

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Board of Managers, Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 7, 2010

The regular meeting of the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District (CLWD) Board of Managers was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 in the Cormorant Town Hall, Cormorant Room, 10929 County Highway #5, Cormorant, MN.

Those present were; managers Beaudine, Moritz and Peterson; inspector Struble; co-administrator Olson; advisory member Orvis Olson; guest Gene Olson, guest Merle Zimmerman representing the Cormorant Lake Improvement initiative; guests from Lake Ida David Douglas, Chuck Lenthe, and Tim Bosh; guests from Pelican Lake – POGLID – Jeff Peltier and Denny Tollefson.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order and presented the agenda.

The Treasurer's account report filed for the meeting was \$221,358.23. Minutes from the August 16 meeting were filed.

Struble gave his inspection report.

Merle Zimmerman reported on progress with the Big Cormorant Lake Improvement initiative. Their early August "Lake Visioning" meeting identified water quality, invasive species and land use/zoning as the highest priority areas to pursue.

Two permits were filed, both relating to shoreline erosion control by installing fabric and rock rip rap.

The agreement governing the Big Cormorant outflow toward Pelican was discussed. Concerns include the amount of water discharged, and the capacity of the culvert under Ottertail highway 9. Note this culvert is scheduled to be replaced in 2012. The POGLID (Pelican Group of Lakes Improvement District) representatives want Lake Ida included in revisions to the agreement. Representatives plan to attend the next Township meeting. A POGLID meeting is scheduled for September 22 at 6:00 PM, at which the outlet agreements will be on the agenda. Olson will contact the Township clerk to get a copy of the current Lake Ida outlet operation agreement.

A permit application from Donald Brendsel for a proposed geothermal heat pump water discharge into Big Cormorant was discussed. Moritz entered a motion, seconded by Beaudine, to hold the application until more information, and an opinion from the Minnesota DNR, are available. The motion carried.

Improvements to the Big Cormorant outlet channel were discussed. Beaudine provided a sketch of the project for file. The project includes straightening the channel, getting a new survey and description for the outlet area (not currently available), executing an access easement with the local property owner (for inspection, operation and maintenance) and rip-rap to stabilize the channel. Beaudine has met with the local property owner who has agreed to work with us on the easement. It's noted that large rocks will be needed for the rip rap to make it stable. Moritz entered a motion, seconded by Beaudine that the watershed will pay for the costs of the survey and recording of the deeds, and to record the 10 ft. water access as agreed to by the owner. Motion carried. Beaudine will contact Houston Engineering to get specifications for the channel work and rip rap, to give to potential bidders.

The Middle Cormorant culvert installation, as approved in the August 2, 2010 meeting, will be installed by contractor Staber at the end of the month. Oversight will be provided by the DNR and Houston Engineering to assure compliance with engineering specifications.

Houston Engineering will be asked to develop specifications for the Bijou Lake Alpine Lane water inflow area. These are needed to show to affected property owners, and to get bids.

Lake 603. Moritz entered a motion, seconded by Beaudine, to contract Houston Engineering to do phase I and II as outlined in their proposal.

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Moritz entered a motion, seconded by Beaudine, that we request the County Commissioners to proceed with the 5 member board. Olson will send a letter to that effect, including a description of manager term lengths.

Olson will check on the status of the MAWD Annual Meeting, and make reservations as soon as possible.

The following items were paid or deposited:

	<u>Check #</u>	<u>AMT.</u>
<u>Admin Acct</u>		
• DL Newspapers – Budget hearing notices	1260	172.70
• Houston Engr. – Inv. 0005152-Middle Corm	1261	498.00
• Houston Engr. – Inv. 0005153-Bijou West erosion eval.	1262	3997.25
• Houston Engr. – Inv 0005154 - Lake 603 outflow eval.	1263	781.75
• Houston Engr – Inv 0005155 – Mgmt Plan presentation	1264	700.00
• Becker Co. – Upper Corm Assessment setup & year 1	1265	259.00
• RTW Inc – Workers Comp Ins.	1266	310.00
<u>Healthy Lakes Initiative Account</u>		
• Cormorant Township – Room Damage Deposit refund		(250.00)

The next (mid-month) meeting will be Monday, September 20 at 7:00 PM in Cormorant Center. There being no further business, Chairman Peterson adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted

Jeff Moritz, Secretary
Prepared by Sherwood Olson, Co-Administrator