

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Board of Managers, Regular Meeting

Monday, June 6, 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. The meeting started at 6:00 PM to give time to review the 10-Year Management plan development.

Those present were; managers Jody Beaudine, Jeff Moritz, Gene Olson, Orvis Olson and Ellis Peterson; Inspectors Duane Erickson and Sheldon Struble; administrator Woody Olson; Advisory Council member Maggie Metcalf (Middle Cormorant); Moriya Rufer from RMB Labs (Management Plan development facilitator); Brian Dwight and Chad Severts from the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources (BWSR), attending to aid in the plan development .

Chairperson Ellis called the meeting to order and presented the agenda. Minutes of Watershed meetings are posted on the website cormorantlakeswatershed.org and copies of the May 16 meeting were available at the meeting.

Minutes and Treasurer's Report: Gene entered a motion, seconded by Jody, to approve the minutes and treasurer's reports as presented. Carried unanimously.

10-Year Management plan development: Brian and Chad gave suggestions for the plan, focusing on the assessment, prioritization and implementation sections. It is recommended we be specific about needs and the desired future conditions (goals). Other entities (e.g. the DNR, BWSR, Becker Soil and Water Conservation) may well be interested in the same needs, and will add their support. It was suggested we add a Watershed Development (i.e. staff, training) goal, and an annual Plan evaluation goal. Moriya will continue development, incorporating suggestions into the plan, and meet again with the Watershed on Tuesday July 5th (following the July 4th holiday).

Combined Lake Associations Meeting: A joint meeting with officers and board members of all lake associations in the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District is planned for Saturday, July 30, at 9:00 A.M, including a breakfast. Jeff Moritz is working out the details.

Middle Cormorant Channel improvement: An easement to allow inspection and maintenance of the roadside next to the outlet channel is being prepared. Once the easement is completed, rip-rap can be applied to stabilize the roadside. Stabilizing the roadside is important to all parties using the road, as well as to maintain lake quality. Jody entered a motion, seconded by Gene, that grant funding be explored to aid the project. Carried unanimously. Jody will contact Moriya to look into this for us.

Big Cormorant Outflow Agreement: Jeff will invite Bob Merritt to a future meeting, possibly July mid-month, to discuss language for a new outflow agreement with Pelican Lake associations and with Lake Ida.

Big Cormorant Outlet Easement: Jody will continue working with Terry and property owner Qvammen to finalize an access and maintenance agreement on the channel leading from Big Cormorant to the control structure.

Other: Other topics discussed included Upper Cormorant AIS treatment, conflict of interest regulations, attendance by the Managers at Lake Association meetings and various permit and shoreline activities taking place.

Bills: There were no bills presented for payment at this meeting.

There being no further business, Chairman Peterson adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, June 20, starting at the regular time, 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Moritz, Secretary

Prepared by Sherwood Olson, Administrator