

CUBA LAKE DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Pole Barn, Erick Laine Way, 5962 West Shore Road, Cuba, NY 14727
REGULAR MEETING – JULY 9, 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 7:00 PM.

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): Mentioned to the commissioners that she worked the preliminary elections in Friendship, and there were at least 4 people who would be qualified to work our annual election on August 29th.
- Buzz Oldaker (#318): Wanted to express his appreciation for the clean-up efforts post flood. He mentioned that everything looks great at the lake!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Review of the June 11, 2026 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 June of 2026.

Cuba Lake District List of Claims – Cuba Lake District List of Claims – Treasurer Lindquist referenced the list of claims for June 2026 totaling \$7,161.65

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 June 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 June 2026. Treasurer Lindquist reported that we received all of our lease fees for 2026.

Cuba Lake District Management Fund Checks Written – Treasurer Lindquist referenced the list of claims for June of 2026 totaling \$25,283.64

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 for June 2026. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Lake Manager Barrey created and shared the “Cuba Lake Excavation Project” with all commissioners summarizing a plan to remove 100,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment from Rawson inlet/ public boating launch site to bring Cuba Lake back to a usable depth for public recreation.
- The commissioners received an email complaint from the owner of lot 283W regarding multiple disruptions that occurred due to fireworks at approximately 10 PM on July 3rd. Vice Chair Nenno replied that the Cuba Lake District of Commissioners would have no jurisdiction over private fireworks, but the Cuba Police would.
- Lake Manager Barrey shared a letter the commissioners received from George Borrello acknowledging their meeting and offering some suggestions moving forward to assist with the funding of the Cuba Lake Dredging project. The commissioners discussed reaching out to Scott Torrey, Executive Director of Allegany County SWDC, a valuable asset to the district, as well as an excellent grant writer. It was also suggested that the commissioners reach out to the CLCOA and send an email out to all cottage owners asking for their assistance in reaching out to the State asking for help.
- Chairman Morris received an inquiry from Bruce Smith regarding the completion of black top around the lake road. This matter was brought forth to the highway superintendent.

LOT TRANSFERS:

- Lot 72: Dobmeier to James & Cheryl Honaker executed lease
- Lot 240: Stephen & Sally Reis to Reis Trustees of the CJK Family Trust
- Lot 249: Chiapuso to Mark J. Mendel
- Lot 354: Samuelson to North Shore, LLC

PERMIT REQUESTS:

- Lot 261-262: Tree Removal
- Lot 340: Garage Demo and replacement

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

LAKE MANAGERS REPORT: July 9, 2026 Reported by Lake Manager Barrey

- Cuba Lake Reclamation Project
 - Waiting for permits.
 - D.E.C. and Army Corps. are reviewing our permit application.
 - Submitted request to D.E.C. to do the wetlands delineation.
 - Received letter from George Borrello’s office on potential grant sources.
- Dam Safety
 - Vegetation control is ongoing
- Pole Barn
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- Harvester Maintenance
 - Harvester and skimmer have been cleaning debris from the lake.
- Sediment basins
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- Concerns for Discussion
 - Abbott’s basin reclamation.
 - The OGS is working on design and permitting for project to begin in Fall of 2026.
- Permits
 - 26.21.261 Digel Remove trees

- 26.22.340 Berardi Demo and replace garage

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. The 2027 Proposed budget was presented by Treasurer Lindquist. Also, Treasurer Lindquist looked at transferring the CD from Community Bank with a 7-month 3.15% rate, to the Credit Union which offers a slightly better rate, but would require multiple hoops to transfer the CD. It was unanimously decided to keep the CD with Community Bank.
3. **Water Quality** – Committee: Michael Nenno, Jamie Pierotti, with Lake Manager Barrey. The water has consistently been very clear, but there have been a few algae blooms.
4. **State Relations** – Committee: Jay Morris, Nate Smith. The commissioners previously discussed the letter received from George Borrello. Chairman Morris has heard from Lee James who now works with Joe Sempolinski and they will reach out to the DEC to request assistance for funding for the Cuba Lake Dredging project.
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. It was suggested that Comr. Pierotti drafts a brief letter to all cottage owners requesting their assistance in individually reaching out to the State urging for their financial assistance with the much-needed dredging.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resolution to adopt the preliminary budget – Vice Chair Nenno moved, seconded by Comr. Smith, to adopt the 2027 preliminary budget. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.
2. Resolutions to adopt Election official Mary Lindquist – Comr. Smith moved, seconded by Comr. Pierotti, to approve the Election Officials for the Annual Election. MOTION CARRIED unanimously.
3. JULY 10th Last day for propositions
4. July 15th Seneca Nation will receive an invitation for the budget hearing, which is August 13.
5. July 29 First Notice of Budget Hearing will be in the Olean Times Herald
6. July 30th Absentee Ballots are available
7. July 30th Budget will be filed with secretary

FOR THE GOOD OF THE LAKE:

- There was a discussion as to why the leaf and grass refuse pile is temporarily closed, and Lake Manager Barrey discussed the location is part of his personal driveway, and until it is cleaned up, and people stop abusing it, it needs to be closed.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Chair Nenno made the motion seconded by Comr. Smith to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandi Porcello, Secretary