

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District (CLWD)

Board of Managers, Regular Meeting

September 8, 2014

The regular meeting of the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District (CLWD) Board of Managers at the Cormorant Town Hall, District Office, 10929 County Highway #5, Cormorant, MN. starting at 7:15 PM.

Those present were: Managers Ellis Peterson, Gene Olson, Orvis Olson, Jeff Moritz and Inspector Sheldon Struble. No guest or visitors were present. Absent was Jody Beaudine.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2014 at 7:00 in the Cormorant Center.

Treasurer's Report: Gene Olson requested renewing the expiring Certificate of Deposit (CD). Motion by Orvis Olson, second by Ellis Peterson to authorize Gene to renew the CD for a term of 15 months at the current rate of return. Motion Carried- all in favor.

Inspectors Report: Inspector Struble updated the Managers on his August/Sept Inspections. There were a number of possible issues many that involve improper silt fencing. There was discussion regarding the Leveler (beaver) for the Swenson Property by Middle Cormorant and beaver issues on the Sappa property.

Permits: Shane Nelson- Big Cormorant Lake, level off driveway and James Erickson- Rip Rap installation.

Old Business: West Bijou Erosion Mitigation. Motion by Gene Olson, second by Orvis Olson to have Attorney Karkela to contact Houston Engineering to obtain the information necessary to draw up the necessary easements to complete the Bijou Lake Project. Motion Carried- all in favor.

New Business: Discussed a right away issue for the culvert on Becker County #5. Agreed to hold off any action until we have a chance to discuss with the County Highway Department.

Berg Property: The District is pleased with the restoration that has taken place on the Berg property on Big Cormorant Lake. A motion by Ellis Peterson, second by Orvis Olson that we extend a "Thank You" to Marsha Watland from the Becker County Soil and Water for her assistance with re- vegetating the slumped area.

Houston Engineering installed a flow meter downstream of the District Outlet Structure. Our engineer is working on calibration.

Discussed the upcoming retirement of our Administrator, Sherwood Olson. Sherwood reported that Cara Bjerken has expressed an interest in filling the position. Sherwood will ask her to attend our October meeting.

Houston Engineering reported that Becker County Soil & Water shoreline vegetation project at the Deer Point Condos on Big Cormorant Lake will not be completed until 2015.

The Managers discussed funding for the AIS control on Upper Cormorant Lake. A Motion by Moritz, second by Peterson that we transfer \$20,000 from saving to cover the expenses for AIS treatment on Upper Cormorant. Motion Carried- all in favor.

Motion by Orvis Olson second by Moritz directing Administrator Olson to determine those that will be attending the Minnesota Association of Watershed District (MAWD) Annual Meeting and to make the appropriate registrations for lodging and registration.

Motion by Orvis Olson, second by Moritz to pay District bills. The bills are as follows:

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Motion Carried- all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:32 PM

Jeff Moritz, Secretary