OFFICIAL MINUTES
CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
May 21, 2025 – 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
   A regular meeting of the Clearwater River Watershed District was called to order at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, May 21, 2025 by Bob Schiefelbein.

   Attendees:
   Board: Schiefelbein, Uecker, Homuth, Cole (via Zoom), Tommerdahl
   Staff: Weston
   CAC: Bruce Hall (via Zoom)

2. **ADOPT AGENDA**
   Staff added "Ag Cost Share Request" to Other Business.
   Motion by Homuth second by Uecker to approve the agenda as amended ***Motion 25-5-1****: carried unanimously by roll call.*

3. **PRESENTATIONS** None.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   Motion by Cole second by Homuth to approve the consent agenda, ***Motion 25-5-2*** *carried unanimously by roll call.*

5. **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**
   a. Monthly Report- April 2025

   Motion by Homuth, second by Uecker to pay bills and approve financial report subject to audit. ***Motion 25-5-3*** *carried unanimously by roll call.*

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

   a. Clear Lake Update- Staff updated managers on USFWS Cultural Heritage Survey progress and IESF filter location options. Bruce Hall from Clear Lake and the CAC gave input that the original location for the sand filter is optimal if possible, the board and staff agreed.
      Motion by Homuth, second by Uecker to approve staff outing the Clear Lake project out for bid. ***Motion 25-5-4*** *carried unanimously by roll call.*
   b. Hidden River/Clearwater Harbor Quote- Staff and Chair Schiefelbein updated the board on the decision to replace two of the breakers at the Hidden River/Clearwater Harbor septic system.
   c. Carp Management Update- The board reviewed the scope for 2025 work on Betsy and Scott Lake from Carp Solutions. The consensus was that the cost was too high to continue the study on both lakes at this time. The board chose to continue the study on Scott Lake this year dependent on the initial baiting test and new boat access. They asked if Lake Betsy could be continued at a later point if it is decided that it is needed.

Motion by Homuth, second by Cole to approve the Carp Solutions scope for Scott Lake. ***Motion 25-5-5*** *carried unanimously by roll call.*

d. Expo Posters- Staff presented two updated posters for expos and educational events and a draft informational article. The board offered feedback and discussed printing options for the posters.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**- None.
8. **OTHER BUSINESS**
   a. Ag Cost Share Request- Landowner Tim Rice submitted a reimbursement request for the Cost Share Incentive Program. The work had already been completed before submitting the request. The board agreed that more information is needed in order to make the decision to approve or not, as well as to spend the time to visit the site. Chair Schiefelbein will be in contact with the landowner to gather more information to move forward.
9. **MANAGER REPORTS**-
   a. Manager Uecker reported that the water levels are high at the Swartout inlet, and that he believes the beaver dam may still be in place blocking the flow of water. The board agreed that the beaver dam needs to be removed and directed staff to investigate the issue with Manager Uecker. The board directed that Manager Uecker make the decision on beaver dam removal, and that he can approve work for this issue costing up to $5,000.
   Motion by Homuth, second by Uecker to approve site evaluation and beaver dam removal as directed by Manager Uecker for work up to $5,000. ***Motion 25-5-6*** *carried unanimously by roll call.*
10. ADJOURNMENT
    Motion by Homuth to adjourn. Chair Schiefelbein adjourned the meeting at 6:39 pm.

Chair Robert Schiefelbein

Secretary Dawn Cole