

OFFICIAL MINUTES
CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
July 21, 2021 – 6:00 PM
VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. **CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Clearwater River Watershed District was called to order at 6:01 PM, Wednesday, July 17, 2021 by Chairman Schiefelbein via teleconference with four managers in person at 93 Oak Avenue S, Suite 5, Annandale MN 55302.

In person attendees: Robert Schiefelbein, Chris Uecker, Dale Homuth, Dawn Cole, Rebecca Carlson. In person attendees did not report fever and maintained social distance.

Attending via teleconference: Paul DeGree.

Also in attendance via teleconference included: Jeff Burkhardt, Bruce Hall and Denise DeJuliannie.

2. **ADOPT AGENDA**

Motion by Homuth, second by Cole to adopt the agenda as edited. **Motion 21-7-1** carried *unanimously*.

3. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Clear Lake Presentation: Staff and CLPO representatives in attendance provided an update on progress toward additional restoration projects to improve water quality in Clear Lake. The CLPO representatives in attendance and the CRWD Board of Managers have agreed to move forward as follows:
- i. CLPO will lead efforts towards a grant for restoration of the USFWS-owned wetland north of Clear Lake.
 - ii. CRWD will submit a grant application for an iron enhanced sand filter on that parcel near the existing outlet structure.
Motion by Homuth, second by Uecker to direct staff to prepare and submit the Clear Water Fund grant application. **Motion 21-7-2** carried *unanimously*.
 - iii. CRWD will not submit Clear Lake for another round of 319 funding based on feedback from the MPCA and will instead submit a different project.
 - iv. Staff advised that a "P" project will need to be initiated in any case to cover maintenance lake restoration project elements as well as matching funds needed for grant funding (if received) or additional project funding needed. Staff advised that process of obtaining signatures could be started now. Staff provided to CLPO a list of the steps required to complete that process. The "P" Project will need to include basic lake restoration as well as providing for maintenance of current projects going

forward and any matching funds needed for grants or projects constructed without grants.

- v. Staff provided an update on maintenance at the South Iron Enhanced Sand Filter for Clear Lake. Staff added an alternate to the request for quotes to address the possibility of needed to replace the filter material and asked for Board direction on costs associated. Blackstone was the lowest quoted price and was authorized to proceed with repairs.

Motion by Homuth second by Uecker to authorize additional repairs and/or replacement of the filter for the as-quoted costs if necessary. Allocation to a specific fund will be determined later. **Motion 21-7-3 carried unanimously.**

- b. Audit Presentation: Jeff Burkhardt provided a summary of the audit report for 2020.

Motion by Cole second by Degree to accept the audit report. **Motion 21-7-4 carried unanimously.** Jeff Burkhardt left the teleconference at 7:02pm.

- c. Clearwater Harbor/ Hidden River Update. Carlson provided an update on the system.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. June 2021 regular meeting minutes
- b. Correspondence
- c. Staff Report

Motion by Homuth second by Cole to accept the Consent Agenda. **Motion 21-7-5 carried unanimously.** The consent agenda included tabling the Watkins Solar request

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT – June 2021 Carlson summarized the monthly financial report for the Board.

Motion by Homuth second by Uecker to approve June paper and electronic checks, with the exception of the bill related to the control panel issues at Clearwater Harbor/ Hidden River, that will be covered under the NMAP resolution of control panel issues. Report is subject to audit. **Motion 21-7-6 carried unanimously.**

6. OLD BUSINESS

Staff gave an update on a beaver dam near the Watkins project and coordination with CP Rail (who owns the culvert) to remove it. Staff advised maintenance was needed at Watkins and other locations and that this year was an excellent time to do that work.

Motion by Uecker second by Homuth to authorize staff to prepare and distribute requests for quotes on work required. **Motion 21-7-7 carried unanimously.**

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. 2021 319 Grant. Covered under presentations, a later agenda item will incorporate potential replacement projects for the 319 Small Watershed Grants.

- b. 2021 Clean Water Fund Grants. Motion by Homuth second by Uecker to authorize staff to submit grants for the Clear Lake (covered in a previous motion) and the Theil Creek projects, Theil Creek subject to coordination by Stearns SWCD. **Motion 21-7-8 carried unanimously.**
- c. Cedar Lake. Staff provided an update on questions from the Cedar Lake around filamentous algae in the lake, and in other Minnesota lakes this year. Staff attendance at a teleconference of the Cedar Lake Association Board. Manager Cole provided additional information on next steps. No specific action was requested at this time by the Cedar Lake residents, the Board will hold until a formal request is made.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Carlson let the board know that budgeting was to begin in August.

9. MANAGER REPORTS


None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Homuth to adjourn. **Chair Schiefelbein adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm.** The next meeting of the CRWD board will be held August 18, 2021 at 6:00 PM via teleconference.



Chair Robert Schiefelbein



Secretary Pro Tem Chris Uecker