Jones Ditch TOPO LIDAR survey project and data analysis. Kieser presented a Jones Ditch Preliminary Hydrology Assessment report that identified significant future enhancement opportunities to improve flow from the western wetlands into Jones Ditch and Cedar Lake. He also identified a grant opportunity from the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership (MGLP) 2025 Lake Conservation Grant that may offer funding opportunities. The details of the grant funding level, grant objectives, physical modifications in the Cedar Lake Watershed to achieve grant objectives, the multi-phase project work plan (3-year project, 2025-2028), and other details were presented in Kieser's written report (included in the Meeting Packet). Additional grant information can be found at: [https://midwestglaciallakes.org/grant/?Utm\\_campaign=FY25GrantRFP&Utm\\_medium=bulletin](https://midwestglaciallakes.org/grant/?Utm_campaign=FY25GrantRFP&Utm_medium=bulletin) If Kieser was named engineer of record on the grant by the CLIB, Kieser & Associates would write the grant for no fee. Motion that the board authorize Kieser & Associates to write and submit the grant application to the

DNR at no cost to the CLIB, naming Kieser & Associates as the engineer of record, was made by Campbell/Strauer. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion passed.

b) CLIB website development and cost options: Options presented: continue with Oscoda Township hosting our info or talk with Greenbush regarding co-hosting, expand our own site to include all information, or Kieser & Associates could host our information. Information and proposals included in packet. After much discussion a Motion to ask the Chair to pursue additional avenues for a website and continue to leave the option of Kieser and Clarity proposals on the table was made by Brummund/Campbell. Roll Call vote: all ayes. Motion passed.

c) Review and approve bills that were paid since the 10-13-23 meeting and bills that are now due: Motion to approve payment as recommended: Bloom Sluggett LLC, October 2023 invoice 24424, \$2,315.50 and Kieser & Associates professional services rendered, invoice 23-313, \$3,955.00, was made by Brummund/Strauer. Roll call vote: all ayes. Motion passed.

d) 2023 Budget Review: Reviewed the budget and discussed. Under budget for 2023.

e) 2024 proposed budget: first reading, discussion, and any proposed changes:

i. added expenditure items: insurance, biennial audit, riparian opinion surveys.

ii. discussion on expenditure/revenue to consider: Sale of excess of property at Jones ditch, additional administration support.

iii/iv. Procedure for 2024 proposed budget: after proposed budget is accepted by the board, a Public Hearing is to be set with public notice published in the two local newspapers at least six days prior to the hearing. At the end of the Public Hearing, the board can consider a budget resolution. Motion made to set the date for the 2024 proposed CLIB Budget Public Hearing as January 12, 2024, by Brummund/Campbell. All ayes, motion passed.

f) Motion made to set the CLIB regular stated 2024 meetings as follows: January 12; April 12; July 12; October 11; and December 6 at 10 a.m. by Brummund/Strauer. All ayes, motion passed.

Before moving onto Public Comments, Strauer asked if there was a conclusion regarding the sale of the excess property discussed during the proposed budget section of the meeting. Vaughn responded that there was no conclusion. After discussion, a Motion authorizing the Chair to advertise for and select a realtor, submit the documents for subdividing the property to the Alcona County Equalization Department, enter into negotiations with a prospective buyer and bring a recommendation for a sale price and an initialed purchase agreement for approval was made by Vaughn/Campbell. All ayes, motion passed.

#### 10. Public Comment (Added):

Jeff Linderman: He said that in today's meeting it was said the Oscoda Township does currently provide Notices & Packets for these meetings. He checked at 11 pm last night for this meetings information and no Agenda or contents for this meeting was posted. He supports this board creating a standalone site that the Board would manage to disseminate information such as minutes, notices, agendas and so forth. He thinks it is Incumbent on this board to follow the OMA & FOIA process to the "T". Thank you.

Chuck Kowalski: In regard to the October meeting, he stated that the FOIA request was not submitted by the AICLA. That at no time prior to July did the AILCA have anything to do with the request. Feels CLIB and AICLA need to work together. Expressed his opinion regarding all negative and nonproductive actions and opinions that have been voiced in public and social media.

Gary Cole: Thanked board for all the hard work and professionalism. Expressed his gratitude for the lake level. The lake is better for it.

Donna Barringer: Thanked the board for the action they just took regarding Mark Kieser's proposal for the grant. She felt the Board did more in ten minutes that the AICLA has done in the last year for the lake level, in her opinion. The CLIB has been justifying their existence and their hard work for the people on the lake and she hopes the board continues. Appreciates all the hard work and appreciates the board.

Rudy Sheridan (sp?): Has concerns regarding the storm drains around Lakewood Shores. There are some issues, and the drains are collapsing and he is wondering if it has ever been pursued to recycle back to Cedar Lake and not Lake Huron. Much discussion regarding this problem. Strauer was able to explain a little history and what his procedure he is following for this Losco Drain Commissioner problem.

Dave Dailey: Added that the drainage affects Timberlake waterflow.

10. Next regular meeting date: Friday, January 12, 2024, 10 am

11. Adjourned 11:49 am