UNOFFICIAL MINUTES
CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
JUNE 18, 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, June 18, 2025 by Bob Schiefelbein.

   Attendees:
   Board: Schiefelbein, Uecker, Homuth, Cole, Tommerdahl
   Staff: Carlson (via Zoom), Weston, Stansberry (via Zoom)
   Residents: John Hoppe- Clearwater Lake, Steve Monson- Grass Lake
2. **ADOPT AGENDA**
   Staff added "Bogs" to 3. Presentations
   Staff added subsections "Bidding updates" and "Watkins Sportsman Tributary" to 6.a. Clear Lake
   Staff added "Swartout IESF" and "Hydrology Update + Carp Barriers" to 7. New Business
   Staff added subsections "Marie Lake Levels", "Tour next year", and "Wright County Expo" to 7.c. CAC June 12, 2025 Meeting Update
   Motion by Uecker second by Homuth to approve the agenda as amended ***Motion 25-6-1****: carried unanimously*.

3. PRESENTATIONS

a. Greg Burkhardt of Burkhardt & Burkhardt Ltd. Gave a presentation on the 2024 Audit. Board directed staff to prepare a policy to amend the issues Burkhardt shared to present at the July board meeting.
   Motion by Uecker second by Cole to accept the 2024 audit and annual report and send the annual report to BWSR ***Motion 25-6-2****: carried unanimously*.
b. John Hoppe presented to the Board the Clearwater Lake Property Owners Association's (CLPO) issue with floating bogs on June 16, 2025 getting caught under the bridge between Clearwater and Grass Lake. While the bog moved on its own overnight, Hoppe asked the board for advice on a "rapid response protocol" for when a bog gets stuck under the bridge, as this is not under the jurisdiction of the CLPO's permit and Hoppe also does not have the ability to move the bog himself from under the bridge and contractors often don't want to because of risk with the bridge and powerlines. The board stated that in previous instances, the CRWD has not had the jurisdiction to take care of these bogs because the location makes it a county highway issue. Manager Homuth suggested to Hoppe that he ask the DNR for an amendment to the permit to also cover Grass Lake as their bog fund with CRWD is for both Clearwater and Grass Lake. Board directed staff to reach out to Wright and Stearns County to develop a written protocol with clear timelines for if this happens in the future.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Homuth second by Uecker to approve the consent agenda, ***Motion 25-6-3*** *carried unanimously*.

5. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Monthly Report- May 2025

Motion by Homuth, second by Uecker to pay bills and approve financial report subject to audit. ***Motion 25-6-4*** *carried unanimously.*

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Clear Lake Update- Staff updated managers on progress of the Clear Lake project. Staff updated managers on the pre-bid meeting for contractors and a question from Clear Lake Association President Bruce Hall on the tributary in the Watkins Sportsmans parcel.

b. Hidden River/Clearwater Harbor Update- Staff updated managers on the breakers preplacement.

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. CAC June 12, 2025 Meeting Update- Staff gave a brief update on the CAC meeting and suggested to hold on a full discussion until CAC Chair Bruce Hall can attend.

b. Open meeting law change- Staff shared the update to the open meeting law, no change is needed to current CRWD meeting protocol.

c. Clear Lake South- Staff presented photos from a site visit to the Clear Lake South Notch Weir with resident Vic Geislinger and a message from Bruce Hall on his observations of water levels at the outlet and the new culvert upstream at Rohrbeck Lake. Staff shared that with this information the hydrology at the site may have changed and will be looking into this further for any changes that need to be made.

d. Kimball Stormwater Request- Staff presented to managers the questions brought up by MN Rural Water Association on Kimball Stormwater and future educational opportunities in Kimball.

e. Grant Funds for Solar- Staff shared a grant opportunity that was sent for watershed districts. No action was taken.

8. **OTHER BUSINESS**- None

9. **MANAGER REPORTS**- None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cole to adjourn. Chair Schiefelbein adjourned the meeting at 8:09 pm.

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Chair Robert Schiefelbein Secretary Dawn Cole