

## Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Board of Managers, Special Meeting

Monday, December 12, 2011

A special meeting of the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District (CLWD) Board of Managers was held in the Cormorant Town Hall, Cormorant Room, 10929 County Highway #5, Cormorant, MN starting at 7:00 P.M.

Those present were; managers Gene Olson, Orvis Olson and Ellis Peterson; Administrator Sherwood Olson; Moriya Rufer of RMB Laboratories, facilitator of the 10-Year Management Plan development.

Chairperson Ellis Peterson called the meeting to order.

**10-Year Management plan development:** The initial (60-day) comment period ended December 5, 2011 and was filed with the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). As published in the Detroit Lakes Record and printed below, BWSR will initiate a second, 30-day, comment period prior to presenting the plan for approval. The plan will be submitted to BWSR for approval at the first available board meeting after the comment period, potentially mid-January.

NOTICE OF FILING CORMORANT LAKES WATERSHED DISTRICT REVISED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources 520 Lafayette Road North Saint Paul, MN 55155 In the matter of the revised watershed management plan (Plan) for the Cormorant Lake Watershed District (District) pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103D.405, and 103D.105, Subd. 2 and; Whereas, the subject Plan has been filed with the Board of Water and Soil Resources (Board) on October 14, 2011, and copies were also filed with the auditor of each affected county, the governing body of each affected municipality, each affected soil and water conservation district and the DNR, pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103D.405. Now therefore, the Board hereby issues the following: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board invites written comments on the Plan. All comments received will be considered before a decision is made to prescribe a revised Plan for the District. Any person who objects to the proposed Plan may submit a written request for a hearing to Board. If no written requests for a hearing are received within 30 days of the last publication of this notice of filing, the Board will consider all of the comments and information received pertaining to the Plan and make a decision on the Plan at a regular Board meeting without conducting a public hearing. The District was established on August 22, 1966 and encompasses approximately 20,320 acres of land and 7,922 acres of open water. Lands within the District are distributed in the SW corner of Becker County (100%). The general purposes of the District include: 1) manage water levels within the District, 2) maintain and improve surface and groundwater quality, 3) treatment and prevention of Aquatic Invasive Species, and (4) public outreach and education. The Plan includes an updated inventory of the District's physical features and water resources, describes water-related problems and possible solutions, describes past activities and projects that the District has completed, and states objectives for current and future water resources management within the District. The Board must review the Plan for conformance with state law and rule. A copy of the Plan is available for inspection during normal business hours at the Board's office located at 4 West Office Complex, 403 4th St. NW Room 200, Bemidji MN, or on line at <http://cormorantlakeswatershed.org/> For further information contact Travis Germundson of the Board at 651-297-4958. Dated in Saint Paul, Minnesota this 7th day of December 2011. /s/ Travis Germundson Water Management Specialist R-DEC 11,  
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**Community Center Electronic Sign:** Cormorant Township has received bids to replace the outdoor sign with an electronic sign. Watershed representatives will be at the December 20 Town board meeting to meet with a vendor and the town board regarding details about it. The Watershed has a strong interest in the potential of this sign to display watershed functions such as budget hearings, other public hearings, Lake Association meetings and so forth. Motion (Gene), second (Orvis), to pay 50% of the proposed sign cost, up to a maximum of \$8,000 for the Watershed share.

**Next meeting:** The next regular meeting will be Tuesday (Monday being a Federal Holiday) January 3, 2012 at 7:00 PM in the Cormorant Center.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted  
Jeff Moritz, Secretary  
Prepared by Sherwood Olson, Administrator