

CUBA LAKE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Pole Barn, Erick Laine Way, 5962 West Shore Road, Cuba, NY 14727
REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 12, 2023 – 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Cuba Lake District Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Morris at 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: Jay Morris, Chairman
Jamie Pierotti, Vice Chair
Byron Long, Commissioner
Sarah Bradley, Commissioner
Michael Nenno, Commissioner
Andrew Lindquist, Treasurer
James Sherrard, Secretary

GUESTS: *Each guest will be allowed 3 minutes to speak at the beginning of the meeting. If discussion results, it will be a maximum of 15 minutes per discussion. Any further comments will be made at the end of the meeting. Thank you.*

Mary Lindquist (#247) – No business to address.

Mary Raymond (#238) – No business to address.

Chris Travis & Denise (#345) and Anita Schmidt (#236) – Addressed the recent news items regarding the sale of lots to lease holders. Chairman Morris provided an overview of the Cuba Lake District structure and the recent law change wording from “fair market value” to “fair and reasonable value”. Various purchase scenarios and funding options were presented and discussed. Mr. Travis and Mrs. Schmidt provided input on their preferred outcomes regarding the sale of lots. An overview was also provided on the proposed spillway and dam projects.

Chairman Morris thanked Chris Travis & Denise and Anita Schmidt for their input, and they exited the meeting at 7:45 PM.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Review of the Regular Meeting minutes of December 8, 2022. Chairman Morris asked for any comments, corrections, or recommendations. None noted. Comr. Long moved, seconded by Vice Chair Pierotti, to accept the minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED with Chairman Morris abstaining.

TREASURER’S DISTRICT FUNDS REPORT:

Cuba Lake Cash Account Balances – Treasurer Lindquist referenced the reports and presented account balances for December 2022.

Cuba Lake District List of Claims – Treasurer Lindquist referenced the list of claims for December 2022 totaling \$9,549.99.

Comr. Bradley moved, seconded by Comr. Long, to approve Cuba Lake District Cash Account Balances and Cuba Lake District List of Claims for December 2022. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

TREASURER’S MANAGEMENT FUNDS REPORT:

Cuba Lake District Management Fund Cash Balances – Treasurer Lindquist referenced the reports and presented account balances for December 2022.

Cuba Lake District Management Fund Checks Written – Treasurer Lindquist referenced the list of claims for December 2022 totaling \$14,770.77.

Comr. Long moved, seconded by Comr. Bradley, to approve Cuba Lake District Management Fund Cash Balances and Cuba Lake District Management Fund Checks Written for December 2022. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Lake Manager Barrey received an email invitation to attend a meeting for the Allegany County Hazard Mitigation Plan. He will plan to attend.
2. CSLAP comparison charts by decade were received and distributed to commissioners.

LOT TRANSFERS:

1. Lot 332: Charles Armbruster POA for Joan Armbruster to John and Amy Allen
2. Lot 345: Cuba Lake Trust (Elizabeth & Timothy Naylor) to Big Dawg Properties of WNY (Chris Travis)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Cuba Lake Management Fund Preliminary Budget – Treasurer Lindquist referenced the 2023-2024 preliminary budget which had been previously provided. Several line items were revised and reviewed. Comr. Long moved, seconded by Comr. Nenno, to approve the Preliminary Budget for 2023-2024 as revised. MOTION CARRIED unanimously. Discussion followed on requesting additional funds from NYS for unscheduled expenses.
2. Camper at Lot 316 – Discussion on the length of time the camper has been parked on the lot. Lake Manager Barrey will reach out for a timeline on trailer removal.
3. Geese Hunters – Complaints were received about the recent geese hunters at the Lake. Complaints should be referred to the police.

LAKE MANAGER'S REPORT – JANUARY 2023: Presented by Lake Manager Barrey

- Cuba Lake Reclamation Project
 - Setting up meeting with Tom Swift to complete the permit resubmittal.
- Dam Safety
 - We have breached the lower beaver dam behind the Cuba Lake Dam.
 - Clearing an access road to the back of the Cuba Lake Dam.
 - Meeting this month with Hazard Mitigation group in Belmont.
 - Dana has the vertical pieces for the spillway. Figuring out how to replace the fasteners.
- Pole Barn
 - Finishing up parking area
- Harvester Maintenance
 - Pulled for winter
- Concerns for Discussion
 - Received a permit request for a garage at 282A. Will review with the building committee.
 - Dana Harvey and Lake Manager Barrey will set up meeting with Chautauqua Lake Manager about weed skimmer. Planned for February.
- Permits
 - 23.001.092 Palumbo Replace dock

The plans submitted by Charles Walker (#282A) for a garage permit were reviewed by the Building and Lot Improvements Committee. Lake Manager Barrey stated that setbacks are adequate. Comr. Long moved, seconded by Comr. Bradley, to approve the permit request as submitted. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Building and Lot Improvements/Lake Maintenance** – Committee members: Byron Long and Sarah Bradley, with Lake Manager and CLD Building Inspector.
No additional items to discuss.
2. **Budget and Finance** – Committee members: Michael Nenno and Andrew Lindquist.
Treasurer Lindquist distributed copies of the Annual Financial Report.
3. **Water Quality** – Committee members: Sarah Bradley and Michael Nenno.
The water was frozen, then thawed. There have been fishermen on the Lake.
4. **State Relations** – Committee members: Jay Morris and Jamie Pierotti.
No additional items to discuss.
5. **Public Relations and Cuba Lake Newsletter** – Committee members: Jay Morris and Byron Long.
Comr. Long will provide a draft letter to lease holders for review.
6. **Sediment Removal** – Committee members: Jamie Pierotti, Michael, with Lake Manager
A meeting is pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Tax Levy Option – Chairman Morris reported that reached out to Treasurer Lindquist and Town Supervisor Lee James regarding the tax levy procedure. He has also spoken with our attorney Jack Hart. Discussion followed on possible changes and additional funding for the District. All agree that the District should continue to pursue this option.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LAKE:

In six weeks the boards will be going in the spillway. Comr. Bradley shared photos of deer at her cottage.

ADJOURNMENT:

Comr. Bradley moved, seconded by Comr. Long, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

James Sherrard, Secretary