

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 8, 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 7:00 p.m.

Those present were Managers: Ellis Peterson; Gene Olson; Barbs Hansen; Jeff Moritz; Administrator Liz Moritz; Inspector Sheldon Struble; and Guests Judge Jay Carlson.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cormorant Town Hall/Community Center.

Treasurer's Report: Gene reported the CLWD account balance of \$402, 719.00.

Inspector's Report: Inspector Struble updated the Managers on his August inspections. Sheldon reported the following:

- The Bejou Lake access is grassed in and the drain is appropriate.
- Olmer's property is grassed in and complete.
- Carlson's property on Maple Lodge Road is complete and grassed in
- In Pike's Bay, on Seclusion Point Road, the progress looks good
- On the property that is West of Ellis' home on County Road 6, it was noted that the fence is down on one side but that it looked okay otherwise.

Permits:

*Scott Tracey-Permit for removing some trees; Dated 8/21/15

*Michael & Tracy Vandal-Permit for erosion control, landscape block installation and water retention area; 12672 Tanglewood Road; Dated August 1, 2015

Old Business:

- Lake Bijou Conservation Project Assistance Contract Amendment (Doc# CLWD 15-001) was presented to amend the contract to extend the grant until December

31, 2016. Motion to approve by Jeff Moritz, seconded by Gene Olson. Contract was scanned and sent to Erik Jones.

- The amount in the amendment called for increased funds from the FY13 CWF grant funds to be \$27,265.00. Motion to approve by Jeff Moritz, seconded by Barbs Hansen.

New Business:

1. Jay Carlson presented and update to the Big Cormorant Lake dive report from Steve McComa. On August 20, Steve came back to the lake to do a more thorough examination. His report will provide recommendations. Motion by Jeff Moritz, seconded by Barbs Hansen to make payment to Steve McComa.
2. A Conservation Practice Assistance Contract (Doc# CLWD 15-002) was presented for approval in the amount of \$7,875.00 for Dan & Shari Springer. Motion to approve by Barbs Hansen, seconded by Gene Olson.
3. Joe Herbst wants to dig pond deeper and clean up. Discourse about project and decided CLWD will need to call Danny Olson concerning project. Motion by Barbs Hansen, seconded by Jeff Moritz to call him.
 - a. Joe Herbst also wants to improve the property with more rocks. Danny Olson is also going to be doing this project. Motion to approve by Barbs Hansen, seconded by Ellis Peterson. Note \$3,000 cap on project. All in favor.
4. Rick Renner was going to attempt to open the Blue Water Bay channel. Discourse on permitting and the process. Ellis to contact and work with the parties.
 - a. Channel meeting on September 9, 2015 to discuss with Hydrologist.
5. Discourse about LaFeur property. The owners want to do multiple land alterations including a walkway/path to the lake. Discussion of potential remedies and solutions.
6. COLA Meeting set for September 10 at the Holiday Inn with dinner at 5:15 and meeting at 6:15 p.m.
7. Discussion brought up about educating Big Cormorant Lake's beach captains and notification to have them search lifts and docks as they are brought onto shore. The purpose is to located zebras mussels. Also further discourse ensued about the possibility of holding a special meeting regarding zebra mussels and inviting the

public, Department of Natural Resources, Big Cormorant Lake Association, and Detroit Lakes fisheries.

8. Reappointment status updates discussion about possible candidates to fill vacant positions. Reappointment Status letter sent to county regarding the expiring terms of Orvis Olson and Jeff Moritz, whose appointments expire December 31, 2015.
9. The following bills were submitted for payment to the Board of Managers:

a. Houston Engineering	-2,322.75
b. Houston Engineering	-560.00
c. Houston Engineering	-1,168.50
d. RMB Labs	-180.00
e. Prairie Restorations, Inc	-498.04
f. Middle Cormorant Lake Association	-113.41
g. Kevin Sherbrooke	-250.00
h. Minnesota DNR -OMB	-150.00
i. Houston Engineering	-1,193.25
j. PLM	-27,835.82

Motion to Adjourn by Gene Olson, seconded by Ellis Peterson at 8:25 p.m.

Meeting Minutes submitted respectfully by Jeff Moritz, Secretary, prepared by Liz Moritz, Administrator.