

The mid-month 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 Jody Beaudine, Jeff Moritz, Gene Olson, Orvis Olson and Ellis Peterson; administrator Sherwood Olson; inspector Sheldon Struble; District engineer Erik Jones; Middle Cormorant Lake Association president Lori Olson.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order. **Next Meeting:** The next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2014 at 7:00 in the Cormorant Center.

**Projects:** Erik Jones led a discussion of potential projects and an associated Board of Water and Soil Resources biennial budget request – BBR. The BBR helps identify projects relating to water quality that could qualify for grant funding. Potential project areas discussed included inflows (sediment, pollutants) from lake accesses or drainage channels, failing shoreline structures such as old railroad ties or old riprap, old dump sites, adequacy of septic tanks and holding tanks, and ground water mapping. Erik will consolidate the discussion and distribute it back.

**Middle Cormorant AIS Management:** Lori Olson represented the Middle Cormorant Lake Association (MCLA) regarding curly leaf pond weed (invasive species) in the lake. The MCLA board has agreed to treat this plant, and has allocated funds toward that. They have requested and received approval for a DNR grant to offset some of the costs. A *motion* and second to use funds set aside for AIS treatment to pay for the treatment costs in excess of the amount covered by the grant was unanimously approved, with the understanding that the MCLA will provide “in-kind” contributions such as completing the treatment permit, contracting with an applicator, getting the required lake-area survey done, lake shore property owner notification and other as may be needed. It was noted that time is of the essence; to be successful the treatment needs to be done before the water temperature rises above 55°.

**Big Cormorant Outflow:** The need to regularly and accurately measure and record/report the outflow from the structure was discussed. Erik will investigate new technology to meet this need and let us know.

**Other:** Sherwood will follow up on the status of the Binde field sediment mitigation, requesting Karkela to draft a release for rip-raping the driveway edge along the Middle Cormorant outlet channel, and progress on the Outlet Easement.

**Permits:** None filed.

**Financial Transactions:** none at this meeting.

Jeff Moritz, Secretary

Prepared by Sherwood Olson, Administrator