

Cormorant Lakes Watershed District

Advisory Committee Minutes

August 6, 2024

The Cormorant Lakes Watershed District's Advisory Committee was held at the Cormorant Town Hall/Community Center, District Office, 10929 County Highway #5, Cormorant, MN at 5:30 p.m.

Those present were CLWD Managers: Ellis Peterson, Jeff Moritz, Mike Foley, Tony Nistler, Sam Blattenbauer; and Liz Larson, Administrator. Committee Members: Honorable Jay D. Carlson, Barry Nelson and Robin Carlson

Meeting called to order at 5:00 pm.

- Introductions
- Watershed Overview by CLWD Board:
 - Inspections discussions. Mike Foley expressed interest in full time shoreline technician and went over some recent inspections.
 - Upcoming permit software
 - Hiring part time inspector
 - Discussion of drone inspection
 - Leaf Lake property-clear cut bluff
 - Charon project
 - Outlet updated on Big Cormorant
 - Discussion of Bullfrog Bay channel. Water access issue and not a water quality issue currently. No access to dredge from the adjacent property owners. Discussed facts of the issue:
 - Estimate around \$20,000 to dredge from a barge.
 - The channel filled back up naturally within 2 months when we last dredged it in 2017.
 - No longer have physical access from adjacent landowner for a cost-effective solution due to interference from outside sources.

- Issue has some volatility in public reactions and comments.
 - CLWD has only dredged the channel twice in over 50+ years.
- Advisory Committee Discussion
 - Budget
 - Jay Carlson suggested looking at increasing amount for legal services.

Next Meeting: Future meetings requested to be set in early spring and budget review in July or August 2025.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:50 PM.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Liz Larson, CLWD Administrator.