

OFFICIAL MINUTES
CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
April 17, 2024 – 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 17, 2024 by Bob Schiefelbein.

Attendees:

Board: Schiefelbein, Uecker, Cole, Homuth, Tommerdahl

Staff: Carlson

CAC: Greg Bartley (also the COLA for Louisa, Marie + Caroline)

Lake Associations: John Hoppe Clearwater Lake; Kathy Jonsrud, Cedar Lake

Other Guests: Alicia O’Hare, Wright SWCD; Greg Kitschak, Swartout/ Albion

2. ADOPT AGENDA

Motion by Homuth, second by Cole to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion 24-4-1: carried unanimously

3. PRESENTATIONS

- a. Swartout Outlet—Mr. Kitschak attended to ask about the PITT transducers and the high water level in Swartout. Staff closed the fish gates too early but it’s open now and O&M has begun so the water levels should subside provided precipitation is low.
- b. Carp Management proposal + background – Staff provided background on the carp management efforts of the CRWD starting with the original Chain of Lakes project in the 1980’s (project 210) and through the Cedar Chain of Lakes project (215). Staff detailed the 2024 carp management proposal from Carp Solutions that was provided to the Managers at the March 2024 meeting as well as staff extrapolation of potential costs for ongoing carp managements including surveys, removals and fish migrations barriers.

Motion by Homuth, second by Cole to approve the 2024 work plan proposed by Carp Solutions for the Clearwater Chain of Lakes, ***Motion 24-04-2 carried unanimously.***

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Staff Notes
- b. Correspondence
- c. March 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Homuth, second by Uecker to approve the consent agenda, **Motion 24-04-3** carried unanimously.

5. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

- a. Cost Share Application. Staff presented the request for cost share for Dennis Libbesmeier to enroll 504 acres of farmland within the District into the targeted fertilizer application program for one round of 2.5 acre gridded soil testing. Staff will also revisit the enrollment sheet to clarify the requirements. Motion by Uecker, second by Homuth to approve Libbesmeier cost share for \$3,535 for the 504 acres of land shown in the presentation. **Motion 24-04-4** carried unanimously.
- b. Monthly Report- March 2024
Motion by Homuth, second by Uecker to pay bills and approve financial report subject to audit. **Motion 24-04-5** carried unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Clear Lake update- staff updated the Board on the progress at the Clear Lake Project.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Erosion control issue- Manager Tommerdahl briefed board and staff on an erosion issue in Southside Township near Grass Lake Dam. Board directed staff to view the site and call the township to offer assistance in eliminating the erosion issue.

8. OTHER BUSINESS-

- a. Annandale Expo reports from Managers: The Expo went well with many visitors stopping at the booth. The booth was done well. Thanks to Managers Uecker, Schiefelbein and Cole for their work at the Expo.
- b. New BC for BWSR - Board of Water and Soil Resources has appointed Jen Dullum as the new Board Conservationist (BC) for the district. Staff have a meeting with her this Friday.
- c. Summer tour-staff provided a draft plan and budget for the summer tour. Motion by Uecker, second by Homuth to approve budget and plan for the summer tour June 29, 2024 at 8:30 am as presented. **Motion 24-04-6** carried unanimously.

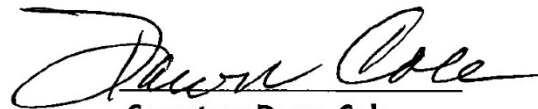
9. MANAGERS REPORTS - None

10. ADJOURNMENT

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



Chair Robert Schiefelbein



Secretary Dawn Cole