CUBA LAKE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Pole Barn, Erick Laine Way, 5962 West Shore Road, Cuba, NY 14727

REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2026 – 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 7:10 PM following the Annual Organizational Meeting.

PRESENT: Jay Morris, Chairman
Michael Nenno, Vice Chair
Nate Smith, Commissioner
Jamie Pierotti, Commissioner
Scott Barrey, Lake Manager
Andrew Lindquist, Treasurer
Brandi Porcello, Secretary

EXCUSED: Stephen Austin, Commissioner

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): The Commissioners thanked Mary and Betty Edwards for working the Cuba Lake District Annual Election on August 29th.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Review of the August 13, 2026 Annual Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes. Vice Chair Nenno made a motion seconded by Comr. Pierotti to accept the minutes. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

TREASURER'S DISTRICT FUNDS REPORT: Reported by Treasurer Lindquist.

Cuba Lake Cash Account Balances – Treasurer Lindquist referenced the reports and presented account balances for July and August 2026.

Cuba Lake District List of Claims – Cuba Lake District List of Claims – Treasurer Lindquist referenced the list of claims for July of 2026 totaling $$11,619.11 and the List of Claims for August 2026 totaling $7,553.74.

Vice Chair Nenno made a motion, seconded by Comr. Smith, to approve Cuba Lake District Management Fund Cash Balances and Cuba Lake District Management Fund Checks Written for July and August 2026. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

TREASURER'S MANAGEMENT FUNDS REPORT: Reported by Treasurer Lindquist

Cuba Lake District Management Fund Cash Balances – Treasurer Lindquist referenced the reports and presented account balances for July and August 2026.

Cuba Lake District Management Fund Checks Written – Treasurer Lindquist referenced the list of claims for July of 2026 totaling $33,414.95; August of 2026 totaling $14,365.33.

Vice Chair. Nenno moved, seconded by Comr. Smith, to approve Cuba Lake District Management Fund Cash Balances and Cuba Lake District Management Fund Checks written July and August 2026. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Chairman Morris forwarded email information from 2015, in which he initially shared in 2022, summarizing the Cuba Lake District Position Statement and Proposal identifying various assumptions and facts submitted in connection with the "negotiation of a potential conveyance of lease lots" by NYS to the CLD, followed by the "outline of the proposal as terms for the sale".
- Chairman Morris shared a follow-up email to the Cuba Lake District position statement and Proposal which summarized "the concern of gentrification due to leased lot transfers".

- Chairman Morris shared a 2015 email correspondence from Jessica E. Jeune, who served as Senator Catharine Young's Chief of staff, providing an initial heads up regarding a $100,000 grant for Cuba Lake from Sen. Young as well as discussing gentrification concerns related to the grant.
- Chairman Morris forwarded an email correspondence with Julie Schmidt, district coordinator for Senator George Borello from 2022, to the commissioners regarding Cuba Lake Bill A5338 which addresses lot ownership transfer responsibilities to the commissioners. This Bill amends state finance law to include state maintenance of the dam and spillway after property sale to the Cuba Lake Management fund.
- Lake Manager Barrey forwarded an email from Joey Zuppelli, Fish & Wildlife Ecologist Region 9 – Allegany, which provided an overlay sketch for sediment removal following the NYSDEC wetland delineation boundary which was completed to identify the precise boundary of the DEC jurisdictional wetlands on the subject parcel.
- Lake Manager Barrey shared an email received from Matthew J. Smith, Deputy Regional Permit Administrator for the NYSDEC, following his question as to "now that the delineation is complete, what is the next step in the dredging process?" Mr. Smith said the DEC is evaluating the results of the delineation and comparing the area to the proposed dredging project. They will be following up in the next week.
- Chairman Morris forwarded the NYSDEC wetland delineation map to H. Kier Kirlam, Allegany County Office of Planning Director, to assist with grant writing and funding.
- Lake Manager Barrey shared an email sent from Frank Palante from OGS with the projected engineering and capital costs prepared by their D&C Unit.

LOT TRANSFERS:

- LOT 240: Executed Lease to Stephen A. and Sally N. Reis, Trustees of the CJK Family Trust

PERMIT REQUESTS:

- Lot 340: Tree Removal

OLD BUSINESS:

- Chairman Morris mentioned the vacuum pump part they are waiting on for the Dam Emergency Action Plan is in transit from Quebec hopefully arriving soon.
- Chairman Morris reached out to Bellhurst Farm, LLC to discuss vegetation management at the Cuba Lake Dam. The goats faced a challenging season due to the persistent rain. Lake Manager Barrey will follow up with Aaron Santangelo.
- Dana Harvey mentioned that the Skimmer is doing great! The pontoons only lowered about 2" despite being loaded to the brim with debris indicating excellent buoyancy.

LAKE MANAGERS REPORT: September 10, 2026 Reported by Lake Manager Barrey

- Cuba Lake Reclamation Project
  - Waiting for permits.
    - D.E.C. and Army Corps. are reviewing our permit application.
    - Received a "Notice of Incomplete Application". I have contacted Tom Swift to make the required updates to our submission.
    - Working on list of potential grants sources based on letter from George Borrello's office.
- Dam Safety
  - Vegetation control is ongoing. Not been a good season for the goats. Weather being the main factor.
- Pole Barn

- Harvester Maintenance
  - The harvester and skimmer have been cutting seaweed and cleaning debris from the lake.
- Sediment basins
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- Concerns for Discussion
  - Lawn waste area will be reopened with limitations as soon as signage and cameras are installed.
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  - Abbott's basin reclamation.
    - The OGS is working on permitting for project to begin in Fall of 2026.
- Permits
  - 26.01.214 Kerl Fence
  - 26.02.340 Berardi Tree

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. **Building and Lot Improvements/Lake Maintenance –** Committee: Stephen Austin, Jamie Pierotti, with Lake Manager Barrey. Nothing further to discuss.
2. **Budget and Finance –** Committee: Michael Nenno, Andrew Lindquist, with Lake Manager Barrey. Treasurer Lindquist is ready to purchase the CD through Community Bank at a rate of 3.15% for 7 months.
3. **Water Quality –** Committee: Michael Nenno, Jamie Pierotti, with Lake Manager Barrey. The DEC came down and conducted a water test yesterday, September 9th. We are waiting on results.
4. **State Relations –** Committee: Jay Morris, Nate Smith. Nothing further.
5. **Public Relations and Cuba Lake Newsletter –** Committee: Jay Morris, Stephen Austin. None.
6. **Sediment Removal –** Committee: Michael Nenno, Nate Smith, Jamie Pierotti with Lake Manager Barrey. Nothing further to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Notification to newspapers and the Seneca Nation of Indians regarding log removal, which is scheduled for November 1st, 2026.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LAKE:

- Comr. Smith mentioned that another wind turbine project is coming to our very local communities and will affect various factors of the natural beauty we have in our area and on Cuba Lake. He urged commissioners to reach out to not only our local representatives, but NY State representatives we well.
- Comr. Pierotti provided further reports on the hazards wake surfing boats pose to Cuba Lake, particularly erosion and sediment disruption. He explained that the impact of their waves and propulsion can be ten to twelve times more disruptive than other watercraft.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chair Nenno made the motion seconded by Comr. Smith to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandi Porcello, Secretary