

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Board of Managers, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 7, 2011

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.

Those present were; managers Jody Beaudine, Gene Olson, Orvis Olson and Ellis Peterson; administrator Sherwood Olson

Chairperson Ellis called the meeting to order and presented the agenda. Minutes of the January 4 meeting were previously distributed, and are also posted on cormorantlakeswatershed.org. The Treasurer's report distributed was \$217,295.86. Orvis entered a motion, seconded by Jody, to approve the minutes as distributed. Carried unanimously.

The **annual audit** by Benson, Leitheiser & Soberg is underway; Ellis has signed the audit engagement letter. Sherwood has provided all information requested to date, to the accountant.

Legislative Reception: MAWD is sponsoring a two-day legislative reception, March 23 and 24, at the Kelly Inn in St. Paul. Watershed Managers and staff are invited. Orvis entered a motion, seconded by Jody, that if one of the managers or staff wants to attend, that the CLWD will reimburse costs for registration, hotel and mileage. Carried unanimously. Go to <http://mnwatershed.govoffice.com/> for information and registration contacts. Click on the "What's Happening" link, and look for the reception information. Or contact Sherwood for a copy of the brochure.

West Bijou: Any work on the channel will now take place after the spring thaw. In discussion it was noted that the associated culvert under the Township road is failing. Lake Park Township managers are aware of the situation.

Big Cormorant Outlet Channel: Property owner Qvammen is currently away; work on easement wording will resume when he is available.

Big Cormorant Outlet Flow Agreement: No new actions on the agreement are expected until the spring thaw and the flood potential is more clear. In discussion it was agreed we will close the outlet structure as needed for the Red River flood mitigation efforts.

Leaf Lake Culvert: The culvert on the NE corner of the lake needs repair. Ellis will continue discussions with Audubon Township. A possible approach is for CLWD and Audubon to share costs on the repair.

February 15 Advisory Meeting: It's expected that this 10-Year Management Plan meeting will be a basis for project plan development, based on the Goals and Objectives already drafted. This will include a review of **Rule changes** and new programs. In discussion, Gene noted that the language in our permit application versus the current rules should be more consistent. Discussion followed regarding the need for clarification in current Ordinary High Water (OHW) settings and markings, as referenced in the Rules.

Upper Cormorant AIS Treatment: The UCLA Lake Association will need to take action by March regarding treatment and grant continuation.

Bills: Following are bills paid or deposits noted:

		<u>Check #</u>	<u>AMT.</u>
• Houston Engineering	10-Yr Plan support	1300	633.00
• RMB Laboratories	10-Yr Plan Coordination	1301	165.00
• MAWD	Annual Membership	1302	670.21
• IRS	Social Sec & Medicare Tax	1303	1935.14
• Sherwood Olson	Supplies reimbursement	1304	344.50

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- Becker County Final 2010 Distribution ----- (-2776.20)

There being no further business, Chairman Peterson adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 7:00 PM in Cormorant Center in which Moriya Rufer will continue facilitating Management Plan Development.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Moritz, Secretary

Prepared by Sherwood Olson, Administrator