Cormorant Lakes Watershed District
Monthly Meeting Minutes

November 3, 2025

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, Mike Foley, Tony Nistler and Sam Blattenbauer; Liz Larson, Administrator & Owen Reding, Shoreland Technician.

Next Meeting: The next regularly meeting has been scheduled for December 1, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cormorant Town Hall/Community Center. A mid-month meeting has been scheduled for December 17th at 6:30 PM at the Cormorant 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.

Inspections: No Inspections report

Permits received & Approved:

- 2025-036- Clark Erickson-13139 Wild Flower Land
  - 1 dead Ash Tree hanging over the edge of the water and will fall onto my docks
- 2025-037-Craig & Carol Zempel-14076 Globstad Beach Rd
  - Raise cabin and place on new foundation using present footprint.
- 2025-038-Jon & Lisa Wiser -16245 Viking Bay Rd
  - Clean up existing sand beach 15' wide and 90' long add in 10 yards of washed beach sand. This would be similar to the neighbor's property.
  - Add in rip-rap area 20' long to protect grass area and have a nice appearance
  - Create 12 natural sawn boulder step 4' wide
  - Hill will have 3-5 boulders inset in the hill along with plants.
  - Small shack lake side to have a paver patio around it.
  - Small shack to have a 10x15 patio area coming off the entrance door.
  - Wooden steps that are currently going to lake shore to be removed and hauled off site.
- 2025-039-Kevin Eggermont-16213 Viking Bay Rd

- Install Rip rap along Shoreline of purposed property. Location of project, maps of property and side view of new rip rap attached. This will be installed 2ft from OHW inward. Rip rap will be installed along lakeshore.

- 2025-040-Travis Skari-12384 Tanglewood Rd
  - We would like to have the big Cottonwood tree in the middle of our property removed. It is hollow and rotten and we are worried it will fall in our cabin in the near future.
  - We applied for a permit a few years ago to have a similar tree removed and we already had one of the limbs cut down off this tree and someone from the Becker County watershed board recommended we have this whole tree cut down sometime soon as well.
- 2025-041-Hilde Waldo-14876 Holiday Beach Rd
  - Remove cottonwood tree and stump that is right next to cabin. Roots are growing at foundation. Also remove small ash tree that is dying and stump, tree is in the way and would be nice to get out of the way. Haul away all.

Old Business:

1. UMN Water Conference
   a. Owen attended and discussed events at the conference
2. Peterson Property-Tanglewood
   a. Noted that Sam Rufer's billable hours were not included in settlement. Sent email to Elliot to get that included.
   b. Motion to approved settlement agreement with addition of Sam Rufer's billable hours by Tony Nistler. 2nd Sam Blattenbauer. Mike Foley abstained from voting. All in favor.
3. Rules Discussion
   a. Special meetings in December to go over rules and decide what changes to make. Will likely take a few more meetings in winter 2026 and set hearings/review for next spring if going forward on any changes.
   b. Discussion of December 1st meeting, moving to 6:30 PM to begin rules discussion earlier.

New Business:

1. Board Members
   a. Tony Nistler will be resigning as of December 31, 2025.
   b. Mike Foley announced he will be resigning as of December 31, 2025.
      i. Will send in term notices to County for posting of both positions.
      ii. Mike indicated later that he will be able to stay on until Spring 2026.
2. MN Paid Leave
   a. Reviewed and discussed. Managers signed paperwork indicating they had received notice about policy.
3. BCLA-Meeting for spring fling.

4. Reminder that if other events are scheduled at the Cormorant Community Center, that the CLWD may meet in their office downstairs. If not enough room for board and attendees, the meeting will be rescheduled to a later date. Meetings will be adjourned by 9:00 PM. If further business at that time, a special meeting will be scheduled at least three days following the meeting.
5. Pay Bills
    a. Motion to pay bills by Tony Nistler 2nd by Mike Foley. All in favor.

Date	Payee	Category	Total
11/03/2025	Houston Engineering	Engineering Fees	6987
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11/03/2025	Becker Soil And Water Conservation Dist	One Watershed One Plan	572.82
11/03/2025	Becker Soil And Water Conservation Dist	One Watershed One Plan	2684.23
11/03/2025	Elizabeth Larson	Office Expenses	272.58

Motion to Adjourn by Sam Blattenbauer 2nd Tony Nistler by at 8:35 PM.

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