

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. Present were; managers Jeff Moritz, Gene Olson, Orvis Olson and Ellis Peterson; administrator Sherwood Olson; Moriya Rufer (RMB Laboratories); Marsha Watland (Becker Shore-land Specialist); guests Lyle Hansen, Sam Blattenbauer and Joe Lightowler (all representing the Big Cormorant Lake Association).

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2014 at 7:00 in the Cormorant Center. **Meeting minutes & Treasurer's Report:** The February meeting minutes were accepted as previously distributed. The Treasurer's report is filed.

AIS Management: The Big Cormorant Lake Association is establishing a program to work against the introduction of invasive species. A motion was made, seconded and carried that the CLWD will contribute \$5,000 to the Big Cormorant Lake Association in support of the program. Big Cormorant Lake Association representatives also pointed out that they have established foundation through the West Central Initiative to preserve and protect Big Cormorant Lake. (see www.wcif.org and go to "Component Fund Web sites"). This foundation is available to other Lake associations; Kim Embertson at the West Central Initiative office, phone 800-735-2239, is a resource to meet with about the foundation.

Big Cormorant Erosion: Marsha Watland gave an update on her plans to establish vegetation that will mitigate future erosion at the site. She provided initial cost estimates that will be funded by the CLWD and the Soil/Erosion grant, and has made arrangements for conservation corps workers to do the planting in May. Erik Jones, engineer with Houston Engineering is working with her on hydrology aspects.

Legislative Reception and AIS Symposium: A motion was made, seconded and carried that the CLWD will reimburse usual registration fees, travel/mileage, meals and lodging if any of the managers elect to attend this March 19-20, 2014 MAWD session. See www.mnwatershed.org and go to the "What's Happening" link.

Tree Planting Program: Moriya Rufer said that a few more orders for trees have come in, but thinks that the cap of 125 orders approved last month should be sufficient.

Shoreline Inventory: Rufer expects to have the report at the April meeting.

Shoreline Habitat Grant: No further update from last month.

Permits: One permit (Hass, Big Cormorant Lake, to remove dead and dangerous trees) was approved and filed.

Financial Transactions:

Date	Name	Memo/Description	Amount
03/02/2014	State Bank of Lake Park	Interest Earned	19.85
03/02/2014	State Bank of Lake Park	Interest Earned	1.73
03/03/2014	MAWD	Membership	-639.22
03/03/2014	Houston Engineering	Project Manager	-988.00
03/03/2014	Becker Soil And Water Conservation Dist	Project Design	-150.00
03/03/2014	RTW	Insurance policy refund	100.00

Jeff Moritz, Secretary

Prepared by Sherwood Olson, Administrator