

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

July 5, 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 Taytum Nelson, Intern. Absent: Cy Abel, Inspector. Guests: Bernie Rick(Representative from Brad Olek), Mike & Tracy Vanval.

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:

- Ness Beach-water flowing, no hindrance
- Vicinity Lane-new house, silt fence with grass buffer. Excess pile, keep a eye on silt fence to make sure intact.
- 14178 Tradewinds-fill brought in and silt fence intact.
- 14788-trees taken out, new building going in by yellow a-frame.
- Viking Bay-straw matting down
- East Summer Island Road-rock retaining wall/sand, roll of straw matting.

Permits:

1. Mark Rasmussen-RAZ Estates, 17-0173-001
 - a. Constructing a new gravel road, stormwater management and site grading
2. Joan Tennefos 17547 Bijou Circle

- a. Cut down 2 dead trees in the woods near shoreline on a bank
- 3. Gerald Meagher- 13027 Red Elm Ridge
 - a. Remove sand area, install berms, dirt & seed. Install small tree & rain garden, rip rap
- 4. Tom Schaffer-Seclusion Point
 - a. Remove basswood tree
- 5. Colleen Erickson- 15879 Wermager Beach Rd
 - a. Cut down 1 tree
- 6. Pat Hilde/Brian Bruce- 16982 S Big Cormorant Rd
 - a. Create a proper slop on shoreline with rip rap. Install rock cut edging on top

Old Business:

- 1. Bullfrog Bay/Swanie's Bay Channel Cleaning Discussion.
 - a. Define dredging conditions & threshold.
 - b. Estime from Olson Construction Inc for \$15,000
 - i. Houston OHW monument placement
 - c. Motion to set \$10,000 for CLWD to do first dredging until we further define dredging thresholds by Jeff Moritz. Motion failed for lack of second.
 - i. Motion to CLWD to provide \$10,000 for one-time dredging Swanie's Bay during this fiscal year with understanding that additional funds will be provided by local funding by Jeff Moritz. 2nd by Lyle Hansen. Voting yay: Lyle Hansen. Voting Nay: Jeff Moritz, Sam Blattenbauer, Mike Foley and Ellis Peterson.
 - ii. Sam Blattenbauer suggested tabling the motion/action for the time being until we further define dredging thresholds.
 - d. Lyle Hansen asked about the differences between Blue Water Bay & Swanie's. In this case Blue Water Bay serves a larger residential population and ease of access to complete dredging for a fiscally efficient and timely manner.
 - e. Managers to have dredging threshold discussion at future meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11th at 6:30 pm at the Cormorant Community Center.
- 2. Discussion of contractors for Blue Water Bay bid package.
- 3. Lake Association Meetings discussion.
- 4. Greg Willson-Deer Point Permit Discussion
- 5. Raz Estates permit request
 - a. Motion to approve permit as presented by Sam Blattenbauer. 2nd by Lyle Hansen. All in favor.

New Business:

- 1. Vanval-riprap project discussion
 - a. Slow down zone research
 - b. Erik Jones to take a look and develop a project.
 - c. Look at funding next cycle for restoration project.

2. Dan Hanson-Bijou trees, 17347 West Alpine Lane
 - a. Tabled until Hanson discusses with CLWD Board.
3. Murray Smith permit
 - a. Ellis will approve and send out. Permit to be submitted at next meeting.
4. BWSR Survey Email
 - a. Link emailed out to Administrator. To be forwarded for managers to fill out as well.
5. RMB Middle Cormorant testing. Motion for CLWD to cover the cost of the survey for RMB on Middle Cormorant by Mike Foley. 2nd by Sam Blattenbauer. All in favor.
6. Mike Foley to participate in starry stonewort inspections.
7. Discussion of Cormorant Community Center
 - a. Send email of findings to Cormorant Township.
 - b. Discuss with Township at next meeting.
 - c. Blue Water Bay easement discussion. Will need to confirm if Randy Berggren needs to be a part of the easement agreement.
8. Water Safety discussion.
 - a. Future advertising campaign
9. Pay Bills
 - a. Motion to pay bills by Sam Blattenbauer 2nd by Lyle Hansen. All in favor.

Date	Payee	Category	Total
07/05/2023	PLM Lake and Land Management Corp Midwest Region	Upper Cormorant Project 2009-1	9,164.00
07/05/2023	Renner Excavating	Projects and Maintenance	750.00
07/05/2023	GovOffice Web Solutions	Office Expenses	210.00
07/05/2023	Houston Engineering	Engineering Fees	3,012.30
07/05/2023	Houston Engineering	Engineering Fees	713.08
07/05/2023	Houston Engineering	Engineering Fees	959.55

Motion to Adjourn by Mike Foley 2nd by Sam Blattenbauer at 9:10 PM.

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