

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District
(CLWD)

Board of Managers, Regular Meeting
Monday, February 6, 2012

The regular 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 Jody Beaudine, Jeff Moritz, Gene Olson, Orvis Olson and Ellis Peterson; Inspector Sheldon Struble; Administrator Sherwood Olson; guests Dustin Knutson, and Rob Schwartz from Rossman Lake; Joe Lightowler from Big Cormorant and Eunice Township. Chairperson Ellis Peterson called the meeting to order.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting will be Monday, March 6 at 7:00 PM in the Cormorant Center.

Treasurer's Report: The year-end balance sheet and a list of transactions for the year was distributed..

Rossman Culvert: The Rossman lake property owners are interested in increasing the size of the culvert, to allow larger boats and possibly pontoon craft to pass through. Attorney Karkela has been contacted regarding a maintenance easement and he will be in touch with the property owners. Both Rossman and Upper Cormorant lakeshore property owners are generally in agreement with the project. Once a draft of the easement language is completed, Houston Engineering will be asked to make a preliminary estimate.

10-Year Management Plan: The plan is complete. Ellis extended a thank you to all who participated in its development. The Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) provided a letter stating that the plan was approved at its regular meeting on January 25, 2012, and noting in the letter that the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District (CLWD) board, staff, it's local partner agencies and Advisory Committee members are to be commended for developing the plan. Regular and timely review is recommended to keep the plan up to date.

Bluewater Bay inlet road: The road is in need of improvement to correct erosion to the lake. Further review and any decision will be on hold until the spring thaw.

Bijou (Beseau) outlet channel: In response to a inquiry regarding cleaning the channel out to the County Hwy 1 culvert, the Managers feel this will best be handled by the interested property owner through the appropriate permit process (Watershed, DNR). Work would be done at the owner's expense.

Big Cormorant Outlet flow agreement: The need for an updated agreement was discussed. Sherwood will contact Bob Merritt regarding his progress.

Becker SWCD Envirothon: Motion (Orvis), second (Jody) to provide sponsorship in the amount of \$150 to the Soil and Water Conservation District in support of their "Envirothon", a hands-on outdoor natural resources learning program at the Wetlands learning center near Fergus Falls for 6th – 12th grade students. The motion carried unanimously.

MAWD 2012 legislative reception: The Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts has invited watershed district managers, staff and key partners to a reception with legislators at the Kelly Inn, Capitol Hall, on Wednesday, March 7, from 5:00-7:30 pm. and a legislative Breakfast/Briefing and Day at the Capitol March 8. Motion (Jody) made and seconded (Jeff) to reimburse costs for managers or staff interested in attending. The motion carried unanimously.

2012 Goals: We will plan to discuss specific goals for this year at the next regular meeting.

Other topics: Launches at "un-approved" boat launch sites were noted as a potential entry point for aquatic invasive species; there are no inspections at these sites. The Watershed will need to make arrangement to post the AIS inspection notification signs we will be receiving from the DNR.

Bills: Bill payments and deposits made are as follows:

Type	Date	Num	Name	Memo	Account	Budget	Amount
Check	02/06/2012	1376	RMB Labs	Invoice Jan2012	10655 Main Checking	Professional Services	-600.00
Check	02/06/2012	1377	Sherwood Olson	2/05/2012 Statement Liability, Year's premium	10655 Main Checking	Manager Expense & Payroll	-997.03
Check	02/06/2012	1378	Schiller Insurance		10655 Main Checking	Insurance	-519.55
Check	02/06/2012	1379	MAWD	Dues for 2012	10655 Main Checking	Membership and Dues	-640.47
Check	02/06/2012	1380	Becker SWCD Waypoint Ins Advisors	SWCD "Envirothon"	10655 Main Checking	Community Support	-150.00
Deposit	02/08/2012		Becker County	Return of Premium	10655 Main Checking	Insurance	43.00
Deposit	02/08/2012		Becker County	Final 2011 Dist'n-alloc	Checking	Levy Distribution	3,148.02
Deposit	02/08/2012		Becker County	Final 2011 Dist'n-alloc	45823 Upper Corm	Levy Distribution	247.50

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.
 Respectfully submitted
 Jeff Moritz, Secretary
 Prepared by Sherwood Olson, Administrator