

Cedar Lake Improvement Board  
Regular Public Meeting & Public Hearing  
Greenbush Township Hall  
Greenbush, MI, 48738  
Friday, December 12, 2025, 10:00 a.m.

Meeting called to order at 10:07 AM by Chairman Vaughn.

1. Board Roll Call. Present: Brummund, Kline, Dutcher, Vaughn. Absent: Campbell, Strauer, and Dailey. There is a quorum.
2. Public Comment.
  - a. Jeff Linderman, Oscoda Township, concerned about testing done in July and wanted to know why the public was not notified about the elevated levels of *E. coli*.
  - b. Greg Weyhing, Cedar Lake Rd, Oscoda Township, Lakewood Shores, wanted to know if the CLIB knew what Fred Strauer's presentation at the Lakewood Shores board meeting (which was cancelled due to weather) was going to be, and if it was going to be in his capacity as Drain Commissioner or as a CLIB board member. Mr. Vaughn answered by saying it would be in Mr. Strauer's role as Drain Commissioner, and that the CLIB was not knowledgeable of the content of the planned presentation. Mr. Dutcher then said that Mr. Strauer wanted Oscoda Township to petition the Drain Commissioner for work on the Lakewood Shores drains, but Dutcher was not sure if that is what the meeting was about.
3. Approval of 12/12/2025 Agenda as presented. Motion made by Brummond/Dutcher. Motion carried.
4. Review and approve minutes from 10/10/2025 Regular Meeting as presented. Motion made by Dutcher/Brummond. Motion carried.
5. Motion to recess meeting for 2026 Budget Public Hearing. Motion by Dutcher/Brummond. Motion carried.
6. Open 2026 Budget Public Hearing.

**ROLL CALL.** Present: Brummond, Dutcher, Vaughn, Kline. Absent: Campbell, Strauer, and Dailey. Quorum is present.

  - a. Public notices were printed in local newspapers. Affidavits are in the mail to Vaughn.
  - b. Presentation of 2026 Proposed Budget. The budget is balanced with one transfer from the Fund balance to general account to support the 2026 budget.
  - c. Glacial Lakes Fish Habitat Partnership grant is new for the year. \$29,250 of the \$84,310 grant will be recognized in the 2026 budget year. It is a two-year grant. The grant has been approved but the funds have not yet been released by the government.
  - d. A driveway will need to be installed on the property on the NW side of Cedar Lake. That is under Watershed Construction Projects and Repairs. A quote is still needed for the driveway.

- e. Nick Cordes, CPA, worked with Vaughn to put the budget together.
- f. Open Public Comment:
  - i. Greg Weyhing, Cedar Lake Road, Oscoda Township, asked what the \$29,250 portion of the \$84,320 federal grant will be used for. Vaughn stated that it would be reviewed during the regular meeting.
  - ii. No further public comments and no written comments received by the Board.
- g. Brummond/Kline made the motion to close the 2026 Budget Public Hearing.  
**ROLL CALL:** Brummond, YES, Dutcher, YES, Kline, YES, Vaughn, YES. Absent: Campbell, Strauer, and Dailey. Motion carried.

7. Reconvene Regular Meeting.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Brummond, Kline, Dutcher, Vaughn. Absent: Campbell, Strauer, and Dailey. There is a quorum.

8. Recap of 2025 Actual CLIB Budget through 11/30/2025.

- a. CLIB spending for this year is projected to be \$93,554.99. 2025 budget was \$108,000, so we will end the year below budget. No budget amendments will need to be made for 2025.
- b. The 2026 Balanced Budget will require a transfer out of the fund balance by \$5,287.
- c. There will be draws against the Glacial Lakes Fish Habitat Partnership grant through the federal payment system which is set up already. We are just waiting for the funds to be released.
- d. Final Review of 2026 CLIB Proposed Budget and consider adoption of 2026 Budget Resolution.
  - i. Motion made by Brummond/Dutcher to approve the 2026 Budget Resolution No. 2025-1 for \$147,157.00.
  - ii. **ROLL CALL:** Brummond, YES, Dutcher, YES, Kline, YES, Vaughn, YES. Absent: Campbell, Strauer, and Dailey. Motion carries. Resolution passed.
  - iii. 2026 Budget Resolution 2025-1 was read aloud in full by Chairman Vaughn.

9. Old Business.

- a. Update on elevated levels of phosphorus, *E. coli*, and total coliform discovered in the northwest end of Cedar Lake.
  - i. Vaughn reminded the Board that District Health Department #2 and EGLE chose to take no action once they were made aware of the elevated levels of *E. coli* and phosphorus in July. Neither entity felt it was enough to take any action. Not satisfied with the response of the two regulatory agencies, and as recommended by our consultant, CLIB continued with further testing in August and November.
  - ii. Mark Kieser (Kieser & Associates) gave a very thorough update (via phone) on phosphorus, elevated levels of *E. coli*, and total coliform in the NW end of Cedar Lake. Please see the extensive (86 pages) Technical Memorandum prepared by Kieser & Associates titled "Cedar Lake Nearshore and Tributary Monitoring to Assess Possible Phosphorous Sources Stimulating Nuisance Algal Growths Near Jones Ditch" posted on the CLIB website and included in the emailed Board Packet.

- iii. Mr. Kieser also updated the Board on the November shallow ground water samples collected on 11/24/2025. SRP (soluble reactive phosphorous) in half of the wells was relatively low. There were a couple of wells, moving south from Jones Ditch, that had concentration of roughly 30 parts per billion of phosphorous. That indicates that there could be some septic system leachate getting into the lake, but there was no *E. coli*, and little total coliform in the groundwater samples. Very poor site conditions prevented collecting shallow groundwater samples on CLIB property north of Jones Ditch. K&A will try again in the spring to collect shallow ground water samples along the shoreline of the CLIB property.
  - iv. DNA testing of some of the shallow ground water samples will take place next year. Samples already taken will be used as they have been properly frozen and stored at the lab in Traverse City.
- b. Update on Midwest Glacial lakes Fish Habitat Partnership Grant.
- i. Correspondence with Justin Chiotti, Habitat Biologist, states grant funding release time is indefinite. We have to wait until the Department of Interior reviews all of the presidential executive orders to make sure our grant complies with their criteria.

#### 10. New Business.

- a. FY 2025 Audit Engagement Letter from Straley, Lamp & Kraenzlein, P.C. Chair requests motion to authorize his signing of the Engagement Letter to retain Nick Cordes as our auditor. The Auditor fee will be \$3,500, same as previous years. Dutcher/Brummond made motion to authorize the Chair to sign the Engagement Letter for the 2026 audit for \$3,500. **ROLL CALL:** Brummond, YES, Dutcher, YES, Kline, YES, Vaughn, YES. Absent: Campbell, Strauer, and Dailey.
- b. Review and approve bills that have been paid since the 10/10/2025 meeting or are now due.
  - i. Kieser & Associates, Watershed Consulting contract, professional services, Inv. 25-187, \$16,608.15 (new).
  - ii. Bloom Sluggett PC, professional services through 11/30/2025, Inv. 27499, \$1,140.00, (new).
  - iii. Mike's Computer Repair, CLIB Website Updates October through 12/3/2025, Inv. 1938, \$97.50 (new).
  - iv. Alcona County Review, 2026 budget Public Hearing Notice Display ad, Inv. 230463, \$105.13, (new).
  - v. Oscoda Press, 2026 Budget Public Hearing Notice Display Ad, Account #99203325, \$189.75, (new).
  - vi. Rex Vaughn, reimbursement for office supplies (printer paper and laser printer toner), \$220.95 (paid).
  - vii. New invoice presented by Pat Dailey for 2025 Scribe & Fiduciary services, 12/12/2025 Invoice, \$507.50 (new).
  - viii. Brummond/Dutcher made motion to approve invoices (i) through (vii) as described. **ROLL CALL:** Brummond, YES, Dutcher, YES, Kline, YES, Vaughn, YES. Absent: Campbell, Strauer, and Dailey.

c. 2026 Meeting Schedule.

- i. Proposed that the CLIB meet five times in 2026. Fridays: Feb.20, April 10, July 10, Oct. 9, Dec. 11.
- ii. Dutcher/Kline made motion to adopt the 2026 meeting schedule as presented.  
**ROLL CALL:** Brummond, YES, Dutcher, YES, Kline, YES, Vaughn, YES. Absent: Campbell, Strauer, and Dailey. Motion carries.

11. FOIA Request for information concerning events from April 1-Oct. 31, 2025, related to high levels of phosphorus and *E. coli*.

- a. FOIA received 10/30/2025.
- b. FOIA 10-day letter issued 11/6/2025.
- c. FOIA Response letter issued 11/20/2025. Granted in part and denied in part as described in the letter.
- d. Informed requestor, who was present at the meeting, that it will take the Board until approximately January 31, 2026, to fulfill the FOIA request.

12. Public Comment.

- a. John Klocek, Greenbush Township, asked if board members were informed about the contamination in July.
- b. Jeff Linderman, Oscoda Township, asked additional questions about board members being informed about the contamination in July.

13. Next regular meeting: Friday, February 20, 2026, at 10 AM at the Greenbush Township Hall.

14. Motion to adjourn by Dutcher/Vaughn. All Ayes. Motion carried, adjourned at 11:39 AM.