

## Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Board of Managers, Regular Meeting

Monday, February 1, 2010

The regular meeting of the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District (CLWD) Board of Managers was held on Monday, February 1, 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, administrator Henrikson, assoc admin Olson, attorney Karkela and Orvis Olson.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and presented the agenda.

Warrant check # 357573 in the amount of 2249.44, tax distribution, was received from the Becker County Auditor.

Increasing the number of Watershed Managers from 3 to 5 was discussed. A petition to make the increase as drawn up by attorney Karkela was reviewed and signed by Peterson, Moritz and Beaudine. A motion was made by Moritz, seconded by Beaudine, to approve the petition. Benefits of the increase include better representation for the District, and improved compliance with open meeting laws. Attorney Karkela will request that the County Commissioner send a resolution to the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) for their approval. A public hearing will be held, and Karkela will request that the hearing be held in the Cormorant Center. There is the possibility, however, that it will be in St. Paul.

Placement of the channel marker at the inlet to the Big Cormorant flow regulation structure was discussed. A positive way to mark the inlet is needed, as the first marking did not last. Other methods of notification regarding the channel open water/thin ice hazard, such as to snowmobile riders, were discussed. This included writing to area snowmobile clubs and the DNR about the hazard, and placing notices in the local newspaper. The Watershed will furnish the materials to be sent out.

The Advisory council meeting is scheduled for February 20 at 9:00 AM in the Cormorant Center "Schoolroom". Moriya Rufer is scheduled to attend, and the Managers will be available to answer questions that might come up. Most of those invited to be part of the council have accepted.

Regular and mid-month meetings for 2010 have been scheduled with the Township Clerk, and are on the Township calendar. Except for July and September, all regular meetings are the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM. July and September are on the Tuesday following the first Monday, due to the Holidays. Mid-month meetings are all on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday from April through October at 6:00 PM.

The meeting with the Pelican Lake Improvement Association regarding changes to the agreement regulating Big Cormorant outflow is pending. More information is needed about how Big Cormorant structure outflow affects Pelican Lake water levels. It was noted in discussion that in addition to Big Cormorant structure outflow, the Spring Creek flow to Pelican is also increased by underground flows and other drainage into it.

The Watershed received a letter from Becker County Soil and Water Conservation District asking for assistance in their planning effort, and for the district to define their priorities in the effort. Peterson will send a reply from the Managers.

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A preliminary list of potential projects for 2010 was developed, including:

- Bijou west side. Install a culvert and stabilize the embankment.
- Finalize the Pelican Lake Improvement Association agreement.
- Establishment of a retention basin on Spring Creek south and west of County 5
- 10-year plan re-write
- Cormorant Lake Watershed rules update
- Audit physical attributes of the Watershed lakes, such as inflows, outflows, culverts, impairments and other

The following bills were presented for payment:

	<u>Check #</u>	<u>AMT.</u>
• Auto Owners Insurance, Pol. # 92460608026821	1251	468.51
• MAWD-MN Assn of Watershed Dist's Membership	1252	675.40

On motion by Moritz, seconded by Beaudine, the bills were approved for payment.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Moritz, Secretary

Prepared by Duane Henrikson, Administrator