

## Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Board of Managers, Regular Meeting

Monday, September 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 starting at 7:00 P.M., following the 6:30 Budget hearing meeting.

Those present were; managers Jody Beaudine, Jeff Moritz, Gene Olson, Orvis Olson and Ellis Peterson; Inspector Sheldon Struble; Administrator Sherwood Olson

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order. Minutes of Watershed meetings are posted on the website [cormorantlakeswatershed.org](http://cormorantlakeswatershed.org).

**10-Year Management plan development:** Admin Olson will contact Moriya regarding a notice of filing and starting the 60 day comment period on the plan.

**Minutes and Treasurer's Report:** The results of the September 1 special budget meeting minutes were reported; a recommended \$126,500 budget total would be proposed at the budget hearing. A treasurer's balance of 297,082.71 was reported. This will be reduced to about 247,000.00 when recent payments are entered, including the PLM curly leaf pondweed treatment in Upper Cormorant.

**Inspections:** Struble reported on inspections and filed the report.

**Permits and Hearings:** One approved permit (Flyen, rip-rap) was filed.

**Bogs, Upper Cormorant:** The bog plugging the waterway from Upper Cormorant to Nelson has floated back to Upper Cormorant. No action by the Watershed is indicated at this time.

**Cormorant Center Improvements:** The Township is considering a new, electronic, sign to replace the existing sign by the road. Admin Olson will talk with Township officers regarding plans, and possible cost share by the Watershed. Olson will also follow up regarding the Township's interest in a video projector ("PowerPoint projector") and projection screen.

**Big Cormorant Outflow:** An update from Bob Merritt on the outflow agreement is pending. Beaudine will spray weeds in the channel area.

**Beaver control:** Rick Julian has completed trapping on the Ness Estates lane area (Upper Cormorant) and on Bergeson lake.

**Other/New Business:** The University of Minnesota is hosting a Water Resources conference in St Paul on October 18 and 19, 2011. Moritz entered a motion, seconded by Peterson, that the Watershed will pay tuition and normal per diem expenses (mileage, lodging, meals) for board members who want to attend the conference. Carried unanimously. The deadline for early registration is October 4. Contact 612-625-2900, or [cceinfo@umn.edu](mailto:cceinfo@umn.edu) for registration. For program questions contact Nicole Freese at 612-624-3708, or [cceconf5@umn.edu](mailto:cceconf5@umn.edu). The full conference brochure is available on the web site [wrc.umn.edu/waterconf/index.htm](http://wrc.umn.edu/waterconf/index.htm). Then in the center see "Preview the 2011 Minnesota Water Conference Brochure here" and click on the word here.

Gene Olson completed training by the MN DNR on Invasive Species management. The DNR issued a certificate of completion, which will be posted.

**Bills:** The following bills were approved for payment

		<u>Check</u>	<u>Amt</u>
• Rick Julian	Beaver control, 2 lakes	1331	309.50
• DL Newspapers	Budget Hearing Notices	1332	141.30
• RMB Laboratories	Mgmt Plan Update	1333	1770.00
• Houston Engineering	Mgmt Plan support	1334	181.00

**Adjournment:** Motion by Orvis Olson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Beaudine, to adjourn. Carried unanimously.

**Next meeting:** The next meeting is October 3 at 7:00 PM in the Cormorant Center.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Moritz, Secretary

Prepared by Sherwood Olson, Administrator