

Cedar Lake Improvement Board
Regular Public Meeting
Greenbush Township Hall
Greenbush, MI 48738
Friday, October 9, 2026
10:00 AM ET

Meeting Minutes

- 1) Call to Order.
 - a) Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order at 10 AM.
- 2) Roll Call: Carolyn Brummund-Present, Jesse Campbell- Present, Lee Major-Present, Adam Kline-Present, Terry Dutcher-Present, Fred Strauer-Present, Rex Vaughn-Present. There is a quorum.
- 3) Conference Call Meeting Operating Protocol & Housekeeping.
 - a) Technical problems are occurring with the conference call system provider "FreeConferenceCalling.com". No replies from their Email Tech Support have been received.
 - b) Simultaneous public access conference call services will not be provided for this meeting.
- 4) Public Comments.
 - a) No public comment.
- 5) Approval of Agenda as Presented.
 - a) Motion to approve agenda as presented made by Brummund, seconded by Dutcher. Motion carried.
- 6) Review and Approve Minutes from the July 10, 2026, Regular Meeting.
 - a) Motion to approve minutes for July 10, 2026, Regular Meeting made by Dutcher, seconded by Brummund. Motion carried.
- 7) Old Business.
 - a) Chairman Vaughn updated the Board on the delayed Midwest Glacial Lakes Fish Habitat Partnership Grant administered by the US Fish & Wildlife Service.
 - i) Efforts to engage the assistance of Congressman Jack Bergman, US House of Representatives, Michigan District 1 proved to be very successful.
 - ii) On August 17, 2026, Rep. Bergman wrote to Doug Burgum, Secretary, U.S. Department of the Interior, asking him to assist in *"facilitating the final approval of and release of funding for the "Acre-for-Acre Restoration of Lake Hydrology and Pike Spawning Habitat for the 1,075-Acre Cedar Lake" project, which has been selected to receive funding through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Fish Habitat Partnership grant program"*.
 - iii) On September 9, 2026, the grant Notice of Award was received from the USFWS Grants Management Office.
 - (1) Finally, the approved grant has been formally funded. The monies will be released "on demand" by invoicing from the CLIB to the government through the federal System for Award Management (SAM).
 - iv) Copies of the Bergman Letter and the Award Letter are included in the Board Notebook. The formal Notice of Award (16 pages) is included in the Board Packet.

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- v) Chair requested motion to authorize Kieser & Associates to move forward with executing the grant project.
 - (1) Motion was made by Dutcher, seconded by Brummund, to authorize Kaiser & Associates to move forward with executing the grant project. ROLL CALL: Strauer-YES, Dutcher-YES, Kline-YES, Major-YES, Campbell-YES, Brummund-YES, Vaughn-YES. Motion carried.
- b) Chairman Vaughn advised the Board that E. coli FAQ Draft document is still under review by Board's attorney, and their opinion will be shared with the Board once completed. Further discussion will be had during the December 2026 meeting.
- c) Chairman Vaughn updated the Board on the additional shallow ground water testing planned for the CLIB property and Jones Ditch.
 - i) As authorized by motion at the 7/10/2026 CLIB Meeting, Kieser will continue with water testing south of Jones Ditch to identify the source of contamination.
 - ii) However, that testing has been delayed due to a lack of water flow in Jones Ditch. Kieser will restart the testing in the spring of 2027 once water flows return.
 - iii) Mr. Major asked if surface water or groundwater were going to be tested. Mr. Vaughn clarified that there will be testing for the presence of E. coli and soluble reactive phosphorus (SRP) in both surface and ground water.
- d) 2025 Audit Update.
 - i) Our auditor, Nick Cordes of Straley Lamp & Kraenzlein, P.C., submitted the draft 2025 Audit to Treasurer Brummund and Chairman Vaughn for review on Tuesday, 10/6/2026.
 - ii) If the Treasurer and Chairman approve and sign the audit, our auditor will submit it electronically to the Michigan Treasury Department. The Board does not need to take any action before submittal to Treasury.
 - iii) Mr. Cordes has been invited to formally present the audit report to the CLIB at the December 2026 meeting.
 - iv) The audit document will be uploaded to the CLIB website after it is submitted to Treasury.
- e) Mr. Vaughn updated the Board on the status of the 2026 Watershed Management Plan.
 - i) EGLE (Teresa Salveta) informed us by email on 10/1/2026 that the EPA has accepted our Updated Watershed Management Plan.
 - ii) The Salveta email is included in the Board Notebook and Packet.
 - iii) The Accepted 2026 Watershed Management Plan (WMP) has been uploaded to the CLIB website at: <https://cedarlakewmp.net/monitoring-reports>.
 - iv) To help get the WMP update completed, the Alcona-Iosco Cedar Lake Association (AICLA), donated \$11,168.00 out of their Save the Lake Fund, to help pay for the engineering work to complete the revision. The CLIB's contribution to the update started in 2024 and was \$9,967.50 in expenses through 2025. CLIB did not spend any more in 2026 because of the generous support of the Alcona-Iosco Cedar Lake Association. Thank you, AICLA!

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8) New Business.

- a) Chairman Vaughn requested a motion for year-end accounting assistance for preparation of FY 2027 Budget and Public Hearing.
 - i) Estimated cost from Straley Lamp & Kraenzlein, P.C: \$800.00, actual cost billed at time & expenses. (\$750 billed for last year's 2025 assistance).
 - ii) A motion was made by Brummund, seconded by Major, to allow up to \$850.00 for accounting assistance preparation of this year's budget. ROLL CALL: Campbell-YES, Major-YES, Brummund-YES, Kline-YES, Dutcher-YES, Strauer-YES, Vaughn-YES. Motion carried.
- b) Mr. Vaughn reported on his search for replacement free conference calling service.
 - i) One company identified so far: <https://freeconferenceusa.com>
 - ii) The current conference calling service is no longer available.
 - iii) A motion to authorize the Chair to select a replacement service and get it up and running was made by Strauer and seconded by Dutcher. All Ayes, Motion carried.
- c) Search for new Fiduciary.
 - i) Opportunity to upgrade from paper-based accounting practices to more electronic banking.
 - ii) Radiant Bookkeeping Services, who assisted us in the spring by completing the bookkeeping tasks required by the auditor, is a possible candidate.
 - iii) Mr. Vaughn requested a motion to initiate Fiduciary search and updates to accounting practices.
 - iv) A motion to allow the Chair to pursue the fiduciary search AND to move to electronic banking was made by Major and supported by Campbell. ROLL CALL- Vaughn-YES, Strauer-YES, Dutcher-YES, Kline-YES, Major-YES, Campbell-YES, Brummund-YES. Motion carried.
- d) Mr. Vaughn reported on the Cedar Lake North & South LakeScan™ - Summer Season Surveys & Treatment.
 - i) To evaluate the effectiveness of the June 29, 2026, north lake treatment, Kieser & Associates technicians surveyed the entire lake on July 13 & 14, 2026.
 - (1) Kieser & Associates Interim Survey Results are included in the Board Notebook and Board Packet.
 - (2) The need for a second treatment was obvious after the survey results were reviewed, along with lake survey notes collected by the Chair during July and August.
 - (3) To quantify and accurately map the proposed treatment zones, Kieser and Associates re-surveyed several Eurasian watermilfoil hot spots in the north and south lake on 8-27-2026.
 - (4) Treatment maps were published on 8-28-2026. Treatment maps are included in the Board Notebook & Board Packet.
 - (5) The second 2026 Aquatic Herbicide Lake Treatment by SOLitude Lake Management took place on 9-1-2026.
 - (a) 14 acres were treated in the north lake; all sites were along the west shoreline.

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- (b) 0.5 acres were treated in the south lake north of the island.
- (6) The last 2026 Season Survey took place on Sept. 17 & 18, 2026.
 - (a) Survey confirmed the efficacy of the 9/1/2026 treatment.
 - (b) Kieser & Associates Interim Survey Results are included in the Board Notebook and Board Packet.
 - (c) The 2026 LakeScan Final Report will be published in 2027.
 - (d) Mr. Strauer asked if phragmites were also treated during this time. They were not as there was minimal evidence of infestation around the lake. Mr. Strauer and Mr. Campbell recommended aggressive phragmites treatment plans for next year.
- e) Review and approve bills that were paid since the 7-10-2026 meeting or are now due. (Note: all bills are paid.)
 - i) Bloom Sluggett PC, professional services through 6/30/2026, Inv. 28664, \$157.50 (paid).
 - ii) Bloom Sluggett PC, professional services through 7/31/2026, Inv. 28928, \$376.50 (paid).
 - iii) Kieser & Associates, LakeScan professional services, Inv. 26-333, \$2,789.76 (paid).
 - iv) Kieser & Associates, Watershed Consulting Contract, professional services, Inv. 26-313, \$2,717.50 (paid).
 - v) Kieser & Associates, Watershed Consulting Contract, professional services, Inv. 26-338, \$367.50 (paid).
 - vi) Kieser & Associates, LakeScan professional services, Inv. 26-337, \$7,027.70 (paid).
 - vii) Kieser & Associates, LakeScan professional services, Inv. 26-303, \$5,050.60 (paid).
 - viii) Mike's Computer Repair, website updates, Inv. 1964, \$195.00, (paid).
 - ix) SOLitude Lake Management LLC, 9/1/2026 Aquatic Herbicide Lake Treatment, Inv. PSI297909, \$25,966.12 (paid).
 - x) USPS PO Box Annual Fee, \$82.00 (paid).
 - xi) A motion to approve payment of the above itemized bills (i) thru (xi) was made by Brummund and seconded by Kline. ROLL CALL: Brummund-YES, Campbell-YES, Major-YES, Kline-YES, Dutcher-YES, Strauer-YES, Vaughn-YES. Motion carried.
- f) Discussion on Interaction with Oscoda Township's Lakewood Shores Drainage and Cedar Lake Ad Hoc Committee.
 - i) The committee was created by Resolution Number 2025-12 in June of 2025. Copy of resolution included in Board Notebook and Board Packet.
 - ii) The Ad Hoc Committee has met three times since creation, minutes available at:
https://www.oscodatownshipmi.gov/government/departments/boards_and_commissions/lakewood_shores_drainage_and_cedar_lake_ad_hoc_committee_agendas_and_minutes.php
 - iii) Since the CLIB and the Ad Hoc Committee share a common interest in preserving Cedar Lake water levels, should there be cooperation towards that effort?
 - iv) There is interest in trying to collaborate between the entities and also involving Kieser & Associates. Further discussion and evaluation of the areas in question is necessary.
 - v) Mr. Strauer updated the Board on the status of the Lakewood Shores Drainage Project which is still in the initial design phase.

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vi) Mr. Vaughn stated that the CLIB can count on his efforts to continuously advocate for a Lakewood Shores Drainage solution that will do no harm to Cedar Lake water levels.

9) Public Comment.

- a) Frank Kramarz, Vice President, AICLA, -Asked if Kieser & Associates were going to offer the rate from 2024 for engineering the ditch improvements. Mr. Vaughn replied that they are going to try and get a change in value due to the two-year delay. Mr. Kramarz asked if there was anything mentioned in the grant about beaver prevention. He also mentioned that AICLA is offering their professional technical expertise free of charge to help with the design of the Jones ditch improvements.

10) Next Regular Meeting will include the FY 2027 Budget Hearing.

- a) The Chair will not be able to attend on the originally scheduled date of Friday, December 11, 2026. Motion made by Strauer to change the date to December 4, 2026, seconded by Vaughn, motion carried.

11) Adjournment: 10:50 AM.

- a) Motion to adjourn made by Strauer, seconded by Vaughn, motion carried.

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Public Access Instructions**

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Due to technical difficulties with the Conference Calling Service, there will be no conference call services for this meeting.