

STATE OF MINNESOTA
Before the
PELICAN RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
SITTING AS THE DRAINAGE AUTHORITY FOR
BECKER COUNTY DITCH 13

In the Matter of:

**Project to Impound Waters of Becker
County Ditch 13**

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROJECT
TO IMPOUND WATERS OF BECKER
COUNTY DITCH 13**

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 103E.227, the Pelican River Watershed District (the "District"), hereby notifies you that it will conduct a Preliminary Hearing on its Resolution to Initiate Project to Impound Waters of Becker County Ditch 13 ("Project") at the offices of the District at 211 Holmes Street West, Suite 201, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 on Wednesday, May 24, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

1. In general, the Project, also known as the Rice Lake Restoration Project, includes the construction of two outlet structures with adjustable weirs and appurtenances on Becker County Ditch 13 in Section 23 of Detroit Township (T139N, R41W). The restoration of the drained wetlands will reduce phosphorus loadings and the resulting algal blooms on downstream lakes, which will provide a significant public benefit and improvements to property value, recreation, aquatic environment and the ecosystem, as well as various species. A detailed description of the Project can be found on the District's website at: www.prwd.org

2. It is currently anticipated that there will be no individual property assessments for this Project, and the primary funding sources will be a \$1.5 million State Targeted Watershed Grant and through the Stormwater Utility account. Other funding sources are being pursued.

3. The purpose of the hearing to review the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources advisory report, to take public comment, and to review the survey report as prepared by Houston Engineering, Inc. Following the hearing, the Board of Managers can either (1) dismiss the Project, (2) remand it for further information, study or to pursue assessments subject to future hearings, or (3) make an order modifying the drainage system and authorizing the project. A copy of the Engineer's Survey Report is on file in the District office and is available for public inspection during regular business hours.

4. All persons interested in this matter are encouraged to appear before the Board of Managers at this hearing if you have any comments on why this Project should or should not be authorized.

Pelican River Watershed District

May 7, 2018

Dennis Kral, President

