

**CUBA LAKE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
Pole Barn, Erick Laine Way, 5962 West Shore Road, Cuba, NY 14727  
**REGULAR MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2024 – 7:00 PM**

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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The regular meeting of the Cuba Lake District Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Morris at 7:05 PM.

**PRESENT:** Jay Morris, Chairman  
Jamie Pierotti, Vice Chair  
Michael Neno, Commissioner  
Sarah Bradley, Commissioner  
Scott Barrey, Lake Manager  
Stephen Austin, Commissioner  
Andrew Lindquist, Treasurer  
Brandi Porcello, 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 Raymond (#238) – Mentioned that Wreaths Across America went well.  
Mary Lindquist (#247) – Was in agreement regarding Wreaths Across America. If any individual would like to have their family member receive a wreath who has not, they need to contact the individuals in charge.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Review of the December 14, 2023 meeting minutes. Comr. Neno moved, seconded by Comr. Bradley, to accept the minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**TREASURER'S DISTRICT FUNDS REPORT:**

**Cuba Lake Cash Account Balances** – Treasurer Lindquist provided district fund reports for December 2023. Treasurer Lindquist provided the cash fund balances for December 2023.

**Cuba Lake District List of Claims** – Treasurer Lindquist provided the list of claims for December 2023 totaling \$15,615.72.

Comr. Bradley moved, seconded by Chairman Morris, to approve Cuba Lake District Cash Account Balances and Cuba Lake District List of Claims for December 2023. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**TREASURER'S MANAGEMENT FUNDS REPORT:**

**Cuba Lake District Management Fund Cash Balances** – Treasurer Lindquist provided Management Fund cash reports for December 2023.

**Cuba Lake District Management Fund Checks Written** – Treasurer Lindquist provided the checks written for December 2023 totaling \$17,685.02.

Comr. Neno moved, seconded by Comr. Pierotti, to approve Cuba Lake District Management Fund Cash Balances for December 2023, and Cuba Lake District Management Fund Checks Written for December 2023. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Chairman Morris sent an email to Dan Spitzer to write up a proper motion for the tax increase that would be greater than 2%. This summer, the commission will consider making that motion if the Cuba Lake District budget requires it.

#### LOT TRANSFERS:

- No new lot transfers.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

- Lake Manager Barrey will reach out to local legislators to request assistance with the ditch concerns on the West Shore.
- Comr. Neno heard from Michael Tomenez and John Anderson, and they will be printing the Cuba Lake Book, which has been printed since 1932.
- A discussion was had to request OGS to allow the lake to be filled starting March 1, 2024 if construction has started and ice is gone. It was also suggested, if necessary, the lake could start being lowered October 1, 2024 if construction requires.
- Garbage Contract is up this year.

#### LAKE MANAGER'S REPORT – JANUARY 2024: Presented by Lake Manager Barrey

- Cuba Lake Reclamation Project
  - Working on permits.
    - Have been in communication with DEC and Army Corps.
    - Sent drone video showing rudder trails.
  - Looking for funding sources.
- Dam Safety
  - Engineers will be moving into the office soon for Dam and Spillway projects.
  - Dana has the vertical pieces for the spillway.
- Pole Barn
  - Finish perimeter of parking area.
- Harvester Maintenance
  - Pulled for Winter; will cover outside.
  - Working on skimmer
- Sediment basins
  - Mount Monroe. Dana is planning for clean out over Winter.
- Concerns for Discussion
- Permits
 

○ 23.21.367	Beck	Construct dwelling
○ 23.22.282A	Phillips	Construct dwelling

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Building and Lot Improvements/Lake Maintenance** – Committee members: Stephen Austin, Sarah Bradley, with Lake Manager. No new business.
2. **Budget and Finance** – Committee members: Michael Neno and Andrew Lindquist.
  - Lake Manager Barrey provided the 2024-2025 budget for review. Comr. Neno moved, seconded by Comr. Pierotti, to accept the 2024-2025 Cuba Lake Management Preliminary Budget. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

- Treasurer Lindquist distributed copies of the Annual Financial Report. Comr. Neno moved, seconded by Comr. Bradley to accept the Cuba Lake District Treasurer Report. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.
3. **Water Quality** – Committee members: Sarah Bradley and Michael Neno, Lake Manager Barrey. Comr. Bradley commented on very little ice is present on the lake. Canadian Geese are still present.
  4. **State Relations** – Committee members: Jay Morris and Jamie Pierotti. No items to discuss.
  5. **Public Relations and Cuba Lake Newsletter** – Committee members: Jay Morris and Steve Austin. No items to discuss.
  6. **Sediment Removal** – Committee members: Jamie Pierotti, Michael Neno, with Lake Manager. A meeting was suggested with George Borello. Subject would be strategies to fund sediment removal based on the applications CLD has into DEC and the Army Corps of Engineers.
  7. **Procedure Review** – Committee: Jay Morris, Michael Neno, Scott Barrey, Brandi Porcello
    - No new items to discuss.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- There is a need to assure the beavers have not moved back in below the dam.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE LAKE:**

- Hopes that solid ice continues to form so recreational ice activity can resume.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Comr. Bradley moved, seconded by Comr. Neno, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandi Porcello, Secretary