

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2016

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 7:00 p.m.

Those present were Managers: Ellis Peterson; Gene Olson; Barbs Hansen; Jeff Moritz; Administrator Liz Moritz; Inspector Sheldon Struble, guest speakers Nathan Olson & Mark Ranweiler, and Guests: Randy Iwerks, Jay Carlson, Lyle Hansen and Roger Arneson.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cormorant Town Hall/Community Center.

Treasurer's Report: The financial report was presented and is on file.

Guest Speaker: Nathan Olson and Mark Ranweiler from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) both presented an array of information regarding invasive species, treatment plans on local lakes and water sampling programs.

1. Mark Ranweiler's presentation:
 - a. Middle Cormorant Curly-leaf pondweed (clp)
 - i. Would like more surveys of areas with clp and opinion that treatment has helped curb growth.
 - b. Upper Cormorant Clp
 - i. Various high to low treated acres with decrease of treatment from 2009-2015.
 - ii. Recently have only been focusing on nuisance areas
 - iii. Clp growth can depend on ice/snow conditions
 - c. Big Cormorant Lake Zebra Mussels (zm)
 - i. July 15, 2015: Found 60 zm around a specific lift (lift was from Crystal Lake)
 - ii. July 16, 2015: DNR conducted a follow-up search
 1. 471 objects searched
 2. Found 1 zm attached to native clam (1 mile from reported site); $\frac{3}{4}$ " size
 - iii. July 20, 2015: Second DNR Search
 1. 885 objects were searched in 4 locations
 2. Located 2 zm about $\frac{3}{4}$ " size
 - d. Lake Service Providers (Lsp)

- i. Currently no sanctions or available remedy to prevent lsp from using equipment from infested lakes
 - ii. Belief that “infested lakes-only” equipment will be used in Big Cormorant further strengthening zm population and the spread of other invasive species.
 - e. What can Big Cormorant do
 - i. Water Quality Monitoring
 - ii. Vileger Sampling
 - iii. Zerbra Mussel Inspections
 - 1. Shoreline and equipment surveys
 - iv. Plant Survey
 - v. Citizen Monitoring Group
 - 1. Beach Captain Training
- 2. Nathan Olson
 - a. More sampling to come to the area lakes this summer from DNR
 - b. New Sampling program
 - i. Once a month starting in May
 - c. April Rust-Lsp trainer with DNR
 - d. I-lids- 24/7 Video monitoring system that other lakes have installed at public accesses to monitor activity.

Permits:

- Jim Erickson-Wermager Beach Road
 - Repair Rip rap damaged by ice
- Kip Moore
 - Tree Removal (Elm)
- Larry Costello
 - Remove Elm tree
- Greater Minnesota Gas Inc.
 - Install natural gas mainline and service lines

Old Business:

- 1. Channel Clearing-Rick Renner
 - a. Discourse about establishing and finding OHW.

New Business:

- 1. Mike & Wanda Foley
 - a. Owners have removed current garage and would like to build a new garage attached to home.
 - b. Lot 14 Gilbertson Beach 1st Addition
 - c. Randy Iwerks, as the project’s contractor, presented the project to the Board.
 - i. New lot coverage is proposed to be 20.3%

- ii. Adding some French drains
 - iii. Will need to decide how far back the CLWD will require
 - iv. Site visit proposed by Manger Gene Olson, time to be determined.
- 2. Jack Neufield- 150th Ave
 - a. \$40,000 cost
 - b. Potentially will be completed with Grant Fund
 - c. Motion to go ahead with Eric Jones Engineer recommendation to proceed with Jack Neufield's property on 150th Ave by Jeff Moritz 2nd Barbs Hansen
- 3. Mark Nielson
 - a. Project will finish up with grant fund(still waiting for last 10%)
- 4. Jack & Sandy Berg
 - a. Two levels to replant-50/50 cost share with Soil & Water
 - b. Motion by Jeff Moritz to provide necessary plants for Jack & Sandy berg not to exceed \$700. 2nd Gene Olson.
- 5. Dave & Jenny Barr
 - a. Discussion about placement of new shed. Estimated 10x12 size.
 - b. Would likely recommend placing it back further from the lake.
- 6. Lyle Hansen from Big Cormorant Lake Association
 - a. Presentation regarding request for funding for AIS Inspectors.
 - b. Motion by Jeff Moritz for \$5,000 to local lake associations. 2nd Gene Olson
 - c. Recognition of appreciation for BCLA
- 7. Upper Cormorant Lake treatment
 - a. Can refer calls regarding to Mark Hanson
 - b. Motion to treat not only Upper Cormorant but also Middle Cormorant by Barbs Hansen 2nd Jeff Moritz.
 - c. Motion to prepare & treat curly top pondweed on Middle Cormorant by Barbs Hansen 2nd Jeff Moritz.
- 8. Liz Moritz requested an external hard drive to make transportation of CLWD files easier
 - a. Motion by Gene Olson to purchase an external hard drive. 2nd Barbs Hansen.
- 9. Mark Hanson-Haugen Beach
 - a. Need to see if garage being built on property is legal.
- 10. The following bills were submitted for payment to the Board of Managers:
 - a. Benson-Leitheiser-Soberg -64.37
 - b. Houston Engineering -920.00
 - c. Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts -662.00
 - d. Auto Owners Insurance -679.76
 - e. Big Cormorant Lake Association -5,000.00

- f. Superior Lakeside Inc. & Dan Springer -7,875.00
- g. Motion to approve bills by Jeff Moritz , Seconded by Barbs Hansen.

Motion to Adjourn by Gene Olson, seconded by Barbs Hansen at 9:45 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Submitted respectfully by Jeff Moritz, Secretary; prepared by Liz Moritz, CLWD Administrator.