

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Monthly Meeting Minutes

September 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 Colton Utecht, Lakeshore Technician
Absent: Cy Abel, Inspector. Guests: Brad Olek, Attorney Gary Leistico

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.

Budget Hearing: Discussion of line items on proposed budget. Mike Foley moved to approve budget in the amount of 103,200 for amount needed for levy. 2nd Jeff Moritz. All in favor.

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

Inspectors Report: No Inspection report

Permits: No Permits

Old Business:

1. Blue Water Bay Project
 - a. Going to hold a public meeting with Blue Water Bay landowners in the next couple of weeks. To be scheduled soon and letters mailed out.
2. John Stephens 13372 Birchwood Lane, question of any financial assistance from CLWD. Jeff Moritz made a motion to not offer any additional assistance since CLWD has already assisted in other ways like engineering costs. 2nd Lyle Hansen. All in favor.
3. Office Remodel Updates
4. Summary of Peterson site meeting
 - a. Berm needs to be done before winter.
 - b. Apple trees planted, one may be in a too wet spot on the property.
 - c. Needs contract or settlement date. Suggestion to contact Attorney Rufer for next steps on closure.

New Business:

1. Brad Olek & Attorney Gary Leistico discussed dredging of Bullfrog Bay. Asked for clarification on CLWD tabling of dredging.
 - a. CLWD has had a lot of feedback from public comment and the CLWD Advisory Committee regarding dredging of Bullfrog Bay.
 - i. Potential options we are pursuing are holding a public hearing, engage our consultant engineer to study the upstream lake effects.
 - b. Managers suggested Mr. Olek seek his own permit for dredging.
 - c. Discussion of land alteration within shore impact zone.
2. Public Hearing on Dredging
 - a. Mike Foley made a motion to have a public hearing June 2024 regarding dredging of Bullfrog Bay channel. Lack of 2nd
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Mike Foley withdrew motion but will discuss with Attorney Sam Rufer for next steps going forward.
 - d. Mike Foley made a motion to engage an engineering estimate on the effects of dredging Bullfrog Bay on all water bodies in the district. 2nd Jeff Moritz. All in favor.
 - e. Charron & Mike Asplin-road discussion
3. University of Minnesota Water Conference-Colton to attend
4. MAWD Annual meeting discussion. Meeting to be held Nov 29th-Dec 1st.
5. Manager reappointment discussion. Mike & Lyle’s term expiration is December 31st, 2023.
6. Pay Bills
 - a. Motion to pay bills by Lyle Hansen 2nd by Sam Blattenbauer. All in favor.

Date	Payee	Category	Total
09/05/2023	Houston Engineering	Engineering Fees	54.76
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09/05/2023	Pemberton Law, P.L.L.P	Legal Services	2,229.60
09/05/2023	Superior Point	Insurance	720.00
09/05/2023	Pemberton Law, P.L.L.P	Legal Services	2,599.50

Motion to Adjourn by Mike Foley 2nd Sam Blattenbauer by at 9:15 PM.

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