



THE PELICAN RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT OF
BECKER AND OTTERTAIL COUNTIES
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2009

Managers Present: Kral, Okeson, Brainard (7:10 PM), Imholte, Jordan, Haggart, Wickum

Managers Absent: NONE

Staff: Administrator Guetter, Attorney Ramstad, Engineer Ambrosie, Almeida, Omberg, Anderson

Advisory Committee: NONE

Others: Al Cibizar (AW Research)

The Regular Managers' meeting was called to order by President Kral at 7:05 PM.

Consent Agenda. The consent agenda (including March 16, 2009 Regular Managers' Meeting Minutes, April Administrator Report, April Ditch Inspector Report, April Rules and Enforcement Report were adopted (Okeson, Kral) carried.

Administrator Report – No additions to written report.

Rules Enforcement /Current Cases – No additions to written report.

Engineer's Report – No additions to written report. Guetter noted a permit application was recently received from the City of Detroit Lakes for the Long Lake Phase 3 road construction project. Manager Brainard expressed some concern regarding the proposed lowered final road grade level.

Attorney's Report. Attorney Ramstad reported he continues to work on the flowage easements for the Rice Lake Project.

Personnel Committee (Kral, Okeson, Haggart). Haggart reviewed the April 1, 2009 meeting report.

Treasurer's Report.

- **April Bills.** Treasurer Imholte added to the bills an invoice from J & K Marine, in the amount of \$7,500 for the monitoring boat/motor/depth finder. Imholte reviewed the bills with the managers. **Motion to pay the April bills (Imholte, Wickum), carried.** The January –March 2009 Revenue and Expense Report was also reviewed. **Motion to approve the 2009 Draft Quarterly Financial Report (Imholte, Haggart), carried.** The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS

Rice Lake Nutrient Reduction Project Update – Kral updated the managers on several parcels, including some landowner requests to add additional acreage into the easement area. No action was taken. A parcel, owned by Patrick Onstad, is almost entirely affected by the project. In discussions with Mr. Onstad, Kral reported Mr. Onstad did not want to own a parcel which had no residential, commercial, or agricultural use due to the flowage easement and was concerned about paying future taxes on a property with no allowable use. Kral noted the parcel is not eligible for the WRP/RIM program since the ownership is less than seven years. . **Motion to authorize Manager Kral to offer up to \$54,000 to purchase the Patrick Onstad parcel (Imholte, Wickum), carried.**

PRWD Property/ Easement Boundary Signage – The managers reviewed the Meadowland Proposal (updated April 16, 2009). **Motion to approve Meadowland Surveying to install special protection easement boundary signage for River Hills RV park and Clear Creek Plat per February 18, 2009 (April 16th updated version) installation quote (Kral, Imholte), carried.**

DNR Agricultural Shoreland Standard Meeting – April 15th – Manager Okeson informed the managers he was not able to attend the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Becker Soil and Water Conservation District – Envirothon Request.
Motion to approve \$100 for the Envirothon (Imholte, Jordan), carried.

Hire temporary receptionist position.

Motion to authorize Administrator Guetter to hire a part-time temporary receptionist through The Work Connection for the months of May – October 2009 (Brainard, Wickum), carried.

Manager Per Diem Policy.

Kral requested clarification of the District's Per Diem policy. In the past, regular and special manager meetings where business was conducted were considered "full" per diems (\$75) and other meetings where no official business was conducted, such as committee meetings and tours, were "one-half" per diems (\$35). Different per diem rates for the same meeting were occurring on the claim reports. After discussion, it was felt that all meetings should be claimed at the full per diem rate of \$75, regardless of the length of the meeting/function. Also discussed was manager pre-approval for attendance at functions/meetings other than regular, special or designated committee meetings. It was agreed that manager attendance at functions/meetings be pre-approved or if that is not possible, then approved at the next regular meeting. **Motion to approve manager per diems at the rate of \$75 for any board-approved meeting/function (Brainard, Haggart), carried.**

Regular Monthly Meeting Time Change Request. Manager Okeson requested to start the regular monthly meetings at 6:15 PM due to the increased business the managers must review and be updated on. **Motion to start the regular monthly meeting at 6:15 PM for May and June meeting and then re-evaluate, (Wickum, Okeson). After discussion, Okeson amended the motion to change the regular meeting time to 6:15PM for all regular monthly meetings, Carried.**

PRWD Monitoring Plan Update

District Technician, Monica Almeida reviewed the District's monitoring activities and new 2009 initiatives. A copy of the draft 2009 PRWD Monitoring Plan was passed out. Managers will read the plan and approval will be requested at the May 2009 meeting.

A.W. Research Presentation

Due to the lateness of the hour, Mr. Cibizar briefly reviewed services his company provided and handed out written descriptions of the services.

Aquatic Plant Management Committee – The committee is planning on meeting shortly with the City to discuss the City Beach DNR APM permit application.

Guetter is preparing the 2009 curly-leafed pondweed harvesting permits.

Guetter updated the managers on the DNR Aquatic Invasive Species permit fee waiver legislation.

Announcements.

Rice Lake Technical Meeting – Tuesday, May 5, 2009, 9:00 – 11:00 PM
Personnel Committee Meeting – Wednesday, May 6, 2009, 12:00 – 2:00 PM

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:28 PM (Brainard, Haggart), carried.

Meeting Approved : _____

Respectfully Submitted,
David Brainard, Secretary
No tape was made of this meeting.