

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

August 7, 2023

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, Jeff Moritz, Sam Blattenbauer, Mike Foley and Lyle Hansen; Liz Larson, Administrator; and Cy Abel, Inspector. Guests: Ramona Borke & Contractor, Dan Springer, Braden Kugel, Angie Sawyer, Darin Kunkel, Colleen Wadeson & Sara Mueller.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting has been scheduled for August 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Town Hall/Community Center.

Minutes: The minutes from the previous business meeting were distributed to the managers. The minutes are available for inspection by contacting the Administrator and will be posted on the website. Lyle Hansen made a motion to approve the prior month's minutes. 2nd Sam Blattenbauer. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Financial report was made and is on file.

Inspectors Report:

- Beaver by Lynn Andersons
- Questions-removal of cattails
 - Within shore impact zone
 - Arrow Lake
- 15489 Summer Island Rd- check silt fence
- 15457 Summer Island Rd- grass buffer is weak
- Pike's Bay-Trailer house
- Deer Point-Excavator activity
- Marc Johnson's-new asphalt

Permits:

1. Ryan Bryl-15376 Blackhawk Rd
 - a. Adding Black dirt, flagstone & plantings, correct hillside based on Erik Jone's plans
2. Tim Kowalski-15847 Wermager Beach Rd

- a. Remove 1 dead basswood tree
- 3. Greg Willson-13934 Deer Point Rd
 - a. Remove 3 trees for tram, will replace with 3 trees
- 4. Gerald Meagher – 13027 Red Elm Ridge
 - a. Some small rip rap, install berms, dirt and seed; install small tree & raingarden
- 5. John & Sara Mueller-12983 Kohler Ln
 - a. Replace existing railroad ties along sand/yard shoreline with edging stone. Add sand as needed for stabilization approximately 20 feet from OHW
- 6. Murray & Donna Smith-13351 County Hwy 5
 - a. Natural stone steps and landings, rip rap, boulders, demo and remove existing steps and replace with natural stone steps and pavers; rip rap shoreline; create sand area and naturalized/native plantings as per design approved at meeting.

Old Business:

- 1. Bullfrog Bay/Swanie’s Bay Channel Cleaning Discussion.
 - a. Reviewed document that indicated the bay is part of a protected wetland on MN Inventory
 - b. Mike Foley presented guidelines draft
 - i. Bullfrog Bay historically has had limited access
 - ii. CLWD has discretionary ability to contribute to paying to dredge
 - c. Monitor impact of dredging
 - d. Public Hearing may be appropriate to weigh public favor of project
 - e. Engage Erik Jones on studying the effects of dredging on neighboring waterbodies.
 - f. Discussion of conditions of channel
 - g. Status of project, still gathering information
 - h. More information needed from Attorney.
- 2. Blue Water Bay Project
 - a. Some changes requested from BWB.
 - b. Discuss with 1W1P Admin about cost share minimum requirement for landowner’s stake.
 - c. Discussion of applying special assessment. May be too costly to setup and might not satisfy cost share requirement.
 - d. Tree donation discussion
- 3. Office equipment needs to be moved into storage room.

New Business:

- 1. Tradewinds-Ramona Borke
 - a. 8’ Addition onto home, raising up garage, new foundation. Discussion about impervious surface coverage. To set up a meeting with Becker County Zoning & Ramona.
- 2. Discussion of spill piles, some have been located within shore impact zones

- a. Pictures need to be taken of issues like this in order to process next steps to eliminate the issue. Should be contacting the owners and Becker County Zoning when finding these to address their removal and protecting the waters from them.
- 3. Upper Cormorant Hearing discussion. Hearing scheduled for August 15th at the Cormorant Community Center at 6:00 pm.
- 4. Pay Bills
 - a. Motion to pay bills by Lyle Hansen 2nd by Mike Foley. All in favor.

Date	Payee	Category	Total
08/07/2023	RMB Labs	Testing	285.00
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Motion to Adjourn by Sam Blattenbauer 2nd Lyle Hansen by at 9:30 PM.

Meeting Minutes Submitted respectfully by Sam Blattenbauer, Secretary; prepared by Liz Larson, CLWD Administrator.