AGENDA

6:15 PM
1. Call To Order

6:35 PM
3. Progress Reports - Committee Chairs (5 minute reports)
   a. Personnel
   b. Aquatic Plant (Projects 1B & 1C)
   c. Citizen Advisory

6:50 PM
4. Old Business
   a. Rice Lake Project Update

7:00 PM
5. New Business
   a. Becker SWCD Outreach Request

7:30 PM
6. Public Forum (5 minutes)

7:35 PM
7. Treasurer’s Report
   a. Approve February Bills
   b. Review January – January 2012 Revenue and Expenses – to be filed and subject to audit.

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

7:55 PM
11. Announcements
   - 2012 PRWD Work Plan Meeting, Wednesday, February 29, 2:30 PM – 4:30 PM, District Office, 2nd Floor Conference Room
   - MAWD Legislative Days (March 7-8), Kelly Inn, St. Paul, MN
   - AIS Research Conference, March 19-20, 2012, Kelly Inn, St. Paul, MN
   - March Regular Manager Meeting Date Change: Thursday, March 22, 6:15 PM

8:00 PM
12. Meeting Adjournment

(action items in bold face)
MAIN DISTRICT WATER QUALITY INITIATIVES

1. Upper Pelican River Watershed District Project. Rice Lake
   a. DNR Lessard-Sams Grant.
   b. BWSR – Clean Water Legacy Grant Reports will be submitted to E-Link week of Feb 13th.
   c. Meetings – Guetter met with Larry Remmen, City of Detroit Lakes on Feb 7th to review access options to Rice Lake/Ditch 13 through industrial park. Guetter met with Brad Wentz (Becker County Engineer), Wes Drake (NRCS engineer), and Ed Musielewitz (NRCS conservationist) to review County 21 road issues on January 31st. The next meeting will involve Marlon Mackowick to tie in Anchor Road improvements and Cty 21.

Campbell Creek
   a. This past month, landowners Joel Okeson and Orrin Okeson signed up for CRP buffer program for Campbell Creek, along with entering into a cost-share agreement to install 8 sediment basins and a 410 grade stabilization structure on the crop land areas. A temporary cover crop will be installed after harvest in fall 2012 with buffer seeding to commence in Spring 2012.

2. MPCA CWP Grant - Pearl Lake Subwatershed Diagnostic Study.
   Reporting – Agreement amendments were submitted and executed, grant amendment completed.
   Groundwater study (Merritt) will commence upon work plan agreement execution.

WATER MANAGEMENT RULES

EDUCATION

Rain Barrel Art Class – Omberg has contacted Kitti Kivi at the Community Education Center and will be submitting a brief paragraph for the spring/summer catalog advertising the art class to be held the 1st weekend of June 2012. Omberg will also be starting to collect barrels for the class and hopefully also for the elementary school fundraisers again.

Rotary Presentation – Guetter made a presentation to the morning club about zebra mussel impacts and local efforts to combat infestation of area lakes.

Annual Report – Staff is preparing a draft of this year’s report. Most sections are completed, except 2012 work plan (upcoming meeting on Feb 24th) and 2011 audit figures.

AIS Summit - a follow-up meeting with COLA and Lake Detroiters was held in late January. Feedback has been very good, though meeting discussion centered on what was learned, and what should be changed should another summit be held. There was some sentiment that another summit might be more effective if held in another location. Also, a version that focused on those legislators seeking election might be considered.

AIS Inspection Program for 2012 – staff is considering alternative approaches to promote a continued inspection program for 2012. For cost and other reasons, the District will not participate in the 2012 LGU Grant competition. Development of this year’s program will be postponed until more is learned about the outcome of the County’s Task Force work.
MONITORING, DATA COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT

A report on 2011 Monitoring is in process. Results will be incorporated into the Annual Report. A 2012 Monitoring outline will be prepared and presented at the upcoming Work Plan meeting.

Owing to a STORET/EQUIS database glitch, St. Clair was removed from the 2012 impaired waters list, and Wine lake was never considered. The database problems have now been corrected, and a letter sent to MPCA asking that St. Clair be restored to the list, and Wine be added.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Deposits as of 01/12/2012 – 02/07/2012
Permits – $250.00
Interest – $31.01
Becker County - $13,278.82
City of Detroit Lakes - $29,000.00 ($4,500 for 2011 Watercraft Inspector Program-Grant Match/$25,000 for 2011 Flowering Rush Research.)
Minnehaha Creek WD - $1,000 for DNR AIS grant match.

End of Year Financial Activities: Omberg has scheduled the 2011 Audit for April 16, 2012. All financials are completed for this audit once the 1099’s are sent out (waiting on PK Onstad information).

Administrator Meeting – Guetter attended meeting in Sauk Centre on January 25th for administrators.... a variety of topics was discussed, including a legislative update from Ray Bohn.

AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT – A meeting of the Aquatic Plant Management Committee occurred on January 17th with Hecock, Imholte, and Guetter present. Discussion centered on the March 2010 Lake Vegetation Management Plan (LVMP) draft for Detroit and Curfman lakes. Several improvements were recommended and these will be incorporated in a new draft to be prepared after the results of the Madsen/Marko research are received. In the meantime it was learned that DNR is making some changes in the format for LVMP’s - these should be available shortly, at which time we will move forward with preparing the LVMP. The importance of this plan is that holds the key to plant management activities, including FR control, for the summer of 2012. It is anticipated that the Detroit/Curfman LVMP will serve as a model for the subsequent preparation of LVMP’s for Pelican River and Muskrat, and Melissa/Sallie/Mill.

A Corps of Engineers report was received, with results pretty much as reported previously – this was the research conducted by US Army Corps of Engineers scientists at an environmental growth chamber at the US Army Engineer Research and Development Center in Vicksburg, MS which found that high concentrations of diquat, with exposure times of 6 and 12 hours, and moderate concentrations of endothall for exposure times of 12 and 24 hours, reduced shoot biomass in submerged FR plants by 74 to 95%. However, the experiments did not produce reductions in root biomass at the concentrations used. The results suggested that early spring applications would be advantageous because younger plants are more susceptible to herbicides, and damage to collateral non-target vegetation that is still in quiescence would be mitigated. It also was suggested that repeat applications of herbicides may be required to achieve permanent control. Researchers also recommended combinations of herbicides be tested to see whether greater plant impacts could be achieved.

AIS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR PLANNED: AIS Research Symposium - This event is coming together for March 19-20 at the Kelly Inn, St. Paul. The District, Minnehaha Creek WD, Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts, AERF, MN Waters and MN COLA are organizing and sponsoring this event. Enclosed is a draft agenda and Save the Date card. The DNR is requesting a meeting with the District and researchers the morning of March 19th.

DNR Grant - AIS Public Awareness Project - PRWD joined COLA in preparation of a grant proposal to submitted the February 16th deadline. The project would have multiple elements, including preparation of materials for fishing tournaments (and other "special permitted events"), resorts, and anglers.
Becker County AIS Task Force – staff have met with several subcommittees, assisting in the preparation of recommendations to the County Board. The February 1st Task Force meeting ended with a consensus set of recommendations intended to be forwarded to the Becker County Commissioners at their February 14th meeting. Recommendations include MN DNR AIS training for county/city/tribal licensed peace officers to assist DNR conservation officers with AIS violations, stationary decontamination unit(s) and operators (county/city DL/private sector/DNR grant funding); educational materials (websites, print, tax statements, etc), increasing number of volunteer watercraft inspectors (working with lake associations), and county oversight of program elements.

Ditch Inspector’s Report
February 2012

Ditch 11/12- Nothing further to report.
Ditch 13- Reported possible beaver dam to Roger Lundberg at the outlet of Floyd Lake.
Ditch 14- Nothing further to report.
THE PELICAN RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT OF
BECKER AND OTTERTAIL COUNTIES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

January 19, 2012

Managers Present: Kral, Okeson, Brainard, Imholte, Jordan, Haggart
Managers Absent: Wickum
Staff: Administrator Guetter, Technican Zachay
Consultants: Attorney Lisa M. Tufts, Engineer Marlon Mackowick
Advisory Committee: John Okeson 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 January Administrator Report;
Secretary's Report - December 15, 2011 Regular Managers’ Meeting Minutes; January Rules/Permitting Report;
and January Ditch Inspector’s Report (Brainard, Okeson), carried unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/SIGNATORIES

Motion to re-elect current officers: Dennis Kral – President; Orrin Okeson – Vice President; David Brainard –
Secretary; Ginny Imholte- Treasurer (Brainard, Haggart), carried unanimously.

President Kral made the following appointments:
Personnel Committee: Haggart, Okeson, Kral
Aquatic Plant Committee: Imholte, Jordan, Wickum
Check Signatories: PRWD Officers (President-Kral, Vice President-Okeson, Secretary-Brainard, Treasurer-
Imholte).

PROGRESS REPORTS
a. Personnel Committee – Haggart reported the committee met on January 16th for annual review of
Administrator Guetter.
b. Aquatic Plant Committee – the committee will meet later in the month to review LVMP progress.
c. Citizen Advisory – over 350 citizens and 12 legislators attended the AIS legislative Summit.

OLD BUSINESS
a. Rice Lake – Kral reported the District closed on the James Wood easement on January 6th.

NEW BUSINESS
a. Selection of 2012 Depository – Motion to select Wells Fargo Bank as the District’s depository for 2012,
(Imholte, Jordan), carried unanimously.
b. Selection of 2012 Official Newspaper. Motion to select the Detroit Lakes Record/Tribune as the official
newspaper of the District (Kral, Jordan), carried unanimously.
d. Regular Monthly Manager Meeting March Date Change. –The March monthly meeting will be moved to the 4th
Thursday on March 22 at 6:15 PM.
e. 2012 Work Plan Meeting – The Work Plan meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 2:30
PM – 4:30 PM at the District office.
f. 2012 Salary considerations. Motion to approve 1.25% salary increase for Administrator Guetter with no
other changes to benefit package (Haggart, Okeson), carried unanimously.
g. MPCA Pearl Lake Clean Water Project Contract Amendment Resolution—Attached hereto.
h. AIS Legislative Summit Update – Managers noted the high attendance (over 400) at the summit and positive
conversations/feed back with area legislators. Managers thanked staff for their organizational time and efforts.
i. Rice Lake – NRCS Access Easement on District property (former Siewert) for Entrekin WRP easement.
Motion to grant WRP access easement on District property (Siewert) for Entrekin NRCS Wetlands
Reserve Program (WRP) easement (Jordan, Imholte), carried unanimously.

MEETING BREAK – Meeting recessed for 10 minutes.
PUBLIC FORUM – NONE
TREASURER’S REPORT.
a. January Bills. The monthly bills were reviewed. Motion to pay January bills, (Imholte, Jordan) carried.
b. Financial Report. The January-December 2011 Revenues and Expenses Report was reviewed by the
managers. Motion to approve the draft Jan-Dec 2011 R & E Report (Imholte, Haggart), carried. The report
will be filed for audit.

ATTORNEY REPORT – NONE
RESOLUTION OF THE PELICAN RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

WHEREAS the Pelican River Watershed District designated TERA L. GUETTER, PRWD ADMINISTRATOR, as Project Representative for the implementation of the Pearl Lake Diagnostic Phase I - Clean Water Partnership Project. The Project Representative shall have the authority to represent the Pelican River Watershed District in all Project matters that do not specifically require action by the District.

WHEREAS the Pelican River Watershed District, as Project Sponsor, entered into the Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project Grant Agreement along with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to conduct the Pearl Lake Diagnostic - Clean Water Partnership Project.

WHEREAS, on March 3, 2010 the Pelican River Watershed District, authorized TERA L. GUETTER, ADMINISTRATOR, to execute the Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project Grant Agreement for the above referenced project on behalf of the District.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Pelican River Watershed District that as Project Sponsor, the Pelican River Watershed District enters into the Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project Amended Grant Agreement along with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to conduct the Pearl Lake Diagnostic - Clean Water Partnership Project as specified in the Revised Work Plan (November 2011) and Revised Work Plan Budget (November 2011).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Pelican River Watershed District that TERA L. GUETTER, ADMINISTRATOR, be authorized to execute the Minnesota Clean Water Partnership Project Amended Grant Agreement for the above referenced project on behalf of the District.

WHEREUPON the above resolution was adopted at the Pelican River Watershed District Board of Managers Meeting this January 19, 2012.

STATE OF MINNESOTA

County of Becker

I, David Brainard, Pelican River Watershed District Manager, do hereby certify that I am the custodian of the minutes of all proceedings had and held by the Pelican River Watershed District, that I have compared the above resolution with the original passed and adopted by the Pelican River Watershed District of said Regular Managers’ Meeting thereof held on January 19, 2012 that the above constitutes a true and correct copy thereof, that the same had not been amended or rescinded and is in full force and effect.

In WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto placed my hand and signature this 19th of January, 2012.

David Brainard, Pelican River Watershed District Secretary

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Projects Currently in Review with Engineer:

- Becker County HWY Department

Other Projects:

NA