

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Board of Managers, Regular Meeting

Monday, June 7, 2010

The regular meeting of the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District (CLWD) Board of Managers was held on Monday, June 7, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Cormorant Town Hall, Cormorant Room, 10929 County Highway #5, Cormorant, MN.

Those present were; managers Beaudine, Moritz and Peterson; inspector Struble; co-administrators Henrikson and Olson; Advisory members Maggie Metcalf and Orvis Olson; guests Merle Zimmerman, Gene Olson and Grant Johnson; the MN Board of Soil and Water (BWSR) conservationists Brian Dwight and Chad Severts.

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

The Treasurer's account report filed for the meeting was \$143,628.86.

Zimmerman was on hand to represent the Big Cormorant Healthy Lakes plan development effort. They will likely group fund requests together, along with an itemization showing the use of the funds. Fund disbursements will be requested using a form CLWD provided at today's meeting. He will provide CLWD with a contact person at West Central, should any questions or issues come up.

Johnson addressed his permit application to replace the failing Middle Cormorant culvert that is on his property. Multiple parties may have interest in any impact caused by the replacement. **Moritz entered a motion, seconded by Beaudine, that: a public hearing for comment on the permit application be scheduled at 6:30 PM on July 6 (Tuesday) at the Cormorant Center, and that a Notice of the hearing be published in the Detroit Lakes paper at the next available issue.** The motion carried unanimously. The Hearing notice will also be posted on our website. (Post meeting note: Johnson's permit application was submitted May 5 and reviewed by the Managers at the May 17 meeting). The Managers will request Rick St Germain from Houston Engineering to attend if he is available.

Severts addressed the CLWD petition to increase the number of Managers to five (5). BWSR received the petition on February 8, and filed a notice of the petition on March 17 in the DL Tribune. The BWSR Northern area committee will review the petition on June 16, and will send their opinion to the full BWSR board at month end for approval.

Severts also reviewed ways in which they can interact with us, including plan review and approval, assistance with grant fund requests, boundary changes, manager changes, personnel issues and basically navigating the various agencies we deal with.

Dwight discussed the Watershed Long Range Plan. CLWD must pass a resolution to update the plan, and then present an outline of the proposed changes to the plan. He provided examples from the Red River Basin for guidance on the process to develop plan, and an outline for plan content (noting we will need to adapt these to our own situation). He stressed the need for broad community involvement, such as from the Advisory Committee, other residents, and area resources such as Soil and Water Conservation, MPCA, DNR, etc. **Moritz entered a motion, seconded by Beaudine, for a resolution to revise/re-write the 1999 Cormorant Lakes Watershed District Management Plan.** The motion carried unanimously. Dwight noted that the plan needs to be specific enough so that it's pertinent to our watershed issues and actions (for example water levels and water quality), but not include specific operating parameters that might change frequently. Professional input on solutions to issues we identify is desirable. Woody will get a copy of the Pelican River Watershed District plan. (Post meeting note: **the PRWD plan** is available on their web site at <http://prwd.org/files/PRWD%20-%20RMP.pdf> . It is lengthy-154 pages-and a hard copy has been requested from PRWD).

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Board of Managers, Regular Meeting

Monday, June 7, 2010

The culvert from Spring Creek leading under Otter Tail County #9 is in need of replacement. The replacement date is now expected to be done in 2013. While this culvert is just outside the CLWD, it's in our interest that it flow effectively so the Spring Creek outflow not be slowed by it. **Moritz made a motion, seconded by Beaudine that we participate in the cost of replacement.** The motion carried unanimously.

The CLWD will underwrite chemical testing costs for our lakes again this year. **Moritz made a motion, seconded by Peterson, that we also include reimbursement of round-trip mileage from the lake test sites to RMB Labs.** The motion carried unanimously.

Beaudine will head up installation of a Clemson leveler near the end of Ness Estate Lane on the west side of Upper Cormorant. Woody will assist Jody needed.

Moritz will talk with attorney Karkela and Rick St. Germain (Houston) regarding amendment or re-write of the Cormorant and Pelican Lakes Flow agreement.

There appears to be a nominal 3-inch difference between Big Cormorant lake level readings taken at the new gauge as compared with the older gauge at the outlet structure. Re-calibration of the new gauge may be needed.

Struble gave an inspections report, which was filed.

The following bills were paid:

	<u>Check #</u>	<u>AMT.</u>
• Upper Cormorant Lake Ass'n - Membership	1238	\$50.00

The next (mid-month) meeting will be Monday, June 21 at 7:00 PM in Cormorant Center.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Moritz, Secretary

Prepared by Sherwood Olson, Co-Administrator