

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Board of Managers, Regular Meeting

Monday, November 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 starting at 7:00 P.M.

Those present were; managers Jeff Moritz, Gene Olson and Ellis Peterson; Inspector Sheldon Struble; Administrator Sherwood Olson; guests Joe Lightowler (Big Cormorant), Val DeJong (Upper Cormorant), Rob Schwartz, Dustin Knutson, and Durell Dux (all on Rossman), and Casey Aakre (Nelson).

Chairperson Ellis Peterson called the meeting to order. Minutes of Watershed meetings are posted on the website www.clwd.org and at the Cormorant Community center. The treasurer's report was distributed.

10-Year Management plan development: The (60-day) comment period ends December 5, 2011. The plan is posted on the Watershed website, www.clwd.org and is available from the Watershed on request. Comments on the plan should be sent to:

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Rossman and Nelson lake representatives returned with an update. DNR Hydrologist Janell Miersch has indicated to them that the existing permit for the Rossman-Nelson culvert is still valid and will permit enlarging the culvert without re-issuing it. The managers stated that the Watershed will want an easement from the property owner for the purpose of inspecting and maintaining the structure. Motion (Jeff), 2nd (Gene), that the lake representatives may contact Terry Karkela to explore easement requirements, as a Watershed project. Approved unanimously. Rob Schwartz has begun exploring grant funding from the DNR's Conservation Partners Legacy Grant program. The managers may support grant development, as has been done on similar projects before. Jeff will contact Houston Engineering to discuss hydrology and engineering requirements for this project.

Inspections: Sheldon gave his report and placed it on file.

Projector: Motion (Jeff), 2nd (Gene), that Sherwood go ahead with the purchase of a video projector and screen for meeting presentations, based on the quote received from Medial Link.

Permit activity: Two approved permits (Larum, Flyen) were filed. Other discussion on pending hearings was as noted in the meeting agenda.

MAWD: Hotel and conference registrations for 7 are complete.

Manager term renewals: Term renewals for Jody and Gene are on the Commissioner's November 8 agenda.

Big Cormorant Outflow: Sherwood will contact Bob Merritt regarding status on the outflow agreement.

Bonding for Managers: The ICS Agency has emailed a proposal for a \$50,000 blanket bonding policy. Terry Karkela has been asked to review statutes regarding bonding requirements for watersheds.

Bills and Income: The following were approved:

| | | <u>Check</u> | <u>Amt</u> | <u>Credit</u> |
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| • Karkela, et al | Legal services, 2011 | 1336 | 1168.00 | |
| • RMB Labs | 10-Yr Mgmt Plan Devel | 1337 | 920.00 | |
| • MAWD | Conference Registr. | 1338 | 1475.00 | |
| • Arrowwood | Conference Hotel | 1339 | 1077.36 | |
| • DL Newspapers | Budget Hearing Notices | 1332 | 141.30 | |
| • Olson, Struble | Reimb for meals | ----- | | 70.00 |
| • Upper Corm | DNR AIS Grant funding | ----- | | 36,500.00 |

Next meetings: There will be no November mid-month meeting. There will be a meeting at the Arrowwood on December 2 at 4:00 PM to summarize the MAWD conference observations. The next regular meeting will be December 5, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Cormorant Center.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Moritz, Secretary

Prepared by Sherwood Olson, Administrator