

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District (CLWD)  
Board of Managers Meeting

August 4, 2014

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; inspector Sheldon Struble.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order. The prior meeting minutes were accepted as previously distributed. The Treasurer's report is filed.

**Inspections:** Sheldon gave an inspection report, noting several items for file.

**Redmand Beach Road Erosion:** A motion was made, seconded and carried unanimously to support adding appropriate fill near an easement road in the Cory Lehman property vicinity. The motion limits watershed support to \$5,000, and the work must be economically reasonable in the judgment of watershed managers. This work is to mitigate washing of dirt and sediment into Middle Cormorant Lake.

**Big Cormorant Outlet Structure and Outflow:** Run rate continues at 12-15 cubic feet per second (cfs). The Big Cormorant August 4 water level is 1,355 feet, mean sea level, about 4.5 inches above the ordinary high water level. Sherwood will contact Steve Olson, Middle Corm, to verify that he carries personal liability insurance, as a sole proprietor contractor with no employees. Steve is doing mowing and brush control by the outlet.

**Beaver Control:** Managers agreed to investigate and buy pond levelers to be used to prevent beavers from plugging culverts in key areas.

**West Bijou Erosion Mitigation:** Owners of lots adjacent to the channel are working with us to establish the easement needed for CLWD to mitigate and maintain the erosion problem.

**Tree Planting Program:** The 2014 program was enthusiastically accepted by residents of the watershed. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously carried to accept Moriya's (RMB Laboratories) proposal for the 2015 planting program. The limit for orders in 2015 will be 130 trees (up to 2 trees per parcel). In discussion it was suggested that we have people receiving trees sign off on the terms, most importantly that trees received be planted only on the qualifying lake parcel(s), and within the shore impact zone. Post meeting, Moriya agreed they will get the sign-offs when trees are delivered.

**Miscellaneous:**

**Permits:** Five permits were filed.

**Next Meeting:** The next scheduled meeting will be September 8, 2014 at 7:00 in the Cormorant Center, beginning with the annual Budget hearing, and followed by the regular monthly meeting.

**Financial Transactions Date, Name, Memo/Description, Amount:**

08/04/2014, Middle Cormorant Lake Association, CLWD portion of PLM invoice 2014, -277.52; 08/04/2014, Nature's Design Landscaping, , - 8,318.66; 08/04/2014, Becker Soil And Water Conservation Dist, CWF 2013 Berg Plantings, -3,710.31; 08/04/2014, Red River Valley Conservation Service Area, CWF 2013 Bijou Survey (Becker SCWD), -399.00; 08/04/2014, Steve Olson, Outlet Maint. June/July 2014, - 240.00; 08/04/2014, Houston Engineering, CWF 2013 Services July 2014, -2,439.60; 08/04/2014, MINNCOR Industries, Beaver Pond Levelers, -801.30; 08/04/2014, RMB Labs, June/July 2014 Lake Samples, -420.00; 08/04/2014, Houston Engineering, Outlet Gaging Equipment and Install, -5,563.78; 08/07/2014, General, Tree program checks, 225.00; ;

Jeff Moritz, Secretary

Prepared by Sherwood Olson, Administrator