

# Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

## Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 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, Sam Blattenbauer, Mike Foley and Lyle Hansen; Liz Larson, Administrator; and Colton Utecht, Lakeshore Technician.  
Absent: Cy Abel, Inspector

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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 December 14th, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Town Hall/Community Center. The CLWD Board plans to attend the annual conference for Minnesota Watersheds at the Arrowood Resort in Alexandria on Nov 29<sup>th</sup>-Dec 1st.

**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.

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

Inspectors Report:

- No Inspection Report

Permits:

- Richard Thoreson- 15354 Blackhawk Rd
  - Shoreline Repairs, water/erosion mitigation, tree removal and replacement
- 15216 Summer Island Road
  - Add riprap to hillside and create an area on the hillside for the homeowner to sit and help with erosion.
- Travis Skari- 12384 Tanglewood Rd
  - Cottonwood tree removal
- Dean Lamb-13609 County Hwy 5
  - Removing 3 trees and will replant next spring
- Greg Charon-Summer Island Rd
  - Build a usable driveway. Build up with road fabric, crushed concrete, topped with round stone.
- Preston Haas-15802 Blackhawk Rd

- o Cut down tree next to the shed near the lakeshore.

**Old Business:**

1. Tree permit discussion
2. Office Updates
  - a. Work to be done around Thanksgiving. Will get notice from Ila about when we need to move equipment out.
  - b. Discussion of repayment for construction costs to community center for exterior and interior improvements.
3. Blue Water Bay Project Updates
  - a. DNR Permit in progress.
  - b. CLWD Board wishes to reinforce and upgrade the road too.
  - c. Muskrat issue.
  - d. Ideal to get material in before spring.
  - e. Rock prices increased.
  - f. Motion by Jeff Moritz to solicit bids for BWB project. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike Foley. All in favor.
  - g. Waiting for the easement to be signed by both parties.
4. MAWD Annual meeting in Alexandria Nov 29<sup>th</sup>-December 1<sup>st</sup>.
5. Peterson-Tanglewood file. Lyle Hansen motioned for file to be forwarded to attorney Sam Rufer for next steps. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sam Blattenbauer. Mike Foley abstaining from vote.

**New Business:**

1. Tree Removal discussion. Stumps in shoreline.
2. Motion by Jeff Moritz, if individual wants to remove tree in shoreline impact zone then individual must replace with new tree 2” or more in diameter and 4’ from ground as defined in CLWD rules. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lyle Hansen All in favor.
  - a. Tree program. We may need to ask a local landscape company to help with tree program. Prior vendor is unable.
3. Pay Bills
  - a. Motion to pay bills by Sam Blattenbauer 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lyle Hansen. All in favor.

Date	Payee	Category	Total
11/29/2023	Elizabeth Larson	Seminars And Meetings	861.04
11/06/2023	Forum Communications	Office Expenses	112.63
11/06/2023	Minnesota Watersheds	Membership and Dues	1957
11/06/2023	Catalis LLC PWE	Office Expenses	1995
11/06/2023	RMB Labs	Testing	228
11/06/2023	Becker County Soil And Water Conservation	Consulting	838

Motion to Adjourn by Lyle Hansen 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sam Blattenbauer at 8:30 PM.

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