

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

May 1, 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; Cy Abel, Inspector; Taytum Nelson, Intern. Guests: Brad Olek, Angie Skogem, Darin Kungel, Colleen Wadeson, Larry Wadeson, John Mueller, and Sara Mueller.

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

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting has been scheduled for June 4th 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: No Inspection Report

Permits:

1. Mike Henne-12632 Tanglewood Rd
 - a. Tree Removal
2. Scott Paul-15916 Blackhawk Rd
 - a. Remove concrete patio and timber retaining walls and replace with patio pavers & block retaining walls, level existing grade and sod/seed.
 - b. Jeff Moritz made a motion to sign permit as presented. 2nd Mike Foley. All in favor.
3. Marc Johnson- 15492 Snowshoe Beach Rd

- a. Grading to control water flow and rock edge of property to control water. Remove basswood on NE corner.
4. Kelly Skaurud- 15738 Snowshoe Beach Rd
 - a. Remove 2 damaged cottonwood trees by shoreline.
5. Mike Foley-12214 Tanglewood Rd
 - a. Remove diseased apple tree and replace it with new apple tree.
6. Mike & Lonna Rinke-15895 Wermager Beach Rd
 - a. Remove 2 trees.

Old Business:

1. Office Discussion
2. Discussion of Blue Water Bay project with lake association officers and members. Will need minimum of 10% down from landowner. We have some coverage of costs from funding from one watershed one plan and Becker SWCD. Need updated easement from attorney to be presented to Lake Association before their lake association meeting.
3. Bullfrog Bay/Swanie's Bay Channel Cleaning Discussion.
 - a. Access easement discussion on Holiday Beach-no easement in place. Ability to clean channel depends on Hofer allowing us access to channel.
 - i. Requesting Engineer Erik Jones to contact Hofer for access request.
 1. Brad Olek previously contacted Hofer.
 - ii. Swanie's Bay boat rental slips.
4. Dredging Discussion
 - a. Board to request Engineer Erik Jones to develop threshold guidelines for conditions for dredging.
5. Geiger Pipe discussion
 - a. Jeff to speak with them, if damaged then will need to remedy.
 - b. Motion by Jeff Moritz to secure attorney for enforcement of legal action for violations of permits. 2nd Sam Blattenbauer. Abstain Mike Foley. All in favor.

New Business:

1. Summer Island Road Discussion. Would need legal advice to proceed.
2. Alexander & Chelsey Ehlen-16504 Hwy 6, garage built 50’ from OHW
 - a. Jeff Moritz suggested requiring surveyor to stake out the 50’ setback. Question of sustainability that garage or building site will not encroach in to 50’ setback. Ellis Peterson suggested that nothing be disturbed, piled or overhang into the setback. Managers agreed would prefer the garage to be two feet back from the setback to allow for the true 50’ setback to remain undisturbed into the future.
 - b. Motion by Jeff Moritz to request 2’ further from setback. 2nd Sam Blattenbauer. All in favor.
3. Mark, Karen & Kevin Kasin Hearing discussion-13225 Danielson Beach Lane
 - a. Motion to approve by Lyle Hansen. 2nd Mike Foley. All in favor.
4. Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for June 8th at 5:30 at the Cormorant Community Center. Dinner to be provided by Parallel 46 restaurant. Meeting to follow dinner at 6:00 pm. Moriya Rufer to present mini lake data reports.
5. Kent Santrang -poison ivy discussion at Cormorant Park Place. Suggestion to contact DNR for what to use to control. Swimming beach discussion, they would need to consult their covenants for swimming/landscaping.
6. Pay Bills
 - a. Motion to pay bills by Sam Blattenbauer 2nd by Lyle Hansen. All in favor.

Date	Payee	Category	Total
05/01/2023	Minnesota UI	Misc.	263.92
05/01/2023	RMB Labs	Testing	1,037.00
05/01/2023	Houston Engineering	Engineering Fees	3,333.50
05/01/2023	Houston Engineering	Engineering Fees	3,218.75

Motion to Adjourn by Sam Blattenbauer, 2nd by Lyle Hansen at 9:30 PM.

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