

**Pelican River Watershed District  
Administrator Monthly Report  
June 18, 2010  
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**MAIN DISTRICT WATER QUALITY INITIATIVES**

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

**MPCA Clean Water Partnership.** Guetter continues to meet with Bartnes and Johnson properties to finalize agreements. The Hokenson property easement was completed May 28<sup>th</sup>. Ramstad is working with City of Detroit Lakes to complete City and Industrial Park easements and access.

**2. MPCA Clean Water Partnership Grant (\$48,000) - Pearl Lake Subwatershed Diagnostic Study.**

The project work plan was submitted to MPCA for review and approval. The Pearl Lake Association met on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, with Almeida attending. She reviewed the diagnostic study goals and the three-year work plan. The project was well received by the lake residents.

**WATER MANAGEMENT RULES**

- a. **Permits** - see enclosed report. Activity has picked up.
- b. **Violations** – three rule violations are currently under investigation by staff.

**EDUCATION.**

The district's website is currently being updated with the assistance of summer intern, Mike Sorenson.

**Becker COLA.**

COLA will sponsor a Monitoring Workshop put on by Minnesota Waters staff on Saturday, June 26. It is formulating a plan for a workshop to train volunteers to assist in inspections for AIS at lake access facilities.. Almeida will attend the workshop. Hecock continues to serve as President of the organization.

**Lake Associations**

Guetter, Almeida, and Hecock are speaking at this month's lake association meetings for Melissa/Sallie , Floyd Shores and Lake Detroiters respectively. Guetter was also asked to present briefly to Lake Eunice Lake Association.

**DNR Restore the Shore/Detroit Overlook.**

Prairie Restoration continues to maintain the Overlook area with prescribed mowing (this prevents unwanted weeds from going to seed and repopulating which is critical for second-year plantings). Prairie Restorations provided a plan for the Shoreline Restoration overlook planter boxes. The proposal included a variety of plant species, labor, and three years of maintenance. The DNR Shoreline Habitat Program grant will cover this remaining work which will take place in the next week (weather cooperating). The District will receive additional DNR Shoreline Habitat grant funding in July. Almeida and Brad Green, City of DL, have been reviewing potential restoration sites. Currently, a site located adjacent to the city beach is under consideration for implementation this summer. Signage, educational materials, and other potential sites will utilize the new grant funds. Almeida will be meeting with Mark Olsen from Brushmark Signs the week of June 21<sup>st</sup> to review signage options/costs.

**MONITORING, DATA COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT**

Almeida and Sorensen are busy out in the streams and on the lakes within the District. Lake monitoring is in full swing for the season on a biweekly schedule. Stream sampling is continuing, especially recently with the wetter weather.

Shoreline surveys have been conducted on Johnson, Reeves, Meadow and Long Lakes. Sorenson has sorting and compiling photos and data for the surveys database.

Almeida, Hecock and Guetter are preparing water quality brochures for distribution at Lake Association meetings. Intern Sorenson and summer temporary employee, Terry Mc Cool were of great assistance for printing the necessary copies of each report! The reports will be available at the Managers' Meeting.

**GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

**2009 Audit.** A draft copy of the 2009 Audit has been completed. Imholte, Guetter and Omberg reviewed the draft. Ms. Moravec will present at the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Deposits as of 5/14/2010 – 6/15/2010**

Permits - \$575.00 (5 permits / 2 @ \$175.00 and 3 @ \$75.00)

Interest –\$85.85

Ottertail County 1<sup>st</sup> half levy - \$223.78

**Personnel Committee.** The committee did not meet in May.

**AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT.**

Hecock has prepared summaries describing the PRWD-sponsored research program, the City's 2010 Beach treatments, and the FR permitting options for lakeshore landowners. He also has been working with officials of Lake Detroiters and Melissa/Sallie Improvement Association in preparing a lake-wide permit for hand-removal of FR. (This is to be a no-fee permit which will allow cooperating property owners to hand-remove flowering rush from the full-extent of the waters along their shoreline.)

The 2000 red pickup truck was in a two-vehicle accident near the City Beach boat launch on June 16th. Approximately \$3,500 worth of damage was sustained. No injuries have been reported.

**Aquatic Invasive Species Project – LMP-01**

At the time of next week's Managers' Meeting, the required 30 day comment period for DNR and BWSR staff will be over. So far no comments have been received. The matter of ordering a public hearing will be on the Managers' Meeting agenda.

**Flowering Rush Research Activities**

On May 27 PRWD staff participated in a boat tour of the Detroit as part of the final selection of research sites. The trip was led by Research staff and included City and DNR officials. The ecology and phenology studies have been started by Madsen and Marko. The research treatment plots were sprayed on June 15<sup>th</sup> (project was delayed due to inclement weather conditions in prior weeks) Flowering rush was collected for the Army Corps growth chambers. Kurt Getsinger reported its growing well in the tanks!

**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.**