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**WE BELIEVE IN PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT  
AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE ON LITTLE CEDAR LAKE AND THE SURROUNDING COMMUNITY**

**PROPOSED MINUTES / AUGUST 8, 2006 ANNUAL MEETING**

Chairman Bob Ramsthal called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Commissioners present, Ron Spears (treasurer), Randy Weber (secretary), and Don Berchem (Co Board Representative). Paul Rice (Town Chairman) was absent.

**1. Approval of minutes of 2005 Annual Meeting:** (Prepared by Randy Weber - Secretary)

Chuck McGrady made a motion to accept the draft minutes from August 9, 2005 (attached), David King seconded, motion carried unanimously.

**2. Financial Position as of July 11, 2006 and Audit Report:** (Prepared by Ron Spears - Treasurer)

Spears informed the residents on the current financial position as of July 11, 2006 (report attached). The checking account balance \$6,909.88, the savings account balance \$56,781.66, and an additional tax levy money of \$5,717 coming in the fall for a total of \$69,408.54 available. Of that there is estimated net expenses left to pay on the 2006 budget, \$10,000 for weed control, \$5000 for water quality, \$12,000 for water safety and \$8000 for district expenses leaving a balance of \$34,408.54. We also have \$7,246 held in a fund for the replacement of our patrol boat, and we have \$10,000 in a contingency fund leaving extra district funds of \$16,662.54.

Spears informed the residents that Bob Neja (Certified Public Accountant) of West Bend completed the review of our district financial records for this year. Spears had copies of the report available and offered it to anyone that was interested in reviewing it.

**3. Old Business:**

- **Lake Patrol – Bob Schulties:** Something had come up and unfortunately Bob Schulteis was unable to attend and give us his report on the lake patrol for Little Cedar.

One Lake Resident, Roger Tennesen commented that recently there was a smaller boat that was swamped or turned over by the waves of a larger Master Craft ski boat that was continuously travelling around the lake and close to other boats. He said it is unfortunate that this person or persons in the smaller boat had to be frightened and more than likely lose their fishing gear, camera or other items while trying to enjoy themselves on the lake because of the inconsiderate actions of the person driving the larger boat. He said that he would like to see lake-residents and others that come and use the lake to be more courteous and considerate of one another. Tennesen said that he has been out even during the weekdays when skiers and other boats will travel closer to him or other fishermen and boats when there is very little boat traffic. He said they have the whole lake to work with but they will still annoy others by coming close and usually creating large waves that make it hard to fish or unpleasant for others. He said that many times these people are not breaking the law and that they are within the required legal distance but that it would be nice if they would respect others that are also trying to enjoy themselves on the lake.

One Lake Resident commented that there was someone swimming across the lake and asked if the law requires a boat escort? Ramsthal confirmed that the law does require a boat to be with the swimmer/s and that there must be a person in the boat at all times.

There was some minor discussion on the lake patrolling but nothing major to report.

- **LCLPRD Web Site:** Ramsthal reported that the Little Cedar Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Web Site ([www.lclprd.org](http://www.lclprd.org)) is now up and working. He had several printed copies available for residents to see and explained the information that is now currently available. Please check this out and Bob looks forward to any comments or suggestions that you might have. Good job Bob and thank you for all of your work on getting this set up.
- **Other Old Business:** Ramsthal said that recently a notice was sent out to all lake residents and that there was only about 3 acres of the problem millfoil weeds treated so far this year. Because the water clarity was poor when the DNR came onto the lake they weren't able to see the types of weeds and only approved the 3 acres for treatment. The commission will have them look at the lake again this fall or next year in early spring to determine if additional millfoil areas need to be treated.

Ken Koepp is a lake resident and volunteer who does the water clarity readings for our lake and reported that the water clarity has declined considerably since his spring readings but that the clarity of the lake each year

usually does decline later in July and August. He said that in August 2004 his visibility disc reading was 5' down, August 2005 was better at 10' down but this year August 2006 was only at 4.5' down. We need to remember that there will be some inconsistencies in these readings depending on the amount of boat traffic, or after a rainfall when the lake can be more disturbed or cloudy. The lake was very clear in the spring of 2005 and 2006 but Little Cedar, Big Cedar Lake and other lakes in our area have also had similar water clarity issues. The DNR has not been able to give us a defined answer or reason for this.

**4. New Business:**

- **Approval of Operating Budget:** A copy of the proposed budget was mailed with the annual meeting notice to all Little Cedar Lake District residents.

Spears said that at last years (2005) annual meeting our (2006) tax levy was 24,850 and this year we are proposing a (2007) budget of \$25,900. Spears said that last year we were able to use \$20,000 of available district funds to help reduce the tax levy and said that this year again we are proposing that we use \$15,000 of available funds to reduce the total tax levy. One resident commented that we shouldn't use the extra funds available in case there is an emergency or something else that might come up. Spears said that he is confident with the \$10,000 that we have in our contingency fund that we should be in good shape. Spears also said that from his past experience with the district he believes that the lake residents would step up and support the commission if additional funds were needed in case of an emergency or any other unforeseen circumstance. After some discussion a motion was made by David King to approve the (2007) tax levy budget at \$25,900 as presented, a second was made by Roger Tennessen, no other comments or discussion was made, motion passed unanimously.

- **Election of Commissioner. The commission has unanimously endorsed Chuck McGrady for a 3-year term as secretary:** Bob Ramsthal said that the commission has endorsed Chuck McGrady for a 3 year term and that he replaces Randy Weber as secretary. No other nominations were made; a motion and a second were made to elect Chuck McGrady for a 3-year term as secretary, motion passed unanimously. Thank you Chuck for volunteering your time to this commission and for helping to improve the overall quality of Little Cedar Lake.
- **Other New Business:** Lee Krueger and Ron Ludin reported that the beetles so far have been doing a great job with controlling the Purple Loose Strife around Little Cedar Lake. Krueger said that he is very pleased with the results but next year and the year after will really be the time to tell how the long-range control is working and if the beetles will survive when much of the Loose Strife is eaten. The commission and the lake-district want to say thank you to all of the volunteers that have and continue to work on this important project.

A new lake resident Rick Gale said that he thought it was important that we reimburse Pam Tukesbury for any money that she spends and that we personally thank her with a letter for the great job that she does with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade. Another resident made a motion and a second was made that the commission send Pam Tukesbury a letter thanking her for her help in organizing the 4<sup>th</sup> of July boat parade, motion passed unanimously. Unfortunately I am always up north with my family over the 4<sup>th</sup> but always hear from neighbors and other lake residents that this is really a great time. Please keep up the great work on this Pam and let members on the commission or me know if you need any help or money for this fun annual event.

Bob Lewis suggested that we might want to replace our current patrol boat and look into a new one.

- 5. Adjournment:** Orv Shine moved to adjourn, Bob Lewis seconded, motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:50PM.

This was my last meeting as secretary and I would like to say that I have really enjoyed the many people that I have met through the years; this has been a great experience. I want to thank all of the lake residents and other volunteers that have and continue to support the commission and all of their efforts. I can honestly say that the current commissioners and all previous commissioners that I have worked with over the past nine years have contributed in many ways that have helped to improve Little Cedar and make life better on and around the lake.

Sincerely,

Randy Weber / Secretary