

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 6, 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; Jeff Moritz and Sam Blattenbauer & Barbs Hansen; Inspector Sheldon Struble; and Administrator Liz Larson.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order.

Next Meeting: The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 3, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Cormorant Town Hall/Community Center.

Minutes: The minutes from the August 2016 meeting were distributed to the managers. The minutes are available for inspection at the District Office and will be posted on the website.

Treasurer's Report: Manager Olson reported that the grant fund sub-account is negative and with tonight's payment will be down another \$17,000. Any remaining grant fund expenses will come from the CLWD General Fund.

The State Bank of Lake Park informed the CLWD that to remove the names of previous managers or current managers from the signature cards that the CLWD must make a motion of this action and forward a copy of the approved minutes with the motion to the State Bank of Lake Park. Motion by Gene Olson second by Barbs Hansen to have Orvis Olson former CWD Manager removed from the signature card and all other official business actions for the CLWD. Motion Carried- All in Favor.

Inspectors Report: Inspector Struble updated the Managers on his August Inspections. He reported that trees have been removed on a vacant lot on Ideal Beach, Clemson Levelers are working on Upper Cormorant and there appears to be an erosion problem on 14881 Victory Lane- Middle Cormorant

Permits:

1. Jon Erickson
 - a. Holiday Beach Road
 - b. Shoreline rip rap
2. Marc Beulke

- a. 14904 Holiday Beach Road
 - b. Shoreline rip rap
3. Todd & Shelly Maesse
 - a. 14401 Nelson Lake Road
 - b. Erosion control on hill

Old Business:

1. Cost share amount for the Don Galitz project with Becker County Soil & Water is \$738. Becker County Soil & Water (75%) CLWD (%25).
2. Multiple reports of property owners on Big Cormorant Lake finding zebra mussels as dock and boat lifts are removed from the lake.
3. Discourse about upcoming Minnesota Association of Watershed District's annual meeting in December.
4. Project Updates:
 - a. Gene gave an update on the financial aspect of recent projects.
 - i. Neilson Project- \$40,763.50
 - ii. Neufeld Project- \$32,710
 - iii. Motion to approve the amount for each project by Sam Blattenbauer, 2nd by Barbs Hansen.
5. Rossman Lake survey is completed and will be put on website.

New Business:

1. Discussion about Wetli property located on 17197 County Hwy 6. New construction project.
2. Manager Moritz presented some information on the Enbridge-Sandpiper pipeline project. Moritz to extend an invitation to former DNR Regional Hydrologist to attend a future CLWD meeting to discuss the effects of a potential project like this and to discuss below ground water movement investigations.
3. Manager Moritz suggested that we investigate expanding our tree planting program within the shore impact zone to include larger areas that are not currently forested or that may have mature trees where replacement should be planned prior to the tree(s) dying. In addition he suggested that we investigate and recommend approved tree varieties, find someone that can offer professional tree care and tree replacement planning & guidance to lake owners. Discourse about ground water study for our district.

4. The following bills were submitted for payment to the Board of Managers.
Motion to pay bills by Barbs Hansen, 2nd by Sam Blattenbauer:

RMB Labs	\$ 1,920.00
Steven Johnson Excavating and Mark Nielsen	\$ 40,763.50
Houston Engineering	\$ 16,882.31
Houston Engineering	\$ 124.50
Forum Communications	\$ 83.50
RTW	\$ 867.00
RMB Labs	\$ 864.00
Becker County Auditor-Treasurer	\$ 172.00
Steven Johnson Excavating and Jacob Neufeld	\$ 32,710.00

Motion to Adjourn by Gene Olson, seconded by Sam Blattenbauer at 8:20 p.m.

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