

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Special Meeting Minutes

March 28, 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, Mike Foley, Jeff Moritz, Sam Blattenbauer and Lyle Hansen; Liz Larson, Administrator; Erik Jones, Houston Engineering. Absent: Cy Abel, Inspector Taytum Nelson, Intern.

Chairperson Peterson called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting has been scheduled for April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Town Hall/Community Center.

Meeting:

1. Blue Water Bay Project Discussion
 - a. Planting plan with Becker SWCD.
 - b. Shore restoration
 - c. Cost estimate of 91,000 +/- excludes engineering costs.
 - i. \$60,000 from Ottertail One Watershed One Plan.
 - ii. Need minimum of 10% landowner stake up to difference between 1W1P off cost estimate.
 - d. DNR Permit
 - e. Solicit competing bids, will need to prepare bid package.
 - i. Submit list of vendors to Erik.
 - f. Permission from property owners. Will need to work out how they decide on that.
 - g. Next Steps
 - i. Easement details with attorney & property owners

- ii. Landowner meeting, need to set for April.
 - iii. Estimate from Becker SWCD for cost share.
- 2. Geiger Permit
 - a. CC Steel, estimate of \$1400 to run camera.
 - b. Managers suggested soliciting Dewey's Septic but to make sure that they do not use confined space assessment.
 - c. Lyle Hansen will call Dewey's on the issue.
- 3. Channel clearing permit discussion.
 - a. MN requires a new permit application per clearing. Would need an amendment each time.
 - i. Erik to discuss with Hofer landowner.
 - ii. Discussion of threshold of clearing channel, as needed.
- 4. Gauge Updates
- 5. 15916 Blackhawk Rd, will save for a site visit at a later date.
- 6. Cormorant Community Center-Drainage Issues.
 - a. Requested that Erik do a survey and assessment plan of the runoff issues to CLWD office.
- 7. Upper Cormorant Lake Association
 - a. Assess based on need.
 - b. Lake association applied for AIS funds.
- 8. Lake Plan Options
 - a. Geared towards relating to goals with 1W1P.
 - b. Would like to see these done on a rotating basis.
 - c. Jeff Moritz made a motion to hire Houston to do mini lake plans in the District as listed: Big, Middle, Upper, Bijou and Leaf. 2nd Mike Foley. All in favor. If smaller lakes can be included with bigger lakes all the better.
 - d. If possible, would like to have these available in June for distribution at the Lake Association meetings.

9. Lidar Data discussion.
10. Swanie's Bay Discussion.
11. Quote from Renner to do channel cleanup for \$1,000. Motion for Renner to complete by Lyle Hansen. 2nd Sam Blattenbauer. All in favor.
 - a. Any tree removal/cleaning to be done by Superior Landscaping.
12. Ryan Olson to clean Rossman & Upper culvert, not going under OHW.

Motion to Adjourn by Sam Blattenbauer, 2nd by Ellis Peterson at 8:00 PM.

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