

OFFICIAL MINUTES
CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS BUDGET HEARING
December 21, 2022 – 6:00 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting for the Clearwater River Watershed District was called to order at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, December 21, 2022, by Chair Schiefelbein.

Attendees via zoom: Meeting held by zoom due to illness and inclement weather.

Board Members- Chris Uecker, Dale Homuth, Dawn Cole, Bob Schiefelbein, Paul Degree

Staff- Rebecca Carlson.

CAC- Greg Bartley

2. **ADOPT AGENDA** Motion by Homuth second by Cole to adopt the agenda as edited.
Motion 22-12-1 carried unanimously by roll call.
3. **Presentations.** Greg Bartley introduced himself to the Board. Staff has asked Greg to consider applying for the open Stearns County Manager position.
4. **Consent Agenda.** Motion by Homuth, second by Degree to adopt the consent agenda.
Motion 22-12-2 carried unanimously by roll call.
5. **Monthly Financial Report.** Motion by Homuth, second by Cole to accept the financial report subject to audit and pay bills. **Motion 22-12-3** carried unanimously by roll call.
6. **Old Business.**
- a. Carp Management- Carlson updated the Board on the rough fish management efforts. The Board discussed funding and will hear presentations of up to 3 proposals from Carp Solutions, WSB, and Stantec at the January meeting. Staff will work with lake association representatives in the meantime and consult with Attorney Holtman on funding.
 - b. Kingston Wetland maintenance update -Carlson updated the Board on Geislinger's work to excavate sediment from the Kingston Sediment basin. Additional sedimentation had accumulated between the last survey and present conditions. Staff recommends approval of additional funds to complete the basin maintenance. Motion by Homuth, second by Uecker to authorize additional funds for removal of another 1,000 cubic yards at the quoted unit price of \$36/ CY and to coordinate with Chair Schiefelbein on additional project needs. **Motion 22-12-4** carried unanimously by roll call.
 - c. 2023 Grant Application Update- Carlson reported our grant application was not selected by BWSR. Staff will seek feedback from BWSR staff on the grant application.

- d. Easement Update - The packet contains a draft easement for the bog removal location for review. Homuth indicated the easement looked good. One additional question for landowner is outstanding. The Board previously approved securing the easement. The final easement will be brought to the Board for signature in January.

7. New Business.

- a. 2023 Meeting Dates/Times. Motion by Uecker, second by Cole to authorize publish meeting dates for 2023. The Board of Managers will meet monthly, on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 6pm. The option for zoom will be offered at each meeting. **Motion 22-12-5** carried unanimously by roll call.

8. Other Business.

- a. Clear Lake Easements- Carlson updated the Board on easement efforts in coordination with attorney Holtman and the USFWS staff Scott Glup. A memo was included in the packet. Mr. Glup viewed the efforts favorably and is in support of the project.
- b. Wandering Ponds- Carlson updated the Board on Wandering Ponds nitrogen mitigation work by Bernie Miller. The District may need to consider taking on the tax forfeit parcel on which the sand filter sits. Staff will obtain quotes for a Phase I on the site.
- c. AIS Forum- staff briefed Board on upcoming AIS forum and got feedback. Carp should be a leading topic given the District's stakeholder desire and prior project priorities of aggressive Carp Management.
- d. Cedar Lake- Staff will be meeting with the Cedar Lake Water Quality Committee January 6th. Staff anticipates additional monitoring will be requested as well as an evaluation of aeration as an attempt to reduce filamentous algae in the lake.

- 9. Manager Reports.** Managers Cole and Uecker reported on their time at MAWD. Manager Degree thanked the Board for their work, and the Board thanked him for his work and for serving past his term.

- 10. Adjourn** Motion by Homuth to adjourn. Chair Schiefelbein adjourned the public meeting at 6:54 pm.


Chair Robert Schiefelbein


Dawn Cole, Board Secretary