

Cedar Lake Improvement Board Meeting Minutes
Regular Public Meeting
Greenbush Township Hall, Greenbush, MI
Friday, April 14, 2023 10:00 a.m.

1. Call to order 10:04 a.m.
2. Board Roll Call: Present---Vaughn, Dailey, Wusterbarth, Campbell. Absent: Brummund, Huebel. There was a quorum. Total of 12 participants joined meeting in person including 4 by phone, and 4 of whom were board members.
3. Online Meeting Operating Protocol & Housekeeping was discussed.
4. Public Comments: Jeff Linderman asked about update for by-laws. Frank Kramarz had weed control concerns, especially in the "trenches" on the west side of the north lake.
5. Approval of 4-14-23 Agenda - Motion to approve agenda as presented made by Dailey/Wusterbarth. All ayes, motion passed.
6. Approval of Minutes:
 - a) Motion to approve amended minutes as presented from the February 13, 2023 Special Public Meeting made by Wusterbarth/Dailey. All ayes, motion passed.
 - b) Motion to approve amended minutes as presented from the March 20-21, 2023 Special Public Meeting made by Wusterbarth/Dailey. All ayes, motion passed.
 - c) Motion to approve minutes as presented from the April 3, 2023 Special Public Meeting made by Campbell/Dailey. All ayes, motion passed.
7. Old Business:
 - a) Briarwood Bay "Cut" Investigation Project
 - i. Consider Closed Session to review information from legal counsel. Reviewed 4/10/23 email correspondence from Board counsel concerning appropriateness of a Closed Session. Much discussion. Motion to go into a closed session under the Michigan Open Meetings Act pursuant to MCL 15.268(1)(h) to discuss a privileged and confidential opinion letter from the attorney for the Cedar Lake Improvement Board dated March 27, 2023 and involving various matters relating to possibly dredging the canal between Cedar Lake and Briarwood Bay was made by Vaughn/Dailey. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion passed. Board went into closed session. Closed session ended, regular meeting resumed at 10:30 AM. Chairman released the privileged and confidential information from Board counsel regarding Briarwood Bay that was discussed in closed session. He explained the basic procedures that Cedar Lake Improvement Board could take to become or not to become involved with the Briarwood Bay situation. The 3/27/2023 privileged and confidential opinion letter from Board counsel was also released to the public.
 - ii./iii. Motion that the board develop a multi-part survey to (1) specifically address a possible restricted navigational dredging project in Briarwood Bay, and how the SAD district residents would feel about that, (2) expanding the survey to seek opinions on a multi-year full lake dredging project, and (3) get some feedback on turning the localized Briarwood Bay dredging project over to the Alcona-Iosco Cedar Lake Association and see if they, or Lakewood Shores Property Owners Association, would like to take it on privately was made by Wusterbarth/Dailey. All ayes. Motion passed.
 - b) 2023/2024 Scope of Work Discussion/Contract with Kieser & Associates. Subcommittee made up of Vaughn, Dailey, and Chuck Kowalski of the Alcona-Iosco Cedar Lake Association met with Kieser & Associates on 4/6/23 at their Kalamazoo offices (Dailey & Kowalski participated via Zoom). The following changes were recommended by the subcommittee:
 1. Moved Fisheries, Task 4 into Year 2 & 3 of the five (5) year contract.
 2. Replace original Task 5e (Continuous outflow measurement assessment) new a new Task 5e, Jones Ditch Watershed Topo Survey.

3. Updated Watershed Consulting 2022-2023 Budget vs Actual spreadsheet included in Board Packet

Motion to accept recommendation made by the subcommittee and to amend (increase) the 2023 budget by \$800.00 made by Campbell/Wusterbarth. Roll call vote. All ayes.

c) Liability Insurance for CLIB:

Quotes received from: Michigan Township Participating Plan: \$2,975.00

Michigan Millers Mutual Ins Co: \$801.00

Both quotes obtained through Lappan Agency, Alpena, MI.

Motion to approve Michigan Miller Ins at the estimated premium \$801.00 pending further clarification on liability for the scribe and authorize the chair to sign and execute the payment made by Wusterbarth/ Campbell. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

8. New Business

a) Review and approve bills that are now due:

i. Motion to approve and pay Alcona County Review, inv 27557, \$71.50 made by Wusterbarth/Dailey. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

ii. Motion to approve and pay Kieser & Associates, inv 23-184, \$9,534.20 made by Campbell/Wusterbarth. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

iii. Motion to approve and reimburse Rex Vaughn mileage for 4/8/23 meeting with Kieser & Associates, 256 miles, \$.655/mile, \$167.68 made by Dailey/Campbell. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

iv. Motion to approve and pay Oscoda Press trans #303870243, \$177.10 made by Wusterbarth/Dailey. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

v. Motion to approve and pay Alpena News, statement #030090, \$520.90 made by Dailey/Wusterbarth. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

vi. Motion to approve and pay Bloom Sluggett, inv 23678, \$1,595.00 made by Wusterbarth/Campbell. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion passed.

9. Public Comments:

Frank Kramarz commented that the north end of the lake is also difficult to navigate, not just Briarwood Bay, and he too wants dredging in the north end of the lake. He liked the idea that lake access people be added to the SAD. Also commented about impact of boat traffic on the quality of life around Briarwood Bay that an improved canal could bring, and he also thought grants, gifts, and/or donations could be used to pay for a dredging project.

Thelma Socia asked if info on water losses from Cedar Lake discussed with Kieser & Associates at the 4/6/23 was available, if Briarwood Bay cut is opened it will become the next "party island" destination, people would be overloading the area, dividing \$20,000 dredging cost between homeowners would be about \$750. each, can the DNR extend the boat launch?

Brian Vokal suggested considerations for the survey, and the risks of setting up a dredging precedence, and if it happens in Briarwood, others around the lake will want dredging as well.

Pat Dailey commented about survey experience in Greenbush Township.

Dave Dailey added that there are folks that don't want dredging or anything to change the lake.

10. Next regular meeting date: Friday, July 14, 2023 10 a.m. Greenbush Township Hall

11. Motion to Adjourn 12:13 pm made by Campbell/Wusterbarth. All ayes.