

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

### **Upper Pelican River Watershed District Project.**

*Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Funding.* The District was awarded \$125,000 (requested \$250,000) for land acquisition/easements for the Rice Lake Project. The project work plan will be completed by the end of the month.  
*BWSR Grant* – awards will be announced late January/February.

A technical meeting was held on January 7<sup>th</sup> to review permitting requirements for the Rice Lake Project. Staff from Natural Resource Conservation Service, Army Corps of Engineers, MN Dept. of Natural Resources (Waters, Wildlife, Wetlands), Becker Soil and Water Conservation Service, MN Pollution Control Agency attended along with Guetter and Kral. A number of permits are required for the project: state and federal Environmental Assessment Worksheet /404/Declaration of Finding; state Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), NPDES, Wetland Conservation Act. The District has contacted Detroit Township to assist with applying for state wetland credits for the required Anchor Road Improvements (raising elevation/widen for safety).

Kral and Guetter continue to work on finishing up the easement options/acquisitions.

**MPCA Clean Water Partnership Grant - Pearl Lake Subwatershed Diagnostic Study.** Almeida met with project manager Tim James to discuss the Pearl Lake Study work plan. A regional meeting for grant awardees will be held in Fergus Falls in January to review work plan requirements.

**Campbell Creek.** Jeff Norby, NRCS has made preliminary contact with a group of landowners/operators to discuss possible best management practices.

**DNR Restore the Shore/Detroit Overlook.** Signage under graphic development. Guetter and Brad Green discussed augmenting the planter beds and retaining wall area this spring. PRWD will coordinate with City.

**County Recreation Plan** – Hecock will attend a 19<sup>th</sup> session concerning the plans for developing a plan.

## **WATER MANAGEMENT RULES**

- a. **Permits** - see enclosed report.
- b. **St. Mary-Innovis and Merit Care Expansions** – Merit Care will be submitting plans in the near future
- c. **Storm water credit system** – Guetter and Ramstad will begin work on draft agreement in February.

## **EDUCATION.**

## **MONITORING, DATA COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT**

Reports for each Lake Water Quality Management Area (LWQMA) are under development by Almeida and Hecock. This year, the reports will include trends/analysis for the subwatershed(/lakeshed ) areas (LWQMA), as well as the usual lake data . PRWD's Water Management Goals /Activities (10 year plan) will be included. It is intended to provide a framework to explain current projects and those that are identified in the 10-year Plan. Also there will be more narrative explaining what the data charts/figures mean (trends/management implications).

**2010 Monitoring Plan** – Almeida is reviewing and updating the three-year plan (2009-2011). A specific 2010 plan is under development and will be presented to the managers at the February or March meeting.

## **GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

**2009 Report of Accomplishments and 2010 Work Plan.** Guetter and Hecock are working on these reports.

**2009 Annual Report.** Guetter, Hecock, Almeida and Omberg are all working on various portions of this document.

**2009 Audit.** Omberg and Guetter have been working diligently to get the 2009 financials audit ready. Imholte and Brainard are also reviewing the records. Enclosed in the packet is a revised audit serve engagement document which addresses Managers requests from the December Meeting.

**Website.** Ben Van Offelen has been nice enough to come in and help us get our website operating smoother and up to date. When all is said and done we should have a much more user friendly website. Check it out: [www.prwd.org](http://www.prwd.org)

**Deposits as of 12/12/2009-01/14/2010**

Permits –\$75.00 - Mark Edlund

Interest – \$113.50

Other – State of MN - \$7,661.21

League of MN Cities- \$1, 63.00

**AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT.**

**LVMP.** Hecock continues to work on the LVMP with a draft of the larger document expected later this month.

On February 23 there will be an Hearing conducted by Administrative Law Judge Johnson in Fergus Falls to review proposed changes in DNR Rules concerning fees and other aquatic plant management issues. Guetter has submitted written comments on the proposed changes. Changes affecting the treatment of FR and other management issues are part of these proposed rule changes.

Hecock attended Darrin Hoverson's presentation on AIS at the Jan 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IKES. He also will attend meetings on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> dealing with AIS in Fergus Falls.

**DNR Reorganization.** Eco Services and Waters are combining to focus on a watershed approach to managing the resource. It is partly the result of the Constitutional amendment for Water, Habitat, Park, and Arts. This has been in the works for a year now, and It is hoped the reorganization will better serve stakeholders, customers, and the natural resource.

**2010 Flowering Rush Hand Removal.** Currently DNR is reviewing various options for the 2010 season. Darrin Hoverson will attend the January Meeting and review preliminary options.

**Flowering Rush Research Summit, January 27-28, St Paul MN.** An agenda has been prepared and is included in the packet. Hecock and Hoverson will make an introductory presentation on our experience with FR and FR treatment in the DL area as well as Peter Rice's recent research in Montana. An agenda is included in the packet.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS .**

**Ditch Inspector's Report  
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**Ditch 11/12- Nothing further to report.**

**Ditch 13- Nothing further to report.**

**Ditch 14- Nothing further to report.**