

Cedar Lake Improvement Board Meeting Minutes
Regular Public Meeting
Greenbush Township Hall
Friday, October 11, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

1. Meeting called to order at 10:00 a.m.
2. Board Roll Call. Present: Carolyn Brummund, Terry Dutcher, Rex Vaughn, Jesse Campbell, Matt Horning (Alternate for Oscoda Twp). Absent: Fred Strauer, David Dailey. There was a quorum. Total of 8 guests in person and two on the conference phone line.
3. Conference Phone line Meeting operating protocol and housekeeping reviewed for audio only, video unavailable.
4. Public Comment:
 - Debra Woniewski inquired about weed treatment in front of their place on Cedar Lake and what could be done about lily pads.
 - Tom Maxwell introduced himself as the incoming Supervisor for Oscoda Township. He expressed interest in working with the CLIB on mutual matters
 - Note: Technical issues with the conference calling hardware during the Public Comment section may have caused some public comments to be omitted.
5. Approval of 10-11-24 Agenda: Motion to approve agenda as presented made by Brummund/Dutcher. All ayes, Motion carried.
6. Approval of Minutes of 7-12-24 Regular Board Meeting: Motion to approve minutes of the 7-19-24 Regular Board Meeting made by Dutcher/Brummund. All ayes: Motion carried.
7. Old Business
 - (a) The following was presented and discussed regarding the financial audit for FY 2023:
 - The FY 2023 Audit Report was submitted electronically to the Michigan Department of Treasury on 9/6/2024 by our auditor, Nick Cordes, of Straley Lamp & Kraenzlein. Per previous email correspondence with the members of the CLIB on 8/27/2024, the audit was submitted prior to the 10/11/24 Board Meeting.
 - Nick Cordes joined the meeting in person to review the audit with the Board and answer any questions by the board members.
 - The audit report was included in the online Board Info Packet, but due to document size, they were not printed in the Board Notebooks. Mr. Cordes furnished hard copies to the Board members during the meeting. The audit was emailed to all Board members on 8/19/2024. Furthermore, the audit has been uploaded to the CLIB website on the Meetings/Audit page.
 - Mr. Cordes was pleased to report that they were able to issue an unmodified opinion on the audit, which is the highest rated opinion that a CPA firm can issue on an audit.
 - Board members had no questions. One question from the audience by Frank Kramarz concerning real estate valuation in the audit was answered by Mr. Cordes.
 - Motion by Dutcher, supported by Campbell, to accept and approve the audit. Roll call vote, all ayes, Motion carried.

- (b) The following was presented and discussed regarding the 2024 Aquatic Herbicide Treatment Contract:
- On August 7 & 8, 2024, the second full LakeScan™ aquatic survey was performed by two aquatic scientists from Kieser & Associates. Their summary reports for the north and south portions of the lake are included in the Board Notebook. Additionally, the detailed LakeScan™ Early Season Survey Reports are included in the Board Notebook.
 - Based upon the results of the August survey, Cedar Lake was treated with aquatic herbicides on September 18, 2024. Less than four (4) acres in the north end of the lake were treated for Eurasian Water Milfoil (EWM) and nuisance plants. Three shoreline sites on the northwest side of the lake were spot treated for invasive Phragmites. Approximately 0.19 acres in the south end of the lake were treated for EWM. Treatment maps and the lake side posting notice is included in the Board Notebook. Four property owners gave full cooperation to treat the shoreline Phragmites.
- (c) The following was presented and discussed regarding the Jones Ditch Property Update:
- Alcona County Land Division Application was approved on 8/9/2024. A full copy of the approved application is included in the online Board Info Packet, but only the relevant parcel identification documents and approval signature page are included in the Board Notebook. Hard copy available upon request.
 - Real Estate Listing with Heritage House Realty Oscoda/AuSable was signed on 8/13/24, copy included in the Board Notebook. Listing appeared on online real estate sites on 8/15/24.
- (d) The Chair noted that no action has been taken since the last meeting regarding the Oscoda Township Letter to the CLIB.

8. New Business

(a) CLIB FY 2025 Budget Preparation discussed as follows:

- Proposed budget needs to be presented to the Board at the December 6, 2024, Meeting.
- A budget public hearing will also need to take place at the same meeting.
- The Board Chairman will not be available to attend the 12/6/24 Meeting due to a medical matter. The chairman will also not be available to assist in the preparation of the 2025 Budget or deal with other Lake Board matters from 10/31/24 through at least 12/13/24.
- Nick Cordes, of Straley Lamp & Kraenzlein, will be able to provide budget preparation support and assistance to the Board as noted in email correspondence included in the Board Notebook. Chair recommends retaining Straley Lamp & Kraenzlein (Nick Cordes) on a time and material basis to assist with the 2025 Budget preparation.
- Motion by Dutcher/Brummund to retain Straley Lamp & Kraenzlein to assist with the 2025 Budget preparation on a time and material rate of \$100.00/hr. Roll Call vote: All ayes, Motion carried.

(b) Review and approve bills that were paid since the 7-19-2024 meeting or are now due.

Motion to approve the ten invoices as itemized below made by Brummund/Dutcher. Roll Call vote: All ayes, Motion carried. The following are the 10 invoices:

1. Bloom Sluggett, professional legal services, July 2024, Inv. 25272, \$966.00.00 (paid).
2. Bloom Sluggett, professional legal services, August 2024, Inv. 25431, \$669.50 (paid).
3. Straley Lamp & Kraenzlein P.C., professional audit services, August 2024, Inv. 40907, \$3,500.00 (paid).
4. Kieser & Associates, 2024/2025 Watershed Consulting Contract, professional services, Inv. 24-088, \$ 3,587.95 (paid).
5. Kieser & Associates, 2024/2025 LakeScan Contract, professional services, Inv. 24-089, \$ 3,710.60 (paid).
6. Kieser & Associates, 2024/2025 LakeScan Contract, professional services, Inv. 24-095, \$ 4,472.40 (paid).
7. U.S. Postal Service, 2024 Annual PO Box Service Fee, \$74.00 (paid).
8. Rex Vaughn, Office Expenses Reimbursement (copy paper), \$9.79 (paid).
9. Kieser & Associates, 2024/2025 Watershed Consulting Contract, professional services, Inv. 24-122, \$ 1,072.50 (new).
10. SOLitude Lake Management, 9/18/2024 Aquatic Herbicide Treatment on Cedar Lake, Inv. PSI109606, \$5,676.25 (new).

9. Public Comment.

- (a) Jeff Linderman inquired if the board knew about the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program. Chair responded that he knew of the grant, but it is not the appropriate grant program for a Lake Improvement Board or lake front owners. Kieser & Associates and the Chair have investigated this annual grant more than once over the years, and it is intended to fund projects in Michigan's twenty-two Cooperative Invasive Species Management Areas dealing with terrestrial and aquatic invasives, not Lake Boards.
- (b) Frank Kramarz inquired about the Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership Lake Conservation Grant that CLIB applied for earlier this year. Chair responded that the decision date will be near the end of 2024. The Chair is aware that CLIB was scored in second place and should be receiving a grant award pending funding from federal sources. Also discussed was the watershed drainage at Lakewood Shores and weed control in the trenches on the west side of the lake.
- (c) Harry Cole thanked the board for all their hard work. Also mentioned that the EA2 lake access point was a better place on the lake to launch and retrieve boats during low lake levels compared to the DNR Ramp.
- (d) Tom Maxwell commented about the upcoming changes on the Oscoda Township Board that will take place due to the November election, drainage issues in Lakewood Shores, and as the presumed Oscoda Supervisor-Elect, he is open to improved collaborative efforts with CLIB to improve the lake and resolve issues related to the Oscoda Township Letter to the CLIB.

10. Next Regular Meeting Date: Friday, December 6, 2024, 10 AM, Greenbush Township Hall.

After reminding everyone that the next meeting was Dec 6 and that it included a Public Hearing for the 2025 CLIB Budget, there was discussion regarding not having a quorum. The conclusion was that if the meeting was moved to Dec. 13, not only would a quorum be expected but if needed, there would still

be time to hold another meeting in Dec. to approve the 2025 Budget before the first of the year. Motion to move the Dec. 6 Regular Meeting to Dec. 13 and include the 2025 Budget Public Hearing made by Brummund/Dutcher. All ayes, Motion passed. The location will be announced in the Alcona Review with the Public Hearing Announcement. It will either be at the Greenbush Township Hall or the Commissioners Room in Harrisville at 10 a.m.

11. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Dutcher/Campbell. All ayes. Motion passed., adjourned at 11:15 AM.