

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District (CLWD)

Board of Managers, Regular Meeting

August 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District (CLWD) Board of Managers was held at the Cormorant Town Hall/Community Center, District Office, 10929 County Highway #5, Cormorant, MN. at 7:05 PM.

Those present were: Managers Ellis Peterson, Gene Olson, Barb Hansen, Jeff Moritz and Inspector Sheldon Struble. Guests Judge Jay Carlson and David Demars were present.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2015 at 7:00 in the Cormorant Town Hall/Community Center. Note- the next regular meeting falls on a legal holiday. Meeting will be held the next day.

Treasurer's Report: Gene informed the board that \$14,290 was moved from the General Fund to the Erosion Control Sub-Account to cover expenses.

Inspectors Report: Inspector Struble updated the Managers on his July Inspections. Sheldon reported:

- *A public access improvement project on Bejou Lake appears complete. The new grade should move water to the south away from the lake.
- *There were a number of possible District wide issues that involve improper silt fencing or the lack thereof.
- *Additional fill added to the East point on Haugen Beach (Penner Property).
- *No Beaver issue seen in either Middle Cormorant or Upper Cormorant.

Permits: None presented.

Old Business: The West Bijou Erosion Mitigation project that was done by Danny Olson is 100% complete.

Funding has been completed for an erosion control project on the Springer property on the South end of Holiday beach- Big Cormorant Lake. The 200 feet of Rip Rap installation will be paid for with \$10,000 from the CLWD Erosion Control Grant and \$2,500 by the property owner.

New Business: Jay Carlson asked the Managers to support an effort to have an independent inspector examine Big Cormorant Lake for Zebra Mussel. Jay suggested that the District get independent confirmation of the DNR findings. He proposed contracting with Steve McComa aka "Lake Detective" for a lake inspection on August 12th at 11:00 AM. Motion by Gene Olson, seconded by Barb Hansen to contract with Steve McComa for \$1,000 for the one day lake inspection. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board of Managers interviewed Elizabeth Moritz for the open position as District Office Administrator. Manager Moritz excused himself from the interview process. The managers reviewed her resume and asked questions about her experience. Motion by Barb Hansen, seconded by Gene Olson to offer her the position with an hourly compensation rate of \$20.00 per hour. All in Favor, Moritz abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

Manager Peterson reported that the DNR has not issued a permit for dredging of the Blue Water Bay Channel on Big Cormorant Lake. Once issued, Rick Renner will excavate and remove the spill materials from the channel area. The spill will likely be placed on Rick Renner's property on County Road #11. Motion by Peterson second by Gene Olson that Rick Renner Excavation be hired to excavate the BlueWater Bay Channel once permits are in place. All in favor, motion carried

Discussion about setting up the 2015 CLWD Meeting Minutes onto the CLWD Website.

The following bills were submitted for payment to the Board of Managers:

Precision Printing of Minnesota	-539.72
RMB Labs	-3,696.00
Houston Engineering	-6,653.00
Houston Engineering	-1,634.50
RMB Labs	-952.00
Ramsey County	-1,735.43
Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa	-1,122.92
Steve Olson	-185.00
Minnesota DNR -OMB	-150.00

Motion by Barb Hansen, second by Gene Olson to adjourn. Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Jeff Moritz, Manager/Secretary

