

# Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

February 6, 2023

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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, and Lyle Hansen; Liz Larson, Administrator, Taytum Nelson, Intern. Absent: Cy Abel, Inspector and Sam Blattenbauer and Mike Foley, Managers. Guests: Brad Olek-Swanie's Resort & Kyle Vareberg-Becker County Zoning

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

**Next Meeting:** The next regularly scheduled meeting has been scheduled for March 6<sup>th</sup> 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 months minutes. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ellis Peterson. All in favor.

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

Inspectors Report: No Inspection Report

Permits:

1. Patrick Fitzgerald-13575 Costello Beach-Remove Dutch elm diseased tree
2. Bill Schwandt-11908 Maple Lodge, Big Cormorant-Add to top and address rip rap, address slope.
3. Bruce Dahl-11884 Maple Lodge, repair and slope existing rip rap & add rock.
4. Dan Ostlie-14791 Victory Lane-Middle Cormorant, rip rap shoreline for erosion control

Old Business:

1. Discussion of Gerlach issue. Check payment was sent to attorney's office.
2. Discussion of Peterson action. Jeff & Ellis to discuss with attorney.
  - a. Get information about agreement/engineering report from Erik Jones.

- b. Refer to Kyle Vareberg for enforcement.
- 3. Discussion of permits for Blue Water Bay and Bullfrog Bay.
- 4. Township Community Center- See if Houston can offer any resolutions for issue with survey of parking lot.
- 5. New position with BCSWCD & PRWD Updates.
  - a. Discussion of title for new employee. Permit to be filled out by property owner. New employee can review permits.

**New Business:**

- 1. Discussion of channel cleaning with Kyle Vareberg & Brad Olek. CLWD will need to determine and define threshold to commence cleaning of channel.
  - a. Meet with Erik to define threshold for cleaning channel.
    - i. Motion by Jeff Moritz for Erik Jones to look at defining excavation protocols for channel cleanout. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lyle Hansen. All in favor. Add that Erik will work with property owners.
  - b. Discussion of Holiday Beach project.
  - c. No Wake Zone-Ask Sheriff's Department about enforcement.
    - i. Revisit this idea for Swanie's Bay.
  - d. Suggestion to having Erik Jones contact owner & Ryan Olson to coordinate.
- 2. Zoning Definitions-Kyle Vareberg
  - a. Permit software updates.
  - b. Updated Comprehensive Plan-shoreline will be big piece of plan.
- 3. Special meeting with Erik Jones needed for late February or mid-March to discuss Blue Water bay project, Bullfrog Bay, Holiday Beach, and various other issues.
- 4. Jeff Moritz made a motion to accept budgeted amount for \$60,000 & \$10,000 as presented for One Watershed One Plan. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lyle Hansen. All in favor.
- 5. Motion to adopt One Watershed One Plan as presented by Jeff Moritz. 2<sup>nd</sup> Lyle Hansen. All in favor.
- 6. Pay Bills

a. Motion to pay bills by Lyle Hansen 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Moritz. All in favor.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Total</b>
02/06/2023	Houston Engineering	Engineering Fees	663.00
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02/06/2023	Houston Engineering	Engineering Fees	2,438.25
02/06/2023	Houston Engineering	Engineering Fees	15,922.75
02/06/2023	Elizabeth Larson	Office Expenses	166.50

Motion to Adjourn by Jeff Moritz, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lyle Hansen at 8:25 PM.

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