

Cochran Lake Management District

Quarterly Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2025

Conference call

Attendees: Rick Dittberner, Warren Johnson, Maggie Jungwirth, Don Schmitz, Jon Radloff, Frank/Nancy Sevcik, Scott/Candee Craven.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

Old business - Warren J. made a motion to approve the minutes from the Nov/24 quarterly meeting, Candee C. seconded. Minutes approved.

Board Reports -

Warren J. - Financial report as of 1/31.

Bank balance - \$9,847.29

Income - Special assessment \$37.45

Agenda Item #1 - Submerged pier - Rick D.

Rick D. contacted the Greelys again regarding the submerged pier with our offer to remove it for them. They responded that it will be their first priority this Spring, and they can do it themselves. They had other priorities last year.

Agenda Item #2 - Print/Online Owners Directory - Maggie J.

Maggie suggests the removal of the online owner directory and using a print directory again. The online directory is a liability, according to our insurer, and she suspects it may be how spammers are finding us. Two quotes for printing 50 booklets were \$85 and \$110. The board can spend up to \$100 without a vote on that expense. Warren recommended the LUHS student printers, for a reduced rate; Maggie will get a quote from them. Maggie can prepare the booklet for print. Pros and cons discussed, consensus was that printing a directory before the annual meeting and distributing there would save mailing costs. A **vote at the annual meeting** would be held whether to remove the online directory, which was the preference.

New Business - Warren J. reported that a new mini-pumper has been purchased with funds from the town and Firefighters, Inc. The new pumper will have a 1,000 ft. hose that can reach down driveways, and maneuver better on the driveways.

Board terms were discussed again, regarding all board members' terms being up. Consensus was that it would be detrimental to have three new board members, and some carryover with one or two members staying on preferred. Instead of seeking three new members, one or possibly two members will be **elected at the annual meeting**.

Don S. stated that he believes paying multiple lot assessments for owning more than one lot is contrary to the by-laws, and feels the CLMD should refund assessments owners have paid beyond one lot. He reasoned that owners get one vote on elections,

and should only pay one assessment. Refunds should go back one year only, and be a permanent change. Maggie J. said this would decrease CLMD's income, which would not be desirable. Warren J. will report at the Annual Meeting what the income change would be with one assessment fee paid compared to what our current income is. A **vote will be held at the annual meeting** to decide whether or not to change CLMD policy. One vote per property owner/s, as always.

(Note - Eric Olson, UWSP Ext. Lakes was contacted regarding the assessment change. He said the fee change may be voted on. If the change results in insufficient funds, the board may place a second vote to raise the single assessment to a sustainable District income. Refunding owners was not advised, is very problematic, involving local ((CLMD is a government)) and town governmental procedures and records.)

Motion to adjourn by Warren J., seconded by Candee C. Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Submitted by Maggie Jungwirth, 2/14/25