

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Board of Managers, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 4, 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, Jeff Moritz and Ellis Peterson; inspector Sheldon Struble; administrator Sherwood Olson; Advisory Council member Maggie Metcalf

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order and presented the agenda. Minutes of the December 6 meeting were distributed and are posted on the web site. The Treasurer's report distributed was \$217,027.34.

Oath of Office forms were completed and witnessed for all managers.

Election of Officers for 2011: the following were nominated, unopposed. All carried unanimously.

	Office	Nominator	Second
• President:	Peterson	Beaudine	Gene Olson
• Treasurer:	Beaudine	Peterson	Moritz
• Secretary:	Moritz	Orvis Olson	Peterson

The **annual audit** by Benson, Leitheiser & Soberg is underway.

Compensation: Moritz entered a motion, seconded by Orvis Olson, to set the Administrator's compensation at \$15 per hour or at the Manager's hourly rate, whichever is greater. Carried unanimously. Other compensation will be reviewed during the year.

Administrator: Moritz entered a motion, seconded by Peterson, to appoint Sherwood Olson as Administrator for the CLWD. Carried unanimously.

Moritz entered a motion, seconded by Peterson, to appoint Duane Henrikson as Administrative Advisor. Carried unanimously.

West Bijou: Efforts will continue to contact the affected property owners regarding an access easement, prior to beginning work to stabilize the water channel into the lake. Any work on the channel will now take place after the spring thaw.

Big Cormorant Outlet Channel: Jody will talk with Bruce Qvammen regarding the easement for maintenance. Any easement completed must provide that the outlet channel is not a public waterway, and not bound by lake and stream regulations such as for setback.

Big Cormorant Outlet Flow Agreement: The Board will consider retaining a consultant to move the agreement forward. Jeff provided flow-effect tables prepared by Houston Engineering. Having Houston set a flow monitoring gauge in the channel will be looked into.

Invasive Species Meeting: Moritz noted that the Red River Basin is hosting meetings January 16, 17 and 18 in Fargo on invasive species management.

Grant Investigation/Writing: Moritz entered a motion, seconded by Beaudine to request that Moriya continue on to investigate and write grant applications relating to CLWD goals. Carried unanimously.

2011 Plans: At the February meeting plans will be suggested for the year.

Conflict of Interest: Chairman Peterson reaffirmed that adherence to conflict of interest Statues and ethics is required. Gene Olson noted that the Watershed Handbook (November 2005 edition) covers this (Chapter 2 section 5 and in Appendix A). Post meeting note: we also have the Handbook as a pdf on CD.

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Bills: (incl. bills paid 12/13 after the 10-Year Management Plan meeting)

	<u>Check #</u>	<u>AMT.</u>
<u>Admin Acct</u>		
• Karkela Law – Invoice, legal services	1291	3408.00
• Sherwood Olson – Administration	1292	1229.21
• RMB Laboratories – 10 Year Plan development	1293	804.00
• Struble – Inspections	1294	3110.79
• Erickson – Inspections	1295	854.21
• Peterson – Manager	1296	2882.84
• Moritz – Manager	1297	2411.86
• Beaudine – Manager	1298	3179.75
• Becker Auditor levy distribution, 12-14-10	-----	(66,975.06)
• Sherbrook Turf – Channel Hydro-seed, silt fences	1299	1,875.00

There being no further business, Chairman Peterson adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Tuesday, January 18 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