OFFICIAL MINUTES
CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
April 16, 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, April 16, 2025 by Bob Schiefelbein.

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

2. **ADOPT AGENDA** Motion by Uecker second by Homuth to approve the agenda as is. ***Motion 25-4-1****: carried unanimously.*

3. **PRESENTATIONS** None.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

   Motion by Homuth second by Cole to approve the consent agenda, ***Motion 25-4-2*** *carried unanimously.*

5. **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**
   a. Monthly Report- March 2025
   b. Phone Service Update- Manager Tommerdahl. Manager Tommerdahl updated the managers on the status of phone service change. The requisite cable is not present in the building. The landlord will return to town May 9, 2025 and advise how to proceed. Manager Tommerdahl will continue to work with staff move the switch forward if it is still warranted.

   Motion by Homuth, second by Cole to pay bills and approve financial report subject to audit. ***Motion 25-4-3*** *carried unanimously.*

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

   a. Clear Lake Update- Carlson updated managers on status of approval. Chair Schiefelbein will coordinate with legislative staff and Carlson will continue to coordinate with USFWS staff. Next week once a timeline can be established (or if it cannot be) Chair and staff will determine if switching the location of the filter is appropriate. Based on ***Motion 25-3-4*** from the March meeting staff will continue to work with the Board Chair to move the project forward.
   b. Annandale and Kimball Expo. Board members Homuth and Tommerdahl reflected on the communication they had with landowners about the District and reflected attendance of these functions are a worthy endeavor.
   c. Staff updated the Board on the AIS forum noting the number of attendees as well as sentiment. Stakeholders with AIS programs are concerned about bridging the gap formerly covered by state funds if they are cut. They requested support from the District for assessing the risk/

benefit of raising their P project levies or cutting costs/ services. The managers indicated that could be done through the general fund, unless independent contractors are necessary. If that is the case they will revisit.

d. Carp Management Update – Staff reviewed recommendations from Carp Solutions. The consensus based on what was reviewed was to get a cost estimate from Carp Solutions to implement recommended plans in Betsy and Scott Lakes for 2025. Managers also directed staff to begin adding an access ramp to Scott Lake to facilitate sampling and rough fish management. These would be covered from the 210 fund.

e. 1W1P Update – Staff updated the Board of Managers on the efforts to re-engage with the 1W1P sharing a letter received today from BWSR. Managers directed staff to coordinate with Attorney Holtman and seek his recommendation and report back. Chair Schiefelbein will communicate with 1W1P Policy Committee members at the next meeting to gauge interest.

f. Staff presented two articles on cormorant population management in Waseca and results of a phone call with the county employee interviewed for the story. The allowable actions taken by the county in Waseca would not be sufficient to address the cormorant water quality issue in Swartout Lake.

7. **NEW BUSINESS-** None.
8. **OTHER BUSINESS-** Staff noted the office desperately needs cleaning. That will occur next month.
9. **MANAGER REPORTS**- None.
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Uecker to adjourn. Chair Schiefelbein adjourned the meeting at 7:29 pm.

Chair Robert Schiefelbein

Secretary Dawn Cole For Dawn Cole