

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

December 14, 2015

The business meeting of the Cormorant Lakes Watershed District (CLWD) Board of Managers was held at the Cormorant Community Center at 7:00 p.m.

Those present were Managers: Ellis Peterson; Gene Olson; Barbs Hansen and Jeff Moritz; Administrator Liz Moritz; and special guest Roger Priewe.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cormorant Town Hall/Community Center.

New Business:

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

Houston Engineering	-120.00
Houston Engineering	-320.00
RMB Labs	-120.00
Houston Engineering	-600.00
ArrowWood	-1,242.35

- a. Motion to approve bills by Jeff Moritz , Seconded by Gene Olson.
2. Special guest Roger Priewe discussed property he is developing, and would like to apply for project development. Discussion of low lying areas and culvert placement and utilities. Motion to approve development by Barbs Hansen, seconded by Gene Olson.
3. 4 Permits presented by Ellis:
 - a. Wayne Nelson
 - b. Bud Hovelson
 - c. Jeff Laliberte
 - d. John Stenerson
4. Discourse on One Watershed One Plan
 - a. Where each watershed flows and connects in our area
 - b. BWSR
 - c. Connect with Soil & water Department & Pelican to discuss their plan of action
5. Looking for suggestions for potential new manager.
6. Discussion of Data Practices
 - a. Reminder to keep track of items and records

Old Business:

1. Expecting a copy of the agreement signed between Lake Park Township and CLWD.
2. Discussion of potential zebra mussel actions on Big Cormorant Lake
 - a. Potentially invite the DNR to future meeting
 - b. Hazards of people using the lake that are using equipment used in infected lakes and using them in Big Cormorant.
3. Discourse about setting up Advisory Board
 - a. Create and ongoing list
 - b. Look to Prior Lake's way of handling the advisory board
 - c. May need to post for the positions
4. Conservation Easements Discussion
 - a. Need to create a plan of action regarding the monitoring of conservation easements.
 - i. Compile a list of all conservation easements within the District
 - ii. Make a checklist for the future
 - iii. Add to future discussion of rules
 - iv. Digitize all easement documents
 - v. Ask the Becker County Recorder's office for a list of conservation easements
5. Jeff Moritz's discourse on upcoming projects for next year
 - a. Master Gardener's Education support
 - i. Idea that services may be returned back after completion of program
 - b. Cormorant Sportsmen Club
 - i. Become better acquainted with the organization
 - c. Basic Study of Underground water
 - i. Bob Merrit
 - ii. Where the water is flowing
 - d. Other Topics
 - i. Create Business Cards for CLWD managers and staff
 - ii. Update door hangers
 1. Add more information about Aquatic Invasive Species
 - iii. Watershed jackets/vests
 1. Wearing them for inspections and events
 - iv. Scheduling more meeting with Becker County Soil & Water
 - v. Becker County Zoning
 1. Creating a stronger relationship with more communication
 - vi. Review of Rules
 1. Review of 10 year plan

2. March/April
 - vii. Mid-Month Meeting
 1. Re-Establish doing these again during the summer as a group on each lake
 - viii. Create & maintain watershed calendar
 1. Master calendar with tickers for events and tasks
 2. Add in various lake association meetings with this
 - ix. Cost & research about joining the Red River Basin Commission (RRBC)
 - x. Shoreline of monitoring of lakes
 - xi. Aerial Investigation of lake chains and creeks connecting lakes and watersheds
 1. Discussion of water runoff and directing where it should go throughout the watershed
 2. Perhaps greater cooperation with local lake associations
 - xii. Compensation Review
6. Jeff Moritz was reappointed to another 3 year term.

Motion to Adjourn by Barbs Hansen, seconded by Jeff Moritz at 8:30 p.m.

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