

CUBA LAKE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Pole Barn, Erick Laine Way, 5962 West Shore Road, Cuba, NY 14727
REGULAR MEETING – NOVEMBER 14, 2024 – 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
Michael Nenzo, Vice Chair
Sarah Bradley, Commissioner
Stephen Austin, Commissioner
Nate Smith, Commissioner
Scott Barrey, Lake Manager
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) – Nothing to report.

Mary Lindquist (#247) – Nothing to report.

Jeffrey Bradley (#341) – Expressed concern over this year’s October 15th date of lowering of Cuba Lake. He said it inconvenienced the Cuba Lake lease payers depriving them of two weeks of enjoying the lake this year. Chairman Morris discussed the reasoning as to why the lake wasn’t noticeably lowered until closer to November 1st. It was to assist OGS, and their contractor K&S, to be able to complete required work on the spillway. Once the low-level concrete work was complete on the spillway, the ties were pulled to lower the lake level, so OGS & LC Whitford could do the required work on the Dam. Comr. Austin and Lake Manager Barrey reiterated the concern to get the dam and spillway construction started ASAP in the fall to ensure work will be completed by spring. Jeff Bradley suggested in the future that the Cuba Lake Commissioners stick to the established and expected draw down and fill up plans so the tax payers are not inconvenienced by future Cuba Lake improvement projects. His suggestion is duly noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Review of the October 10, 2024 meeting minutes. Vice Chair Nenzo moved seconded by Commissioner Bradley, to accept the minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

TREASURER’S DISTRICT FUNDS REPORT: Reported by Treasurer Lindquist

Cuba Lake Cash Account Balances – Treasurer Lindquist provided district fund reports for September and October 2024. Treasurer Lindquist provided the cash fund balances for September and October 2024.

Cuba Lake District List of Claims – Treasurer Lindquist provided the list of claims for September of 2024 totaling \$17,132.00 and the list of claims for October of 2024 totaling \$6,670.88.

Vice Chair Nenzo moved seconded by Comr. Austin to approve Cuba Lake District Cash Account Balances and Cuba Lake District List of Claims for September and October 2024. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

TREASURER’S MANAGEMENT FUNDS REPORT:

Cuba Lake District Management Fund Cash Balances – Treasurer Lindquist provided the Management Fund cash reports for September and October 2024.

Cuba Lake District Management Fund Checks Written – Treasurer Lindquist provided the checks written for September 2024 which was \$17,275.63 and October 2024 which was \$9,007.13.

Vice Chairman Nenno moved, seconded by Comr. Smith to approve Cuba Lake Management Fund Cash Account Balances and Cuba Lake Management Fund Checks written for September and October 2024. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- None.

LOT TRANSFERS:

- Lot 312: Steven and Carolyn Campbell, Brian Cambell, and Laura Freese
- Lot 337: Benjamin Ward Hurlburt to Banfer Real Estate, LLC

OLD BUSINESS:

- Lake Manager Barrey made a request to purchase firewood to heat the district office which would cost \$800. Vice Chair made a motion seconded by Comr. Bradley to purchase the firewood. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

LAKE MANAGER’S REPORT – NOVEMBER 2024: Presented by Lake Manager Barrey

- Cuba Lake Reclamation Project
 - Waiting for permits.
 - D.E.C. and Army Corps. have received our permit resubmission, and it is under review.
 - Received 5th notice of incomplete application from new D.E.C. permit reviewer. I will get with Tom Swift and respond.
 - Looking for funding sources.
- Dam Safety
 - Dam and Spillway Projects
 - Concrete poured at spillway. Another pour this week.
 - LC Whitford has erected crane on the dam. Installing sheet piling for the coffer dam.
- Pole Barn
 - Finish perimeter of parking area.
- Harvester Maintenance
 - Harvester has been pulled for the Winter
 - Dana is working on the skimmer. Put in the water to test buoyancy and it performed well. Several systems still need to be completed.
- Sediment basins
 - Mount Monroe. Waiting on quotes.
- Concerns for Discussion
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- Permits
 - 24.50.57 Kishlar Tree

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Building and Lot Improvements/Lake Maintenance** – Committee: Stephen Austin, Sarah Bradley, with Lake Manager Barrey. None.
2. **Budget and Finance** – Committee: Michael Nenno, Andrew Lindquist. Discussion of Dana Harvey’s hospitalization insurance increase of 15% as of Nov. 1. Suggestions were made to investigate ways to lesson increased expense to Dana.

3. **Water Quality** – Committee: Sarah Bradley, Michael Nenno, with Lake Manager. The lake is down, and there has been an increased presence of seagulls due to the landfill in Andover being uncovered.
4. **State Relations** – Committee: Jay Morris, Nate Smith. Nothing to report.
5. **Public Relations and Cuba Lake Newsletter** – Committee: Jay Morris, Stephen Austin. The Cuba Lake newsletter has been published and distributed and it was very well done!
6. **Sediment Removal** – Committee: Michael Nenno, Nate Smith, with Lake Manager Barrey. Nothing new to report.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None to discuss at this time.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LAKE:

- It is great to see that both the dam and spillway projects are underway and going well!

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chair Nenno made a motion seconded by Comr. Smith to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandi Porcello, secretary