

**Pelican River Watershed District
Administrator Monthly Report
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MAIN DISTRICT WATER QUALITY INITIATIVES

Upper Pelican River Watershed District Project. On March 3rd, a technical meeting was attended by Guetter, Kral, Pete Waller, Ed Musielewicz, and Tim James. The group was updated on the WRP/RIM programs which still have not been finalized or funded at this point. The Rice Lake Project may meet WREP federal funding requirements better than WRP, however WREP will not be funded until 2010 pending congressional approval. Also the Clean Water Legacy funding is also a strong possibility. The Rice Lake Project is listed with BWSR for funding. Kral and Ulteig engineering conducted some survey shots of driveways and other targeted areas on several properties. The survey reports were received by the District and will be passed along to the landowners for their review. The District will apply for a one-year extension on the MPCA Clean Water Loan Agreement (\$450,000 loan funds available at low interest rates).

Highway 10 Shoreline Restoration Project Update:

Almeida has placed orders to purchase over 12,000 plants from multiple vendors for the Highway 10 Shoreline Restoration Project. Orders for other materials such as seed, erosion control, fencing labor are being arranged and scheduled. We are in the process of working with MNDOT, City of Detroit Lakes, Prairie Restorations, Land Elements and the MN DNR to finalize construction and planting plans according to the master plan developed by Land Elements. The project is progressing nicely and we are on target with implementation!

WATER MANAGEMENT RULES

- a. **Permits.** See enclosed Rules Report. Omberg is reviewing permit application forms and will update them.
- b. **North Area Study Area –** Conference call on March 10 with Wenck and Ulteig. See Todd Shoemaker (Wenck) meeting notes. We have stressed that the credit system needs to be implemented. A preliminary design review is in progress for the Holmes Street Pond area as well.

DATA COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT

The 2009 Monitoring Plan has been completed. Almeida will be presenting monitoring plans and goals to the Board in April for review and approval. She was going to discuss plans at the March meeting, but we are postponing until all managers are present.

EDUCATION

Omberg is setting up a meeting with Brad Green, City of DL to review education ideas to place in their utility bills. Guetter will be finishing up sections of the 2009 Annual Summary within the next month. Guetter met with a women's club group held at Dixie Johnson's house on March 2. The group had many questions on aquatic plant management and encouragement for the District's control efforts with exotic plants.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

Financial- No deposits in the past month. Imholte, Omberg, and Guetter have been working on preparing the 2008 financials for the audit and they are now ready for the audit! Omberg has implemented the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) and will assist with managing the program (tracking expenses, receipts, etc.). Omberg has also organized the District's assets in a new format (land, easements, equipment, fixtures, etc.).

Personnel Committee- No further meetings due to various scheduling conflicts. A meeting has been set for Wednesday, April 1 at 12:00 pm – 2:00pm.

AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT.

Signature Cards. Almeida compiled a list of over 750 parcels on Detroit, Sallie, Melissa, Muskrat and Mill Pond that will potentially require landowner signatures for either Curlyleaf Pondweed or Flowering rush treatment within the next three years. Signature postcards have been made and addressed as well as a cover letter addressing the issue to be sent out to landowners. The cover letter included suggestions received by the aquatic plant committee. Information on Flowering rush and Curlyleafed

pondweed will be included pending receiving the flyers from the DNR in the near future. Keiselhorst has been very busy stuffing envelopes!. The cards will be mailed out the end of the week.

On February 27th the aquatic plant committee (Imholte, Jordan) and Hecock met. Enclosed is a copy of Hecock's meeting notes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrator ADA Meeting–March 18
Rice Lake Technical Meeting – Tuesday, March 31th
Personnel Committee Meeting – Wednesday, April 1th
MAWD Legislative Breakfast – March 18 – 19, St. Paul, MN

Ditch Inspector's Report
March 11, 2009

Ditch 11/12- Nothing further to report.
Ditch 13- Nothing further to report.
Ditch 14- Nothing further to report.