AGENDA

6:15 PM
1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda (Administrator’s Report; Secretary’s Report — March 22, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes; Rules/Permitting Report; Ditch Inspector’s Report)

6:20 PM
3. Progress Reports - Committee Chairs (5 minute reports)
   a. Personnel
   b. Aquatic Plant (Projects 1B & 1C)

6:30 PM
4. Old Business
   a. Rice Lake Project Update
   b. Equipment Liquidation Update
   c. 2012 AIS Permits Update

7:30 PM
5. New Business

7:35 PM
6. Public Forum (5 minutes)

BREAK — 10 minutes

7:45 PM
7. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Approve April Bills
   b. Review January – March 2012 Revenue and Expenses — to be filed and subject to audit.

8. Attorney’s Report
9. Engineer’s Report
10. Pulled Consent Agenda Items

8:10 PM
11. Announcements

8:15 PM
12. Meeting Adjournment

(action items in bold face)
MANAGERS PRESENT: Kral, Brainard, Imholte, Jordan, Haggart

MANAGERS ABSENT: Wickum, Okeson

STAFF: Administrator Guetter, Terry Anderson

CONSULTANTS: Engineer Marlon Mackowick, Attorney Lisa Tufts

ADVISORY COMMITTEE: NONE Others: NONE

The Regular Managers' meeting was called to order by President Kral at 6:15 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA. Motion to approve the consent agenda, including the March Administrator Report; Secretary’s Report – February 16, 2012 Regular and March 7, 2012 Special (2012 Work plan) Managers’ Meeting Minutes; March Rules/Permitting Report; and March Ditch Inspector’s Report (Brainard, Okeson), carried unanimously.

PROGRESS REPORTS

a. **Personnel Committee** – Nothing further to report.

b. **Aquatic Plant Committee** – Imholte reported committee will commence work on the Lake Vegetation Management Plans (LVMP) in the next few weeks.

c. **Citizen Advisory** – Imholte noted Dick Lundeen should be added to the committee roster.

OLD BUSINESS

a. **Rice Lake** – Attorney Tufts reported the flowage easement option agreements will expire December 31, 2012. Guetter stated all options will be exercised before the end of the year.

b. **Campbell Creek** – Manager Okeson reported the engineer designs will not be completed until August.

NEW BUSINESS

a. **2012 Aquatic Plant Management (APM) Update** – Guetter reviewed March 1st flowering rush research conference call notes and March 19th meeting (DNR, PRWD, Minnehaha Creek WD, Researchers (Madsen, Marko, Skogerboe, Netherland) update.

b. **2012 Monitoring Plan** – Guetter reviewed the draft 2012 Monitoring Plan. **Motion to approve the 2012 Monitoring Plan (Kral, Haggart), carried unanimously.**

c. **Equipment Liquidation** – Managers reflected on aquatic plant management program shifts over the past decade from using less mechanical harvesting to using more herbicides for control. The District owns three harvesters and other related equipment. The District still uses mechanical harvesting to manage Curlyleaved pondweed infestations on Big Detroit, but is using herbicides to manage Flowering rush populations. **Motion to sell the following equipment:** 1. 1988 Harvester without trailer; 2. 1990 Harvester with trailer; 3. 1972 GMC Truck (Brainard, Kral), carried unanimously. Anderson and Omberg will prepare equipment photos.descriptions and advertise. Anderson reported the 1972 GMC truck may need a new battery and other repairs. Managers recommended repairing the truck to working order prior to sale. **Motion to repair 1972 GMC Truck (Jordan, Brainard), carried unanimously.**

d. **Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) Research Symposium Update.** Managers Kral, Jordan, Imholte, Okeson and staff (Guetter, Hecock) attended the March 19th & 20th research symposium sponsored by the District, Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, and MN Coalition of Lake Associations. Managers noted the high attendance (>200), quality of presentations, legislator attendance and the address by U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar.

PUBLIC FORUM – NONE

TREASURER’S REPORT.

a. **March Bills.** The monthly bills were reviewed. **Motion to pay March bills, (Imholte, Haggart), carried.**

b. **2012 1st Quarter Manager Per Diems/Mileage Expenses.** Motion to approve payment of 2012 1st Quarter Manager Per Diems/Mileage Expenses, including AIS symposium attendance (Imholte, Kral), carried unanimously.

c. **Financial Report.** The January-February 2012 Revenues and Expenses Report was reviewed by the managers. **Motion to approve the draft January-February 2012 R & E Report (Imholte, Haggart), carried.** The report will be filed for audit.

ATTORNEY REPORT—Nothing further to add (see Rice Lake Update).
ENGINEER REPORT – Engineer Mackowick reported on Rice Lake Project and upcoming wetland delineation. Two projects are currently under engineer review.

PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – NONE

ANNOUNCEMENTS – PRWD 2011 Financial Audit – April 16th
Precision Conservation Conference, March 29th, St Anthony Mn

ADJOURNMENT. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 PM (Brainard, Jordan), carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Brainard, Secretary
No tape was made of this meeting.
MAIN DISTRICT WATER QUALITY INITIATIVES

1. Upper Pelican River Watershed District Project. Rice Lake
   a. **DNR Lessard-Sams Grant**. Contacted Mike Eilertson to update appraisal.
   b. **BWSR – Clean Water Legacy Grant**. Stull and Shepard WRP/PRWD easements were completed.
      Williams, Barnes, and Johnson will be completed in the next few weeks. Received new maps from
      NRCS for city property.
   c. **Campbell Creek**. Nothing further to report.

2. **MPCA CWP Grant - Pearl Lake Sub-watershed Diagnostic Study**. The sampling equipment will be installed by the end of the month. Lake association meeting is scheduled for May 19th.

WATER MANAGEMENT RULES

a. **Permits** - see enclosed report. More rip-rap permits due to ice heaving – 20 to date!
   b. **Annual MN DOT road review project meeting** – Guetter attended meeting on March 28th to review MN DOT Five-year road projects with watershed districts.

EDUCATION

**Rain Barrel Art Class** – Back by popular demand, Omberg is offering a Rain Barrel class through Community Ed, June 7th, 2012, 9 am-12 pm.

**Water Festival** – Omberg is meeting with her students in preparation for the upcoming festival in May. She arranged to have Nathan Olson-DNR to give a demonstration on May 7th on decontamination processes with boats and a general “training” on detecting AIS, primarily Zebra Mussels. Also, Omberg has arranged for an educational Zebra Mussel trunk to be used from April 18th – May 16th from the National Wildlife Refuge. Omberg is also hoping that while using this trunk it may give some insight into how we can develop a trunk of our own to have in the future.

**Fisher Farm Tour** – Omberg will be assisting with the tour, tentatively set for May 21-22. Omberg will be a tour guide for the 5th grade students (Frazee, Perham, DL, Lake Park/Audubon, Ulen Hitterdal, Ogema).

**Lake Detroiers** – Hecock continues to meet with Lake Detroiers. An important activity in 2012 will be resumption of a lake inspection program. Meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7AM at Essentia.

**Annual Report** – Staff is preparing a draft of this year’s report. Most sections are completed, except 2011 audit figures.

**COLA** – While the COLA Executive Board, led by Dick Hecock, President has been meeting through the year, and has been active in grant writing, zoning ordinance revisions, monitoring, and lobbying (and related efforts concerning AIS prevention), the first regular COLA Meeting was held on April 12. COLA is attempting to assist the County with its AIS Task Force, and will figure prominently in an initiative to expand the County’s watercraft inspector volunteer corps. With the assistance of Barb Halbakken, Becker COLA’s delegate to Minnesota COLA, a good deal of energy has been given to strengthening AIS prevention regulations.

COLA will host displays at Park Fest and the Northwest Water Carnival.

See also Awareness Grant Proposal under AIS.
MONITORING, DATA COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT
Guetter is beginning to recruit helpers for the data-collecting season. Several candidates have been interviewed, with final selections to be completed next week.

In the meantime, we are starting to collect stream and lake level data for 2012. These spring readings are of less significance than in other years, because spring runoff has been negligible.

Guetter is working with various people to get automatic recording equipment installed and operating.

The District's monitoring truck is currently being serviced in preparation for use this summer.

Detroit Lake overlook — Guetter, Tom Gulon — City of DL, Blaine Kellor- Prairie Restorations, Lindy Ekola, DNR reviewed the shoreline damage from ice push on March 27th.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION
Deposits as of 03/15/2012 – 04/11/2012
Permits – $825.00
Interest – $29.88
Independent School District - $330.00 (2011 Rain Barrel Art Class-Community Ed.)

End of Year Financial Activities: 2011 Audit is scheduled for April 16, 2012

AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT

IIS Management Symposium — Managers Okeson, Imholte, Kral and Jordan, along with Guetter and Hecock, attended the two day session in St. Paul on March 19, 20.

IIS Prevention Stakeholder Group — Guetter attended the meeting on March 30th to review 2012 action items.

Lake Vegetation Management Plan — Hecock and Guetter have been working to prepare a new Lake Vegetation Management Plan for Cuffman and Detroit Lakes. This is almost a “start-from-scratch” effort because the DNR has revised its LVMP template, into what they call the “short-form”. While it is more focused than before, so far there are no obvious signs that there is anything shorter about it, because additional requirements have been added.

We anticipate a Thursday April 19th meeting to discuss our plans with DNR officials.

Becker County AIS Task Force — Hecock, Guetter, Omborg attended a meeting on April 11. A new County Coordinator has been appointed, and plans are moving along for an expanded volunteer inspector program.

Awareness Grant — Closely related to the work of the Becker Task Force, is the grant program that was proposed by COLA and PRWD to undertake awareness activities on a number of fronts. $7500 was awarded to the DNR to develop and disseminate AIS information, including components aimed at resorts and special events/fishing tournaments. We will be working closely with the County and City, and others, as this project moves forward.

Ditch Inspector’s Report

April 2012

Ditch 11/12- Nothing further to report
Ditch 13- Dillon reported a blockage. Lundberg was notified.
Ditch 14- Nothing further to report.
### PRWD Rules of Enforcement Report - April, 2012

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#### Projects Currently in Review with Engineer:

- Becker County HWY Department-Brian Shepard - Highway 149
- Becker County HWY Department-Brian Shepard - Co. Hwy. 22
- MN/DOT-Paul Munsterteiger - TH10 (WB) – From Boyer Lk to Airport Rd. Detroit Lakes
- Zorbaz

#### Other Projects:

* NA