

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS BUDGET HEARING
April 19, 2023 – 6:00 PM**

1. **CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting for the Clearwater River Watershed District was called to order at 6:01 PM, Wednesday, April 19, 2023 by Chair Schiefelbein.

Attendees: Board Members- Chris Uecker, Dale Homuth, Dawn Cole, Bob Schiefelbein, Brian Tommerdahl Staff- Rebecca Carlson
2. **ADOPT AGENDA** Motion by Uecker second by Homuth to adopt the agenda as edited. **Motion 23-04-1 carried unanimously.**
3. **Presentations.**
Oath of Office for Manager Tommerdahl- Manager Tommerdahl read and signed the oath of office, Chair Schiefelbein also signed the document.

Hydrology Update- Carlson updated the managers on high waters and their impacts across the district, including higher operation and maintenance costs.
4. **Consent Agenda.** Motion by Cole, second by Uecker to adopt the consent agenda. **Motion 23-04-2 carried unanimously.**
5. **Monthly Financial Report.** Motion by Homuth, second by Cole to accept the financial report subject to audit and pay bills, subject to additional information on the Tristate bills with regard to the capacitor issue at Hidden River/ Clearwater Harbor. **Motion 23-04-3 carried unanimously.**
6. **Old Business.**
 - a. Clear Lake Update—staff updated the Board on Clear Lake Permitting and securing easements. Motion by Uecker, second by Homuth to offer to cover legal costs associated with review of new proposed easement for Donnay parcel with the approval of District Attorney Holtman. **Motion 23-04-4 carried unanimously.**
 - b. CAC Tour- The tour date/ time has been set and staff sent out an invitation to get a headcount and lunch orders. Once this is done, transportation will be arranged.
 - c. Landscape Stewardship Plan cost share request update- Managers directed staff to prepare a letter reflecting the District's support of the plan and offer to consider the plan recommendations and findings when executing projects and

programs. Given that planning, zoning, and development review authority resides with counties and townships the funding request was denied.

- d. Clearwater Harbor/ Hidden River Update- staff updated the managers on operation and maintenance of the system. Several clogs have occurred recently, large amounts of rags have been flushed into the system costing significant amounts to respond to and repair.

7. New Business.

- a. Clear Lake South Weir- staff updated the Board on potential issues with maintenance on a township road 12' west of the Clear Lake South Weir. Managers directed staff to investigate, however it seems the issue is likely just a tile line and does not require immediate attention.
- b. Annandale Expo- Managers Cole and Uecker staffed the District's booth at the Annandale Expo and reported on conversations/ engagement with the Expo attendees. Strong support to consider this activity.
- c. Septic Check Contract- Motion by Homuth second by Uecker to renew the Septic Check contract with the 4% increase. **Motion 23-04-5** carried unanimously.
- d. PRI Contract- Motion by Homuth, second by Cole to approve the PRI proposed maintenance except for the prescribed burn which will need to be verified by Kimball. **Motion 23-04-6** carried unanimously.

8. Other Business. None

9. Manager Reports. None

10. Adjourn Motion by Cole to adjourn. Chair Schiefelbein adjourned the public meeting at 7:33 pm



Robert Schiefelbein, Chair



Dawn Cole, Secretary