

Mission: To protect and enhance the quality of water in the lakes within its jurisdiction...ensure wise decisions are made concerning the management and related land resources which impact these lakes.

PELICAN RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT
Regular **MONTHLY MANAGERS' MEETING**
Thursday, June 18, 2015
6:15 PM
WATERSHED DISTRICT OFFICE
Wells Fargo Bank, 2nd Floor Conference Room
211 Holmes Street West, Detroit Lakes, MN
(218) 846-0436 www.prwd.org

AGENDA

- 6:15 PM** 1. Call To Order
2. Approval of Agenda and Consent Agenda (Administrator's Report; Secretary's Report –**May 21, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes**; Rules/Permitting Report; Ditch Inspector's Report)
- 6:25 PM** 3. Progress Reports - Committee Chairs (5 minute reports)
- a. Personnel
- b. Aquatic Plant (Projects 1B & 1C)
- c. Advisory Committee
- 6:35 PM** 4. Old Business
- a. AIS – Review Flowering Rush/CLP Findings
- 7:05 PM** 5. Treasurer's Report
- a. **Approve June 2015 Bills**
- b. Review January – May 2015 Revenue & Expenses – to be filed and subject to audit.
- 7:15 PM** 6. New Business
- a. **PLM Flowering Rush Treatment Contract**
- b. **Concordia College – Flowering Rush Proposal**
- c. **NRCS RCCP Grant Application for Rice Lake Project**
- d. **July/August Manager Summer Tour – Set Date**
- 7:45 PM** 7. Public Forum (5 minutes)
- 7:50 PM** 8. Attorney's Report
9. Engineer's Report
10. Pulled Consent Agenda Items
- 8:15 PM** 11. Announcements – MAWD Managers Summer Tour – June 24th-26th, Duluth, MN
- 8:30 PM** 12. Meeting Adjournment

(action items in bold face)



THE PELICAN RIVER WATERSHED
DISTRICT OF
BECKER AND OTTERTAIL
COUNTIES
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 21, 2015

Managers Present: Kral, Brainard, Imholte, Okeson, Noyes, Haggart

Managers Absent: Michaelson

Staff: Administrator Guetter, Asst. Administrator Alcott, Office Assistant Moses; Terry Anderson-seasonal

Consultants: Attorney Skoyles

Advisory Committee: John Okeson, Becker County Commissioner

Others: Jillian Walechka, GreenCorps Member

The Regular Managers' meeting was called to order by President Kral at 6:18 PM

Oath of Office – Curt Noyes, Dave Brainard and Orrin Okeson (attached hereto)

CONSENT AGENDA. The consent agenda, including the May 2015 Administrator Report; Secretary's Report – April 16, 2015 Regular Managers' Meeting Minutes; May 2015 Rules/Permitting Report; and May 2015 Ditch Inspector's Report (Brainard, Okeson), carried unanimously.

PROGRESS REPORTS

- a. **Personnel Committee** – The committee did not meet.
- b. **Aquatic Plant Committee** – The committee did not meet.
- c. **Citizen Advisory** – Imholte reported on a Lake Detroit's meeting she attended, where some residents of West Lake Drive noted they had an aquatic plant release on their shoreline last year in mid August. Imholte reported how well organized the Beach Captains are on Detroit Lake.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. **Rules of Enforcement-** Guetter reiterated the District is not involved in discussions between the City of Detroit Lakes, Fairfield Inn Developers, and MN Department of Natural Resources. The District's storm water management permit may need to be revised depending upon the outcome of the negotiations. Guetter noted over 50 permits have been issued in 2015, the majority for ice heaving repairs.
- b. **Consultants** -Regarding legal representation, the Managers had concerns with potential conflict of interest issues with our current legal counsel, Karen Skoyles. She clarified that if a conflict of interest arose, she would help the District engage the legal services of another firm. Skoyles expressed her desire to continue to represent the District, however she also acknowledged her limited experience with watershed law. The District will be reviewing and updating its Water Management Rules and Guetter stated it would be helpful to use legal services from a firm that specializes in water management and environmental law, such as Tami Norgard, with Vogel Law Firm. The managers agreed to continue with the services of Attorney Skoyles and to use other firms for specialized matters. **Motion to authorize the Administrator to seek alternative legal counsel if a conflict of interest occurs and engage the services of Tami Norgard, Vogel Law Firm (Kral, Haggart).** Upon further discussion, the Managers agreed it would be best to allow the Administrator to use the services of any firm based upon the District's issue, such as drainage or water management laws. Manager Haggart requested the motion be withdrawn and changed. **Motion to authorize the Administrator to seek alternative legal counsel based upon the District issue (Kral, Haggart), motion carried unanimously.**
- c. **2015 First Quarter Manager Per Diems and expenses** – The revised 1st Quarter Manager Per Diems and expenses sheet was presented. **Motion to approve for payment the 2015 First Quarter Board of Managers per diems as revised and dated May 21, 2015 (Brainard, Imholte) carried unanimously.**
- d. **Board of Manager Compensation and Fiscal Policy** – Staff reviewed Manager per diem compensation and fiscal policies from seven other watershed districts.
Board of Manager Compensation – Attorney Skoyles noted in *MS 103D.315, sub. 8*, the Board of Managers are entitled to compensation and reimbursement for performing their watershed responsibilities, official duties and necessary travel. After reviewing the 2010 compensation policy and the other watershed district's policies it was agreed by the Managers to clarify the District's Manager compensation policy. **Motion to compensate the Board of Managers for publically noticed Pelican**



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River Watershed District meetings and Board authorized conferences at a per diem rate of \$75/meeting or day; and for other Board of Managers approved official duties and district meetings (committees, projects, or meetings which a manager is invited by the Administrator) the managers will be compensated at a rate of \$25 for the first hour and in half-hour increments thereafter, not to exceed \$75 per day (Haggart, Okeson). Motion passed (Aye – Haggart, Kral, Okeson, Brainard, Noyes; Nay- Imholte). It was noted the District reimburses for mileage at the current federal IRS mileage rate and for necessary and reasonable travel expenses.

Fiscal Policy Recommendations. Moses discussed fiscal policy recommendations by the auditor and reviewed other watershed district fiscal procedures including claims/check signing, fund transfers, bank reconciliations, collateral reports, payroll, and review/verification. Staff reviewed the handout with fiscal policy recommendations which included monthly, quarterly, and year-end procedures which provide additional fiscal oversight/segregation of duties.

Claims. The treasurer (or another manager if the treasurer is not available) reviews monthly claims against the invoices prior to or at the beginning of the meeting; Board of Managers approve the claims; office assistant prints the checks; treasurer or other signatory officer will sign checks at the adjournment of the meeting; administrator (or another signatory officer if the administrator is not available) will be the second signer on the checks. The Managers agreed to move the treasurer report towards the beginning of the meeting after progress reports or later which will allow time for the office assistant to print the checks for signing.

Monthly Fund Transfers. The treasurer will review expenditures and recommend fund transfer amounts; Board of Managers approves fund transfer amounts to accounts; the treasurer (or another signatory officer if the treasurer is not available) will transfer funds between district accounts. Transfer slips will be verified and initialed by the person transferring the funds, and by the Manager reviewing the bank reconciliation.

Bank Reconciliation. A manager, other than the manager who signed the checks, reviews and reconciles the bank statements on a monthly basis. The managers agreed to take turns and arrive 15 minutes prior to the monthly meeting and reconcile the bank statements to QuickBooks with the Office Assistant. The Manager and Administrator will review and initial the reconciliation statement. The Treasurer will verify the bank reconciliations are current and the statements initialed.

Collateral Reports. The treasurer will bring in collateral reports to monthly meeting to file with financial records.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. **Technical Equipment** – Alcott presented two options for survey equipment. Guetter proposed using \$8,000 from BWSR Ditch Inventory Grant, and up to \$26,000 to be split between the LMP-01 and Utility funds, as the equipment will also be used for aquatic vegetation surveys and water management practices. **Motion to spend up to \$34,000 for Frontier Precision Trimble (Kral, Imholte) carried unanimously.** Managers noted the equipment is to be used only by the District and not loaned to other agencies.
- b. **2015 Flowering Rush Research Proposal** - Guetter reviewed the “*Assist the Pelican River Watershed District with Ongoing Flowering Rush Management*” proposal from Gray Turnage, Mississippi State University. Guetter noted the work plan changed from prior years. For 2015, PRWD staff, and potentially Concordia College, will be collecting samples and shipping to Mississippi State for analysis. In June, Turnage will come and train staff on collection protocols. **Motion to approve the “Assist the Pelican River Watershed District with Ongoing Flowering Rush Management” proposal in the amount of \$ 25,000 with Mississippi State University/Gray Turnage and for related project expenses (supplies/shipping) and to authorize Administrator Guetter to enter into an agreement (Brainard, Noyes), carried unanimously.**



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PUBLIC FORUM – NONE

TREASURER'S REPORT.

- a. **Approval of May 2015 Claims. #14041-14051 and EFT 404-416 (\$47,578.76). Motion to pay May 2015 bills (Imholte, Brainard) carried unanimously.**
- b. **Financial Report.** The January - April 2015 Revenues and Expenses Report was reviewed. **Motion to approve the draft January-April 2015 Revenue and Expenses (Imholte, Brainard), carried unanimously.** The report will be filed for audit.

ATTORNEY REPORT– Nothing to report.

ENGINEER REPORT – Nothing to report.

PULLED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS – Nothing to report

PRWD storage shed repairs. Terry Anderson informed the Managers the storage shed has a leak in the roof. **Motion to authorize up to \$1,000 to repair the storage shed roof, (Noyes, Haggart) carried unanimously**

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Kral will be attending the upcoming Rice Lake meeting at PRWD office on May 27. The Minnesota Association of Watershed District's Manager Summer Tour, June 24-26, Duluth, MN. Managers Okeson, Haggart, and Imholte will be attending. Manager Kral announced he will be out of state for the June 18th Manager's meeting and for the MAWD summer tour.

ADJOURNMENT. Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 PM (Brainard, Haggart), carried unanimously.

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

Meeting Approved : _____

Tera Guetter, Administrator

Pelican River Watershed District

Claims Paid

May 2015

Date	Num		Amount
WF Expense Checks			
05/21/2015	14041	Arvig	\$ 158.38
05/21/2015	14042	Bank of America	\$ 244.07
05/21/2015	14043	Bell State Bank & Trust	\$ 20,000.00
05/21/2015	14044	County 6 Amoco & Bait	\$ 51.60
05/21/2015	14045	Jobs HQ	\$ 257.80
05/21/2015	14046	L & M Supply	\$ 3.43
05/21/2015	14047	MATHIAS C. JUSTIN, LTD.	\$ 5,400.00
05/21/2015	14048	MPCA	\$ 16,500.00
05/21/2015	14049	Office of Enterprise Technology	\$ 98.27
05/21/2015	14050	Verizon	\$ 50.16
05/21/2015	14051	Vogel Law Firm	\$ 600.00
			\$ 43,363.71
5/26/2015	EFT-404	D. Brainard	\$ 346.31
5/26/2015	EFT-405	J. Haggart	\$ 207.79
5/26/2015	EFT-406	G. Imholte	\$ 484.84
5/26/2015	EFT-407	D. Kral	\$ 415.58
5/26/2015	EFT-408	R. Michaelson	\$ 138.53
5/26/2015	EFT-409	G. Nansen	\$ 138.53
5/26/2015	EFT-410	O. Okeson	\$ 207.78
			\$ 1,939.36
	EFT-411	*Alcott, Brent	\$ 325.67
05/26/2015	EFT-412	*Guetter, Tera	\$ 30.00
05/26/2015	EFT-413	*Moses, Brenda	\$ 50.00
			\$ 405.67
05/22/2015	EFT-414	RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc.	\$ 339.00
05/22/2015	EFT-415	Wells Fargo-Office Lease	\$ 1,299.58
05/22/2015	EFT-416	Xerox Corporation	\$ 231.44
			\$ 1,870.02
May Payroll - Direct Deposit			
5/7/2015	EFT 395-397	Employee Payroll	\$ 3,874.80
5/14/2015	EFT 398-400	Supplemental Benefit	\$ 638.63
5/21/2015	EFT 401-403	Employee Payroll	\$ 3,863.92
5/31/2015		Federal Withholding	\$ 3,800.86
5/31/2015		MN Withholding Tax	\$ 579.00
5/31/2015		MN HCSP	\$ 300.00
5/31/2015		PERA	\$ 1,770.80
5/31/2015		NACO	\$ 2,383.13
			\$ 17,211.14
Total Bell State Checking			\$ 21,426.19
Total May Expenses			\$ 64,789.90

David Brainard, Secretary _____ Tera Guetter, Administrator _____

Proposal to Assist the Pelican River Watershed District with Ongoing Flowering Rush Management

Gray Turnage¹ and Tera Guetter²

¹ Mississippi State University, Geosystems Research Institute, Box 9627, Mississippi State, MS 39762

² Pelican River Watershed District, 211 Holmes St W #201, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

COST: \$25,000

Background

The Pelican River Watershed District (PRWD) has expressed a need for experienced and qualified personnel to assist them in the ongoing management of flowering rush, an invasive aquatic plant species, in the Detroit Lakes. To that end, Mississippi State University (MSU) personnel have partnered with PRWD since 2011. Due to travel constraints MSU personnel will not be able to travel as much as in years past but still desire to assist PRWD in data processing and future planning of management guidelines and monitoring efforts.

Currently flowering rush management in the Detroit Lakes utilizes two herbicide applications of diquat each summer. MSU personnel were conducting three field surveys for the presence or absence of flowering rush: two prior to each herbicide application and one four weeks after the last herbicide application.

Proposal

We propose that MSU personnel, travel to Detroit Lakes, MN in the spring of 2015 and instruct PRWD personnel in field survey and data/sample collection techniques used in years past (Turnage & Madsen 2015; Madsen et al. 2014, 2013). Afterwards PRWD will be responsible for field surveys and data collection efforts. This training should take no longer than one week.

Data collected in the field (shapefiles) along with plant samples (biomass) will be sent to MSU for processing and analysis. This will reduce the overall cost to PRWD while retaining a qualified research team to analyze the data and assist in the development of management strategies/guidelines/monitoring efforts.

Methodology

MSU personnel will instruct PRWD in the following methodology (point intercept and biomass estimates) to ensure that the data collected will be statistically testable and comparable to collection efforts in years past. The 2015 field protocol should follow guidelines recommended in Turnage and Madsen (2015). The following section is an excerpt taken out of the 2015 field report (Turnage and Madsen 2015) and covers the protocol for field data collection techniques.

Point Intercept. To assess the community impact of submersed diquat treatments, point intercept sampling (Madsen 1999) will be done on all treated plots. The grid interval will be no less than 25 m, and the total number of points per plot will be no more than 50. Therefore, there will not be an equal number of points per plot. In addition, the untreated flowering rush reference plots will be assessed with point intercept sampling. The primary analysis will be between treatment types (treated versus untreated) and timing (pre- versus post-treatment). Statistical analysis will use McNemar's test, examining the efficacy of treatment and its impact on native plant diversity and individual species.

Biomass estimates. Assessment of submersed treatments in this system will be done sampling biomass collected with a 6" diameter biomass coring device to collect both shoots and rhizomes (Madsen et al. 2007). Thirty cores per plot will be collected before each proposed treatment, and at the end of the growing season in September. After washing to remove sediment, cores will be shipped or transported on ice to Mississippi State University for processing. Processing will be done as soon as possible after collection. Cores will be separated into emergent leaves, submersed leaves, rhizomes, rhizome buds, and inflorescences. Rhizomes and rhizome buds will be counted. Plants will be dried for 48 hours at 50C or greater, and weighed for biomass. Successful applications will reduce rhizome weight and rhizome bud number. Three treatment plots will be sampled for biomass, and three untreated flowering rush reference plots, for a total 180 biomass samples per sampling time. Over time, we should be able to track a reduction in rhizome buds and abundance if management is effective.

At the end of the training session PRWD personnel will be able to:

- Digitize (construct) a shapefile of the Detroit lakes and of individual plot boundaries using ArcMap
- Establish a grid system of points for sampling using ArcMap
- Load shapefiles and grid system into a GPS unit
- Navigate to collection sites
- Identify the invasive plant flowering rush and common native plants seen in the Detroit Lakes system
- Construct a biomass coring device

- Collect and prep biomass samples for overnight shipment to MSU

Once data and plant specimens arrive at MSU they will be analyzed and processed following the protocols above. MSU personnel will be responsible for training PRWD personnel in field data and specimen collection techniques, processing of plant specimens, data analysis, and report writing.

Reporting

A final report will be prepared by MSU personnel and turned over to PRWD by the end of March 2016.

Literature Cited

- Madsen, J. D., R. M. Wersal, and T. E. Woolf. 2007. A new core sampler for estimating biomass of submersed aquatic macrophytes. *Journal of Aquatic Plant Management* 45:31-34.
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- Madsen, J.D., B. Sartain, G. Turnage, and M. Marko. 2013. Herbicide Trials for Management of Flowering Rush in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota for 2012. Geosystems Research Institute Report 5059, Geosystems Research Institute, Mississippi State University, Mississippi State, MS.
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Proposed timeline

Day 1: Construct biomass coring devices

Purchase any needed supplies for field work

Digitize lake and plot boundaries

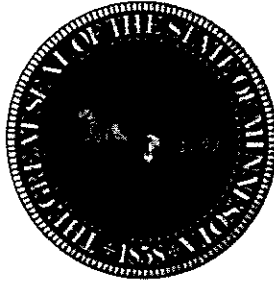
Digitize grid system of points

Day 2: Survey data collection

Day 3: Survey data collection

Day 4: Biomass collection and storage for shipment to MSU

Day 5: Survey data and biomass shipment to MSU



Watershed District Managers

OATH OF OFFICE

OATH

State of Minnesota

SS:

County of Becker

I, **Orrin Okeson**, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota; uphold and carry out my duties under the Minnesota Watershed Act as a member of the Managers of the Pelican River Watershed District in the County of Becker; and faithfully discharge the duties of my office to the best of my judgment and ability.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Orrin Okeson".

Signature

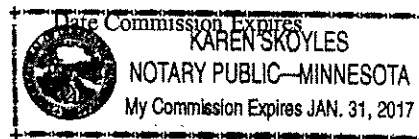
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Signature of Notary Public

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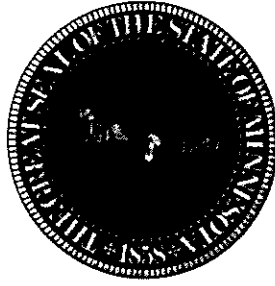
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KAREN SKOYLES



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Watershed District Managers

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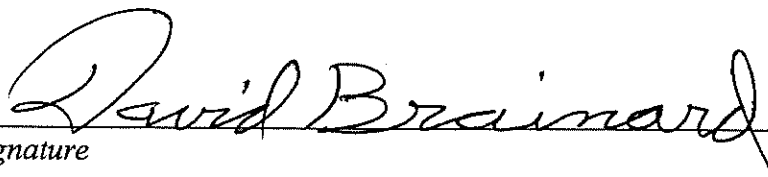
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County of Becker

I, **David Brainard**, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota; uphold and carry out my duties under the Minnesota Watershed Act as a member of the Managers of the Pelican River Watershed District in the County of Becker; and faithfully discharge the duties of my office to the best of my judgment and ability.


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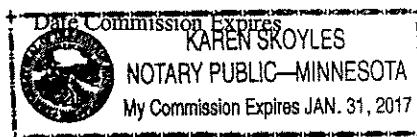
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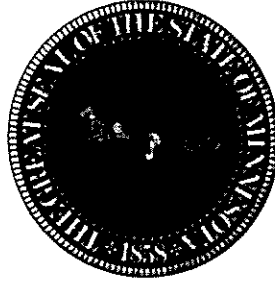
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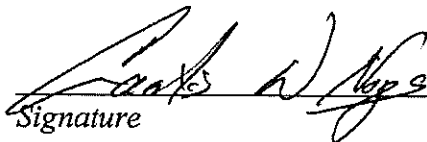
OATH

State of Minnesota

SS:

County of Becker

I, **Curtis Noyes**, do solemnly swear or affirm that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota; uphold and carry out my duties under the Minnesota Watershed Act as a member of the Managers of the Pelican River Watershed District in the County of Becker; and faithfully discharge the duties of my office to the best of my judgment and ability.


Signature

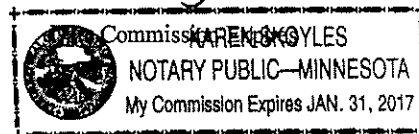
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KAREN SKOYLES



County of Residence

BECKER

Pelican River Watershed District
Administrator Monthly Report
June 12, 2015
www.prwd.org

MAIN DISTRICT WATER QUALITY INITIATIVES

Rice Lake Project- A project meeting was held on May 27 to review funding opportunities with NRCS local and St. Paul Staff. The project area was reviewed after the meeting. Manager Kral was also invited and attended the meeting. Guetter is writing a Federal RCCP grant proposal due July 8th. Guetter met with two landowners towards completing the flowage easements and is working with City of Detroit Lakes to complete the industrial parking lots.

DL Overlook Restore the Shore Improvements – The shoreline repair work and native tree, shrub, and plant replacement plantings were completed the week of May 25. We are currently working on a maintenance plan with the City to ensure that the new plants receive water and necessary care, the interns will be assisting with this effort. Project partners include the District, City of Detroit Lakes, Lake Detroiters, Becker Soil and Water Conservation District, MN Conservation Corps. Total cost of the project is \$ 11,487 (PRWD - \$ 4,287, City of Detroit Lakes - \$3,700, Lake Detroiters - \$3,500), which includes cost for planting labor (Becker SWCD and Conservation Corps), trees, shrubs, plants, grasses, erosion control materials, wood chips. The City of Detroit Lakes Streets and Park Department assisted with repairing near shore ice heaving, spraying invasive terrestrial weeds, watering and mulching. PRWD staff helped with planting and watering.

Revised Management Plan update – Guetter met with Eric Evenson-Marsden, Becker Planning and Zoning Administrator; Peter Mead, Becker Soil and Water Conservation District Administrator; and Roger Hemphill, MN DNR Hydrologist; to explore working together since each entity is required to update their Water Management Plans by the end of 2016. The Board of Soil and Water Resources PRAP report encouraged more collaboration between Becker Planning and Zoning and the SWCD. It was discussed to meld plan requirements for each entity (using One Watershed One Plan as a potential template as a place to begin). Guetter will discuss how this could work with Doug Thomas, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources. We will start the process in July.

Detroit Airport Meeting- On June 22, a scoping meeting is scheduled for the Becker County – Detroit Lakes Airport with officials and staff from MN DOT FAA, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, MN Dept of Natural Resources, MN Board of Water and Soil Resources; US Army Corps of Engineers; US Environmental Protection Agency; US Senate and Representative offices, and local government agencies. The public scoping meeting is from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the City Hall office on Roosevelt Avenue. Public comments on the plans are due by July 9th.

WATER MANAGEMENT RULES

Permits – Although the number of permits has decreased, there are a few that are taking considerable time due to violations. Alcott continues to work with the property owners and contractors in these cases very closely. Alcott is scheduling a meeting with Becker County and City of Detroit Lakes staff to address recent shoreland violations.

Detroit Lakes Planning Commission – The District submitted comments at the May meeting regarding impervious surface coverage and lake setback requests.

MONITORING – Alcott and the interns met with Rodger Hemphill (MN DNR hydrologist) to practice stream ratings and zeroing stream gages. They also met with Bruce Paahk (MPCA) to review the District's 2015 monitoring plan and talk about the future direction of the program. The new GPS equipment has been ordered and staff will be trained on June 29th.

Stream Monitoring – After a record month of rain in May (8.3 inches) the staff was busy taking numerous storm samples in addition to the routine sampling schedule. Stream levels have risen as a result of the heavy rain events.

Lake Monitoring – Lake levels have risen back to above the Ordinary High water level after the recent rain. Several small algal blooms were observed on the east shore of Big Detroit and on Lind Lake (just east of Melissa), most likely as a result from stormwater runoff.

MN GreenCorps Member – Jillian Walechka resigned from the GreenCorps program on June 1. She was assigned to work until August 18th at the District. Her project tasks will be reassigned amongst staff for completion.

EDUCATION/OUTREACH

KDLM Radio – Guetter was the May guest on Hodge Podge and discussed the Detroit Overlook project, ways for local government agencies to work together and the need for planning board education sessions.

TV 3 – A segment on the Detroit Lake Overlook was filmed.

Becker County Fair – Moses and Sundberg attended a meeting coordinated by DNR staff regarding BC Fair activities in the Natural Resources building. Moses and our Interns will man our booth. Staff is working on a children's game regarding plants and animals that are "helpful" or "harmful" to our lakes. We are also working on updating our display board with information on buffers and water quality.

Becker County Ordinance Review Committee –The meeting for June 11 is being rescheduled to a later date.

City of Detroit Lakes Planning Commission Training Session – The session is scheduled for Monday, June 29th from 4:00 – 6:00 PM in the City Council chambers.

Lake Association Meetings – Area lake associations are starting to hold their annual meetings. Staff has been invited to Floyd Shores on June 13 and Lake Detroiters on June 27. Both associations requested and received District monitoring and stormwater project information for their newsletters. Becker County Coalition of Lake Associations meets the second Thursday of the month April-October at the Holiday Inn, 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

MN Legislative Special Session - The Environment-Natural Resources Bill was vetoed by Governor Dayton and will be taken up again in the legislative special session. Partial state shutdown will begin July 1st if the bills are not passed. We are working to make sure our Flowering rush treatments are completed before this time.

AQUATIC PLANT MANAGEMENT

Roadside Pickup – Anderson and Genz started after Memorial Day weekend. At the May meeting, Anderson reported the water faucet on the County building at Dunton Park was not working. Doug Leitheiser, Becker County Natural Resources, informed the office the hydrant/faucet will be repaired in the near future. Anderson is repairing the roof leak on the District's shed located in Dunton Park.

Flowering Rush Treatments – Guetter and MN DNR staff reviewed Detroit, Curfman, Sallie, and Melissa on June 11-12 for final permit review/approvals. Gray Turnage, Mississippi State University, will be here the week of June 15th to train staff on sampling protocols. Guetter has been in contact with Michelle Marko, Concordia College to explore partnership with sampling and analyzing data. Depending upon weather conditions, treatments are scheduled to occur between June 18th – 26 (before July 1st in case of State of MN shutdown). Significant flowering rush reductions in plots with 3 treatment years. Plots with two years of treatment had good reductions, but not at the same levels as the areas with 3 treatment years. Alcott mapped Curly leafed pondweed beds on Big Detroit. We are hoping to get permits to harvest next week.

A recent column by a local fishing guide in the Detroit Lakes Tribune questioned the integrity of the Flowering rush research control project on Detroit Lake and other aquatic invasive plant species treatments on Toad Lake for Curly-leafed pondweed. Guetter, MN DNR, and Mississippi State researchers submitted information to the newspaper, based on sound science and facts, not conjecture. Staff was disappointed no contact had been made to the District or MN DNR prior to writing the column.

U of MN AIS Research Center Advisory Committee– Guetter attended the May meeting via teleconference to review the following: research needs assessment, funding, researcher recruitment, strategic plan.

MN DNR AIS Advisory Committee – Guetter attended the May meeting via teleconference. See MN DNR website for detailed meeting notes at: www.dnr.state.mn.us/aisadvisory/

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

2015 Financial Audit –Moses sent out requests for bids for auditing services to three agencies who perform government audits. Two responded back to the request. She will continue to explore options in this regard.

RTVision Software meeting – Guetter attended a meeting at the county to learn more about software technology for permitting programs. Staff from various agencies are exploring ways to pool financial resources and streamline paperwork for the public (our customers) and reduce workloads. There may be similar technologies to look into.

Apparel – Hats and shirts were ordered for staff and interns. Extra hats were ordered for the managers.

Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts Summer Tour - The summer tour will be held in Duluth on June 24-25. Managers Okeson, Haggart, and Imholte will be attending the tour. The Association of Watershed District Administrator's meeting will be held on June 23 in Duluth.

Ditch Inspector's Report June 2015

Ditch 11/12 - Nothing to report.

Ditch 13 – Lundberg reported he removed two beaver dams (one was blown out due to adverse location!) and started trapping. After the dams were removed, the river reversed its direction and flowed back out of Little Floyd Lake outlet.

Ditch 14 – Nothing to report.

RULES OF ENFORCEMENT



June 2015

PERMITS ISSUED:

15-57	Rick Jordahl	419 North Shore Dr.	Repair ice damage on shore line/Remove block wall.
15-58	Jane Roggensack	11789 Fern Beach	Ice damage repair.
15-59	Kay Larson	808 South Shore Dr.	Ice damage repair.
15-60	Mike/Michelle Weigelt	11492 Ravenswood Beach	Rip rap repair.
15-61	Carolyn/Alan Dostert	11488 Ravenswood Beach	Rip rap repair.
15-62	Justin Scallon	1572 West Lake Dr.	Rip rap/Alteration to land
15-63	David/Leah Pettit	21762 Floyd Lake Dr.	Alteration to land in SIZ
15-64	O. Arthur Holm	923 North Shore Dr.	Rip rap repair.
15-65	Kevin Shipley	1980 Long Bridge Road	Rip rap repair, restoration of ice ridge erosion control. Rain garden.
15-66	Judd Graham	1866 Brainard Circle	Rip rap/sand blanket

Permit Applications submitted:

- Knute Thorsgard—14416 E. Fox Lake Rd.—Lake access/boat ramp
- Joni & Jason McCrackin—12606 South Abbey Lake Ln—Alteration to land

VIOLATIONS UNDER REMEDIATION:

15-34 (14-35) Paul & Dan Friesen—New permit issued with restoration conditions

Mike & Jenny Gunderson—Violation, stop work order issued 5/20/15, working with owners & contractors to remediate.

Christian & Nacole Haug—Violation, stop work order issued 6/9/15.

Winton Johnson—Cease & Desist Order issued for wetland fill on 6/1/15 by MN DNR. BSWCD preparing restoration order.

OTHER PROJECTS UNDER REVIEW:

- * BTD—Addition
- * Action Fab—Parking Addition
- * Team—Addition