

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Board of Managers, Regular Meeting

Monday, May 2, 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, Jeff Moritz, Gene Olson, Orvis Olson and Ellis Peterson; attorney Terry Karkela; Inspectors Duane Erickson and Sheldon Struble; administrator Woody Olson; Advisory Council members Maggie Metcalf (Middle Cormorant), Joe Lightowler (Big Cormorant) and Lyle Hansen (Big Cormorant).

Chairperson Ellis called the meeting to order and presented the agenda. Minutes of the April 18 mid-month meeting were distributed. The minutes are posted on the website, cormorantlakeswatershed.org.

Big Cormorant Outlet Easement: The easement wording is being prepared. Terry Karkela will draft the easement language with input from Meadowland. He and Jody will review with landowner Qvammen.

Middle Cormorant Channel improvement: A DNR permit has been approved to replace the 2nd (center) culvert and rip rap part of the channel to prevent erosion. These improvements by the Watershed will benefit both property owners as well as the Watershed. The plans will be reviewed with adjacent property owners before proceeding. Terry Karkela will review the details of the access easement with Meadowland Survey.

Shoreline Topics and Permits: Topics discussed included installation of a pathway on a sloping shoreline (Iwerks); review of a sump pump drain area (Pressler property); replacement of old railroad ties (Wiesglam); tree removal consideration (Gilbertson, Skari); Leaf Lake Summer Island private road deterioration. Follow up will be as needed.

Lake Access Inspection: Representatives Lightowler and Hansen requested funding support for AIS inspections at the Big Cormorant lake access. In discussion it was noted control of zebra mussels in particular is critical, because of their negative impact to lake fish and lake shore property. Pelican Lake is already infected, and a current estimate of the cost to treat for zebras is \$1,500 per acre. Based on last year's monitoring about 70% of Big Cormorant lake access usage is from Pelican Lake. Big Cormorant is finalizing a DNR grant to cover part of the cost of monitoring, along with the Big Cormorant Lake Association. A **motion** was made (Orvis) and seconded (Jody) to approve \$5,000 from the Survey and Data Acquisition account to support Big Cormorant access monitoring for 2011. **Carried unanimously.** It was suggested that the Watershed continue funding as appropriate for inspection on other lakes in 2012, and assist other Lake Associations in writing grant fund requests.

Sheldon Struble recognition: Jeff recently attended the Leaf Lake Association annual meeting, at which Leaf Lake members recognized Sheldon for his continuing contribution to lake shoreline quality through his inspection work.

Lake Associations Combined Meeting: Jeff will put together a plan for the Watershed to host a meeting of all lake associations in the watershed. The intent is to share information and experiences of mutual benefit. Tentative discussion was to hold the meeting Saturday, July 16.

Lake and Stream Contaminant seminar: A **motion** was made (Jeff) and seconded (Orvis) to support mileage and meal expense for CLWD staff wanting to attend this seminar on May 18 at 7:00 PM, in Albany, MN. **Carried unanimously.** It's a one-evening seminar hosted by the Sauk River Watershed District.

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Bills Paid: Ellis made a motion, seconded by Jody to pay the bills presented. The motion was approved.

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• Sherwood Olson	Anti-Virus software renewal	1316	67.28
• Upper Corm Lake Ass'n	Annual Dues	1317	50.00

There being no further business, Chairman Peterson adjourned the meeting. The next meeting will be Monday, May 16, tentatively to be a review by AW Research of last year's lake flyover to assess Trophic Status Index (TSI) of our lakes.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Moritz, Secretary

Prepared by Sherwood Olson, Administrator