**SPECIAL PRESBYTERY MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**VIA ZOOM**

**APRIL 14, 2020**

A special meeting of the Presbytery of Northern Waters was called for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM via Zoom according to the following announcement:

April 2, 2020

Teaching Elder Chris McCurdy, Moderator of the Presbytery of Northern Waters, at the request of at least 2 Ruling Elders and 2 Teaching Elders, is Calling a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Northern Waters for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 10:00AM via Zoom video conference. This is the same day as a meeting of the Committee on Ministry.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider action on the following:

To discuss and consider the following topic and motion—that the Presbytery of Northern Waters hereby approves the request of the Board of Clearwater Forest to enter into a conservation easement with the Department of Natural Resources for the State of MN for $1,663,620. The easement would be on five tax parcels on the north end of the property.

Explanatory note:

Clearwater Forest will still own the land and can continue to use it for ministry purposes -- just not building.  They have over 600 other acres to build on should they want to expand building and programming areas in the future.

* This is land that is and only will be used for trails as it is rugged, steep, marshy on the lakeshore and unsuitable for building.
* This is similar to a conservation easement that the presbyteries and synod approved a number of years ago on land on the west side of the lake.

*Grace and Peace*

*Brad*

*Rev. E. Bradley Carloss*

*Stated Clerk,*

*Presbytery of Northern Waters*

Rev. Chris McCurdy, Moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer at 10:10 am.

Present: Rev. Chris McCurdy, Rev. Cheryl Fleckenstein, Rev, Lawrence Lee, Russ Fish, Amanda Keppers, staff, Rev. Paula Gaboury, Rev. Ken Ribe, RE Gary Cross, Rev. Brad Carloss, Rev. Bob Goodin, RE Jackie Ranco, RE Mary Voss, CRE Betty Starkey, Jay Wilkinson, staff, RE Paul Rigstad, Rev. Robyn Weaver, CRE Cindy Martinson, RE Barb Meyer, Rev. Cory Larson, Rev. Jim Deters, and Erin Behling.

Rev. Chris McCurdy explained the purpose for the meeting and questions were fielded by Rev. Robyn Weaver and Paul Rigstad from the Clearwater Forest Committee. They explained that the acres involved are not connected but close to the other easement that was agreed upon on the west side of the lake several years ago. The money will be divided among important resources for the camp, including the current Building Campaign. Robyn said that the owners around the lake are very excited about this.

The following motion was made and seconded.

***That the Presbytery of Northern Waters hereby approves the request of the Board of Presbyterian Clearwater Forest Inc. to enter into a conservation easement with the Department of Natural Resources for the State of Minnesota for $1,633,620.00. The easement would be on five tax parcels on the north end of the property.***

**The Presbytery of Northern Waters approved the motion.**

Jim Deters made a motion and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:23 am.

Rev. Chris McCurdy adjourned the meeting with prayer and several stayed around for fellowship.

Betty Starkey

Minutes Taker