UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
November 20, 2024 – 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   A regular meeting of the Clearwater River Watershed District was called to order at 6:31 PM, Wednesday, November 20, 2024 by Bob Schiefelbein. The meeting was late due to inclement weather and extended travel times. Board of Managers was present at the office starting at 6pm. CAC Member Bruce Hall attempted to zoom in to the meeting for an update on Clear Lake- no others logged on- staff corresponded with Mr. Hall during the meeting and provided an update via email post meeting.

   Attendees:
   Board: Schiefelbein, Uecker, Homuth, Cole, Tommerdahl
   Staff: Carlson
   CAC: Rose Thelen, Bill Langenbacher
   Guests: Stearns County Commissioner Bertram

2. **ADOPT AGENDA** Motion by Homuth second by Cole to approve the agenda as edited. ***Motion 24-11-1****: carried unanimously.*

3. **PUBLIC HEARING**
   Chair Schiefelbein opened the public hearing to certify delinquent accounts on the District's community sewer systems at 6:32PM and called for comments on the Delinquent Accounts. No comments were provided. Mr. Schiefelbein closed the public hearing at 6:33 PM. Motion by Homuth, Second by Uecker to certify delinquent accounts and provide the list to the County. ***Motion 24-11-2****: carried unanimously.*

4. **PRESENTATIONS**

   None.

5. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   a. Staff Notes
   b. Correspondence
   c. October 2024 Meeting Minutes
   d. EQUIS data submittal

   Motion by Homuth, second by Uecker to approve the consent agenda, ***Motion 24-11-3*** *carried unanimously.*

6. **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**
   a. Monthly Report- October 2024
   b. Targeted Fertilizer Cost Share Request
   c. Cedar AIS- Account Balance
   d. Phone Service Update- None

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7. OLD BUSINESS
    a. Clear Lake Update- Specs, BWSR Comments
    b. Carp Management Update
    c. Beaver Update
        i. Beaver House Removal Proposal
        ii. On-Going Management Proposal
    d. Ag Cost Share Program Updated Forms
8. NEW BUSINESS
9. OTHER BUSINESS-
    a. LMCIT Property/ causality Renewal and workers comp
    b. CAC Update
        i. Chloride and Township Roadway Improvements
        ii. Collateral development for lake associations and townships
10. MANAGERS REPORTS
11. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming:

MAWD Annual Conference December 4-6, 2024 Nisswa, MN (Grand View Lodge)
Holiday Celebration December 18, 2024, 6pm
Regular Board Meeting December 18, 2024 6pm
2025 Annual Planning

Motion by Cole, second by Homuth to pay bills and approve financial report subject to audit. ***Motion 24-11-4*** *carried unanimously.*

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

Clear Lake Update Staff provided an update on review status for Clear Lake Project. BWSR sent a favorable review. DNR responded initially with 2 questions, then with submittal of a request to update projected fill in wetland from the upstream earthen berm based on a newly established OHW for the basin. This last request was received today. Staff spoke with Todd at USFWS (Mr. Glup retired) and Emily our area hydrologist at DNR regarding the comments and will finalize the memo once we receive the newly established basin OHW from DNR. Motion by Cole, second by Homuth to pay bills and approve financial report subject to audit. Motion by Homuth, second by Uecker to set the public hearing for the Clear Lake Project #22-01 for 6pm December 18, 2024 at the District Office in Annandale, MN. ***Motion 24-11-5*** *carried unanimously.*

a. Carp Management Update- Carlson updated managers on Carp Study/ harvest progress.
b. Beaver Update- Carlson provided an update on Beaver obstructions in the District.
c. Ag Cost Share Program- Carlson noted that Ag Cost Share updated forms were delivered to Co-Ops and SWCD offices.
d. MN Energy Connection Alignment Update_ CAC Member Thelen updated the Board and staff on this project.

8. **NEW BUSINESS**- None.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS-**
   - **a.** LMCIT - Motion by Uecker, second by Homuth to NOT waive the insurance limits. ***Motion 24-11-6*** *carried unanimously.*
   - **b.** CAC Update:
     i. Chloride- Staff and CAC Members Thelen and Langenbacher updated the Board and County Commissioner Bertram on the issues surrounding chloride accumulation in lakes. Next steps were discussed. Staff will discuss the issue with Jodi Teich, Stearns County Engineer and continue to work with CAC on reducing chloride runoff to surface waters.
     ii. Collateral Development- Staff and CAC members updated the Board on CAC request for collateral development – short videos- for viewing at Lake Association and Township meetings. Board directed staff to work with CAC on developing 2 short videos. Tailor township video to items relevant like flooding, erosion, beaver management. Tailor lake association to carp and other relevant information.
   - **c.** Logo and Signage- Based on board discussion, staff obtained a cost / scope for a logo refresh + a temporary 75 year logo. The cost for the work was $750. Staff presented choices. All present unanimously selected Logo Option 1d and directed staff to finalize with Graphic Designer (establishment year, and make sure the fish isn't a carp). Motion by Uecker, second by Homuth to accept and finalize logo option 1d. ***Motion 24-11-7*** *carried unanimously.*

10. **MANAGER REPORTS**- None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cole to adjourn. Chair Schiefelbein adjourned the meeting at 7:57 pm.

Chair Robert Schiefelbein

Secretary Dawn Cole