

## Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Board of Managers, Regular Meeting

Monday, April 5, 2010

The regular meeting of the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District (CLWD) Board of Managers was held on Monday, April 5, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Cormorant Town Hall, Watershed office, 10929 County Highway #5, Cormorant, MN.

Those present were; managers Beaudine, Moritz and Peterson; inspector Erickson, administrator Henrikson, associate administrator Olson, guest Orvis Olson and Alan Cibuzar of A. W. Research Laboratories, Inc.. Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and presented the agenda.

The Treasurer's account balance of 194,802.04 as of April 2, 2010 was presented and placed on file.

Alan gave a proposal for an overflight of the watershed lakes to photograph and identify curly-leaf pondweed growth. The flight will take place within the following 3-4 weeks, and information will be delivered back to the watershed within 2 weeks. Moritz entered a motion, seconded by Beaudine, to accept the proposal. Approval was unanimous. Darrin Hoverson (DNR AIS Specialist) will be informed that the overflight pictures on CD is coming.

Alan presented a second proposal for TSI (Trophic Status Index) mapping. This flight will identify the TSI status in all areas of the lakes, as well as possible sources for pollution. Beaudine made a motion, seconded by Moritz, to accept the proposal. Approval was unanimous. A Secchi disk measurement will be taken on each lake within a day or two of the overflight.

The proposal to increase the number of CLWD managers from 3 to 5 has been posted. Attorney Karkela has requested a response from the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). The posting must remain open for an interval, such as 60-90 days.

The DNR grant for Upper Cormorant Invasive species management (Project #2009-1) will likely be in the \$25,000 range. The application is based on a per acre charge, and the acreage to be treated may be less this year due to the effect of last year's treatment.

Peterson noted that the water level gauge on Big Cormorant will be installed on Denny Gilbertson's, and Denny will report the readings.

The Bijou lake West Alpine area erosion project will likely require a culvert replacement under the road, as well as rocks or boulders in the downstream channel to Bijou to slow the water flow in order to stop continued erosion into the lake. The cost will be in the range of \$20,000 to \$30,000. Rick St. Germain from Houston Engineering has contacted Becker Soil and Water Conservation District about a possible grant to offset the cost.

Houston engineering gave other information regarding the outflow from the Big Cormorant outlet structure. The outflow, which ultimately flows through Pelican Lake to the Red river, is not significant in Fargo as far as flooding is concerned. In addition, the potential benefit of adding storage buffering in the Spring Creek area below the outlet Pelican Lake will likely be negated by environmental impacts and thus not approved.

Residents in the area of Ness Estate Lane on Upper Cormorant's west side have complained that beavers backing up an adjacent wetland area are causing water to come into basements. Resident Tom Sapa has proposed that a "Clemson Leveler" type solution be installed; however, the managers feel this may not be practical due to the length of the outlet from the wetland into Upper Cormorant lake. As such, the solution for now is to remove some of the beaver and remove the dam.

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The Little Cormorant Lake Association wants to explore being included in the CLWD. They'd like to meet with managers in late April to discuss. Manager Beaudine will talk to Becker County regarding the property assessment that would result from being in the CLWD.

The following bills were paid:

	<u>Check #</u>	<u>AMT.</u>
• A. W. Research Lab, Inc. – Advance on flyover	1231	\$1,355.00
• Benson-Leitheiser-Soberg – 1099 preparation	1232	30.00
• Leaf Lake Association – membership	1233	40.00
• Becker SWCD – “Envirothon” project support	1234	100.00

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Moritz, Secretary

Prepared by Sherwood Olson, Assoc. Administrator