



**THE PELICAN RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT OF
BECKER AND OTTERTAIL COUNTIES
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
January 22, 2009**

Managers Present: Kral, Okeson, Brainard, Imholte, Jordan, Haggart, Wickum (8:08 PM)

Managers Absent: NONE

Staff: Administrator Guetter, Attorney Ramstad, Engineer Carolyn Bue, Monica Almeida, Terry Anderson, Dick Hecock

Advisory Committee: NONE

Others: Darrin Holverson, DNR Invasive Aquatic Species;

The Regular Managers' meeting was called to order by President Kral at 7:01 PM.

Consent Agenda. The consent agenda, including December 18, 2008 Regular Managers' Meeting Minutes, January Administrator Report, January Ditch Inspector Report, January Rules and Enforcement Report were adopted (Brainard/Okeson).

Administrator Report – No additions to written report.

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

Engineer's Report – Engineer Bue reported a draft "North Area Stormwater Study for the City of Detroit Lakes" was submitted for District review. Guetter reported a possible expansion of the Mahube building on HWY 34.

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

Personnel Committee (Kral, Okeson, Haggart). **UNFINISHED BUSINESS- The motion postponed to this meeting to adopt the 2009 salary considerations and self-directed benefit monthly stipend amount (Personnel Committee letter dated December 12, 2008)" was adopted (Kral, Haggart). After discussion, Imholte moved to authorize the District Administrator to set up a Health Reimbursement Account; seconded and carried.**

Treasurer's Report.

- **January Bills.** Treasurer Imholte reviewed the bills. **Motion to pay the January bills (Imholte, Wickum), carried.** Imholte reviewed the monthly January – December 2008 financial report/preliminary year-end fund balances. **Motion to approve the Treasurer's report (Imholte, Okeson).** The Treasurer's report was filed for audit.

OLD BUSINESS No old business conducted.

NEW BUSINESS

Selection of 2009 Depository. **Motion to select Wells-Fargo Bank as the District's depository for 2009 (Imholte, Haggart), carried.**

2008 Audit. The managers reviewed quotes for auditing services. **Motion to engage the services of Mathias C. Justin, Ltd to perform the 2008 financial audit for \$4,500 (Brainard, Imholte)**

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

Selection of Official Newspaper. **Motion to select the Detroit Lakes Record/Tribune as the official newspaper of the District (Kral, Wickum), carried.**

2009 Workplan. Administrator Guetter reviewed the proposed 2009 Work Plan noting several large initiatives in addition to on-going activities (stormwater management/permitting, monitoring, education) including the Rice Lake Wetland Nutrient Reduction Project, the DNR – Restore-The-Shore Grant for 1,100 ft of shoreline restoration along Big Detroit, and the Lake Vegetation Management Planning process for Detroit, Curfman, Muskrat, Sallie, Melissa, and Mill Pond lakes. **Motion to approve the 2009 Work Plan (Haggart, Wickum), carried.**

Special Meeting of the Board of Managers Report. On January 21, 2009, the Board of Managers held a special meeting to discuss manager roles and responsibilities and meeting efficiencies. Manager Haggart reviewed the meeting

outcomes and presented a summary of the meeting. No order of business was conducted. **Motion to approve the January 21, 2009 Special Meeting minutes/summary (Haggart, Jordan) carried.**

Committee Appointments. Pursuant to the January 21, 2009 Special Meeting of the Board of Managers, the managers recommended the appointment of two committees to assist with improving regular monthly meeting efficiencies and communication between managers and staff. The committee appointments are as follows: Personnel Committee – Haggart, Kral, and Okeson; Lake Vegetation Management Planning Committee- Imholte, Wickum, Jordan. It was understood the committees will set up a regular meeting time (which may be cancelled due to lack of business) and present a meeting report, including any recommendations, to the full board at its next scheduled regular meeting.

Aquatic Plant Management- Darrin Holverson and Dick Hecock updated the Managers about the upcoming Lake Vegetation Management Planning process and public meetings. Meeting notifications were sent to over 300 stakeholder groups and citizens via email and postal letters. The first public input meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 2, 2009 at the City of DL City Hall with two sessions – 3:00 PM and 6:30 PM. **Motion to authorize manager attendance at the LVMP meetings on February 2, 2009 (Kral, Okeson), carried.**

Harvest Projects - 1B/1C.

Announcements.

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 PM (Brainard, Haggart), carried.

Meeting Approved : _____

Respectfully Submitted,
David Brainard, Secretary

No tape was made of this meeting.