

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 13, 2023 – 6:00 PM
CRWD OFFICE – ANNANDALE, MN**

- 1) **CALL TO ORDER** A regular meeting of the Clearwater River Watershed District was called to order at 6:00 PM, Wednesday, September 13, 2023 by Chair Schiefelbein at Clearwater River Watershed District Office, 93 Oak Avenue South, Annandale MN 55302.

In Person: Bob Schiefelbein, Chris Uecker, Dale Homuth, Dawn Cole, Brian Tommerdahl, Rebecca Carlson

Virtual Attendees: Bruce Hall

- 2) **ADOPT AGENDA** Motion by Homuth second by Cole to adopt the agenda as amended.
Motion 23-9-1: *carried unanimously.*

3) **PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2024 BUDGET**

Chair Schiefelbein opened the public hearing at 6:00 pm and called for comments or questions. No comments or questions were received. Chair Schiefelbein closed the public hearing at 6:01pm.

Motion by Uecker second by Homuth to adopt Resolution **2023-01**, the budget resolution.
Motion 23-9-2: *carried unanimously.*

4) **PRESENTATIONS- None**

5) **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) August 16, 2023 Regular meeting agenda and minutes
- b) August 24, 2023 Special meeting agenda and minutes.
- c) Correspondence & Staff Notes

Motion by Homuth second by Cole to approve consent agenda **Motion 23-9-3:** *carried unanimously.*

6) **MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a) **Monthly Report- August 2023** Motion by Homuth, second by Cole to approve the financial reports subject to audit, and pay bills as presented. **Motion 23-9-4:** *motion passed unanimously.*

7) **OLD BUSINESS**

a) **Wandering Ponds Outlot Purchase Update** – Staff provided an update on the purchase of the outlot at Wandering Ponds from Stearns County and presented the final letter of intent to the county regarding the purchase for Board consideration. Motion by Homuth, second by Uecker to approve the letter of intent to purchase the Wandering Ponds Outlot to support operation and maintenance and permitting of that sanitary system and authorize the Board Chair to sign the letter. **Motion 23-9-5: motion passed unanimously.**

8) NEW BUSINESS

a) **Starry Stonewort Update** -Staff and Manager Tommerdahl provided the Board with an update on the Starry Stonewort infestation on Clearwater Lake and efforts to combat it. Notable elements of that conversation include:

- i) The first treatment was completed.
- ii) Staff worked with Lake Augusta and Cedar Lake on questions regarding the infestation. Motion by Uecker, second by Homuth to direct payment for the channel survey and any necessary treatment to be funded out of the General Fund. **Motion 23-9-6: motion passed unanimously.**
- iii) Staff worked with the Board Chair to authorize a survey of the channel between Pleasant Lake and Clearwater Lake on the recommendation of Steve McCommas and the request of the CLPO.
- iv) A similar question of the channel between Augusta and Clearwater may present itself in the future. Augusta Lake Association authorized a rake toss survey of the channel.

b) **Liability Waiver Form**- Staff presented the liability waiver form for the board to sign and direct waiver. Motion by Uecker, second by Homuth to not wave liability and authorize the Board Chair to sign the form. **Motion 23-9-7: motion passed unanimously.**

9) OTHER BUSINESS – staff updated Board on Clear Lake Parcel easements.

10) MANAGERS REPORTS– Tommerdahl provided commented and direction on meeting deportment and formality.

11) ADJOURNMENT Motion by Cole to adjourn at 7:12pm. **Chair Schiefelbein adjourned the meeting at 7:12pm.**



Bob Schiefelbein, Board Chair



Dawn Cole, Board Secretary