

OFFICIAL MINUTES
CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
May 15, 2024 – 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Clearwater River Watershed District was called to order at 6:07 PM, Wednesday, May 15, 2024 by Bob Schiefelbein.

Attendees:

Board: Schiefelbein, Uecker (via Zoom), Cole, Homuth

Staff: Carlson

CAC: Bruce Hall (Clear Lake)

2. ADOPT AGENDA

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

Motion 24-5-1: carried unanimously by roll call

3. PRESENTATIONS

a. Kimball Students Presentation: At their February 2023 Board Meeting, the Board of Managers authorized a \$2,500 grant to Kimball High School. The grant was matched equally by the Sauk River WD. The funds were for equipment purchase to facilitate a Kimball High School Environmental Science Class with a focus on watersheds, and water and natural resources. The kids in that class, mostly Juniors and Seniors, and their teacher Mr. Boser came to the District office at 10:15 am May 15, 2024 to present their findings and hear about the District. Manager Cole attended along with staff (Rebecca, Olive & Emma). The student power point presentation was shared with the board along with a report by Manager Cole. General consensus was the grant supported a successful class and furthered the District's community education and outreach goals.

b. Henshaw Beaver Dam Swartout Outlet—Staff updated the Managers on the existing beaver dam at Henshaw Lake and relayed contractor recommendations to ease water levels on Henshaw resulting from the Dam. Manager Uecker has another contact for beaver trappers in the area and will provide that. Staff also brought up Clemson Levelers in lieu of total removal given the lack of ability currently to trap and remove the beavers. Motion by Cole, second by Homuth to approve the recommended contractor action which is to mobilize Blackstone to make 3 trips to site to breach the dam slowly to allow for Henshaw Lake levels to equilibrate. Each mobilization should be about \$1200 and will be completed with a goal of breach not total removal. Staff will also reach out to the alternative beaver trappers. ***Motion 24-05-2 carried unanimously by roll call.***

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Staff Notes
- b. Correspondence
- c. April 2024 Meeting Minutes
- d. Draft CRWD Summer Tour Invite

Motion by Homuth, second by Cole to approve the consent agenda, **Motion 24-05-3** carried unanimously.

5. MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Monthly Report- March 2024

Motion by Homuth, second by Cole to pay bills and approve financial report subject to audit. **Motion 24-05-4** carried unanimously.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Clear Lake update- staff updated the Board on the progress at the Clear Lake Project. Costs being higher given the additionally required wetland restoration work required for USFWS to approve the project, the Board verbally approved going ahead and submitting the DNR application. USFWS posited that it would likely be able to provide additional funding through Ducks Unlimited.
- b. Carp Management Update- Staff provided an update on the Carp Box Netting work approved in April. Specifically attempts to bring the local area fisherman into the project. Carp Solutions offered a contract to Bruce O'Mally who has refused to sign so far due to insurance requirements.
- c. Agricultural Cost share program- staff reviewed updated enrollment sheets and cost share values and dissemination strategy and received feedback from Board. Staff will provide final documents at the June meeting.
- d. 1W1P Update- staff updated the Board on 1W1P draft report and comments requested.

7. NEW BUSINESS None

8. OTHER BUSINESS

- a. Staff noted the CWL grant RFP will be coming out in August.
- b. Staff notified the Board of a landowner in Kimball who requested a site visit on a Willow Creek Tributary.

9. MANAGERS REPORTS None

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Cole to adjourn. Chair Schiefelbein adjourned the meeting at 7:21 pm.



Chair Robert Schiefelbein



Secretary Dawn Cole

