### Regular Meeting Agenda



Date:	Wednesday, April 17, 2024 – Revision 2
Time:	08:30 AM
Location:	Wells Fargo Building, Second Floor Meeting Room
	211 Holmes St. West, Detroit Lakes MN

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### 08:30 AM - Call to Order - Regular Meeting

### 1. General Housekeeping

### 1.1. Approve Consent Agenda

### 1.1.1. Secretary Report

- 1.1.1.1. Minutes Regular Meeting March 20, 2024
- 1.1.1.2. Minutes Special Meeting with Workshop March 29, 2024
- 1.1.1.3. Administrator's Report (including the Ditch Inspector's Report)
- 1.1.1.4. Rules/Permitting Report
- 1.1.2. Pulled Consent Agenda Items
- 1.2. Public Comment Period Public may address the Board for up to 3 minutes per person.

### 1.3. Treasurer Report

- 1.3.1.1. Approve April 2024 Bills and 1st Quarter 2024 Manager expenses
- 1.3.1.2. Approve April 2024 Fund Transfer
- 1.3.1.3. Approve January-March 2024 Revenue & Expense Report

#### 2. Unfinished Business - none

- 3. New Business (09:00 AM)
  - 3.1. Cost Share Application Approval Detroit Lakes Community and Cultural Center
  - 3.2. Education Grant Approval Mrs. Wolf, Roosevelt Elementary STEAM teacher
  - 3.3. Moore Engineering Master Service Agreement and Tasks 1 & 2.

#### 4. Reports (09:15 AM)

- 4.1. Attorney Lukas Croaker MOU agreement update
- 4.2. Engineer Moore Engineering

### 5. Manager Workshop #2 - Rules Revision – Garrett Monson, Moore Engineering. (9:30 AM)

### 6. Discussion Items (09:10 AM)

- 6.1. Gathering Partners Conference Attendance.
- 7. Confirm upcoming meeting dates and times.
  - 7.1. May Regular Meeting including Workshop #3 Wednesday, May 15, 2024, 08:30 AM

#### 12:00 PM Adjournment

### **Regular Meeting Minutes**



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Location:	Wells Fargo Building, Second Floor Meeting Room
	211 Holmes St. West, Detroit Lakes MN
Managers	Rick Michaelson, Dennis Kral, Orrin Okeson (IT), Chris Jasken, Phil Hansen
Present:	
Managers	Charles Jasken, Laurie Olson
Absent:	
Staff:	Administrator Guetter, Kemper, Utecht, Bach
Consultants	Lukas Croaker (Ohnstad Twichell), Chad Engels (Moore Engineering), Jordan White
	(Claussen & Schiessl CPAs) via IT
Others:	John Okeson (Becker County Commissioner), Rob Bredeson (City of Detroit Lakes)

Action Items in bold face

Call to Order – The Regular Managers' meeting was called to order by President Michaelson at 08:35 AM.

### 1. General Housekeeping

- 1.1. **Approve Consent Agenda:** Manager Michaelson asked that the Rules report be pulled from the consent agenda for further discussion. Documented discussion and action as item 1.2.
  - 1.1.1. Motion to approve the consent agenda with the Rules Report pulled. (Krall, Hansen) roll call vote. Carried unanimously.

**Rules Report:** Kemper (PRWD Water Resource Coordinator) reviewed rules report and highlighted updates.

- 1.1.1.1. Shore Impact Zone (SIZ) Violation – 13281 West Lake Sallie Drive. On Lake Sallie, five (5) trees located within the SIZ were removed without a PRWD permit. Attorney Croaker assisted staff with the notification letter to the landowner. Staff noted two of the five trees removed had signs of disease. The landowner contacted PRWD after receiving the letter, noting he had contacted the City of Detroit Lakes and the DNR and was informed a permit was not needed for the tree removal. The landowner is cooperative and will replace trees. Additional discussion was held about the recent meeting between Becker County Zoning, Cormorant Lakes Watershed, and PRWD and one of the discussion topics were the agency differences with how tree/vegetation removal violations in the SIZ are addressed - Cormorant WD is 2:1 replacement, PRWD is 3:1 replacement, Becker County is a fine. The Board also discussed a tree cost share program to encourage landowners to plant along their lakeshore. Attorney Croaker recommended if the Board wishes to deviate from their current 3:1 tree replacement ratio for violations, a motion should be made.
- 1.1.1.2. Motion to require a 1:1 tree replacement for the two (2) diseased trees removed and a 2:1 replacement for the three (3) healthy trees removed in the SIZ for a total of eight (8) trees required to be planted in the SIZ to mitigate the unpermitted removal of five (5) trees in the SIZ at 13281 West Lake Sallie Drive property (Hansen, Chris Jasken) roll call vote. Carried unanimously.

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- 1.1.2. Public Comment No public comment.
- **1.1.3. Treasurer Report –** Delayed to after new business 3.1 Financial Audit. Return to Unfinished business. 09:20 AM.
  - 1.1.3.1. Motion to approve March 2024 Bills. (Hansen, Michaelson) roll call vote. Carried unanimously. (attached hereto). EFT2347, EFT2352-EFT2355, EFT2367-EFT2369, EFT2370-EFT2379, EFT2383-EFT2386, Checks 015209-015214, Checks 015218-015224
  - 1.1.3.2. Motion to approve March 2024 fund transfer from savings to checking of \$65,000. (Hansen, Chris Jasken) roll call vote. Carried unanimously.
  - 1.1.3.3. Motion to approve January February 2024 Revenue and Expense Report. (Hansen, Kral) roll call vote. Carried unanimously.

#### 2. Unfinished Business -09:39 AM.

- 2.1. Manager Hansen requested exploring a system for marking the Ordinary High Water (OHW) on stream gages that are located at the outlet of district Lakes. Kemper will work with Mr. Engels at Moore Engineering and contact the MN DNR to check feasibility for placing a marking on the gages.
- 2.2. Administrator Guetter reminded attendees that the Pelican River Watershed does not manage lake or river water levels. Water levels are under the jurisdiction of the MN DNR (State) and ACOE (Federal).
- 2.3. Administrator Guetter discussed recent ice movement on the lakes and sand ridges forming along the shorelines from the ice off movement scraping the lake bottom due to low water levels. Staff will develop information on how to address the shoreline sand ridges and send out to lake associations, contractors, and post on social media.

#### 3. New Business

- 3.1. **Financial Audit Report Clausen & Schiessl Approval** 09:08 AM Jordan White from Clausen & Schiessl CPAs presented the 2023 Financial Audit. No material discrepancies were found in our accounting and the district is in good financial order. Reports attached.
  - 3.1.1. Motion to approve the 2023 Audit Report by Clausen & Schiessl. (Hansen, Chris Jasken) roll call vote. Carried unanimously. The audit will be posted to the District's website and filed with the State of MN Auditor. Mr. White left meeting. Return to Unfinished Business Section 2.
- 3.2. **2024 Workplan Approval** 09:53 AM Administrator Guetter presented the 2024 Workplan.
  - 3.2.1. Motion to approve the 2024 Work Plan. (Chris Jasken, Hansen) roll call vote. Carried unanimously. The work plan is on website.

#### 4. Reports

4.1. Attorney – 10:45 AM - Lukas Croaker stated he drafted a violation letter and attended a March 1<sup>st</sup> permit meeting with Becker County (Kyle Vareberg, John Okeson, Carrie Smith), Cormorant Lakes Watershed (Ellis Peterson) and PRWD (Rick Michelson, Attorney Lukas Croaker, Tera Guetter). Attorney Croaker stated the joint meeting was productive and briefly reviewed the high points discussed at the meeting:

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- 4.1.1. Retaining walls County requires an additional step requiring Planning Commission approval.
- 4.1.2. Vegetation and tree removal recommend further definitions and clarification; violations.
- 4.1.3. Sand blankets PRWD allows perched sand blankets.
- 4.1.4. Stormwater Management mitigation and runoff management
- 4.1.5. Permit / Inspection Fees
- 4.1.6. Permit Platform Schneider explore shared use and costs
- 4.1.7. Permit Awareness coordination and communication

Attorney Croaker will prepare a draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County and PRWD for 2024 operations. PRWD will continue to meet with the County and Cormorant WD to work on ordinance and rule clarifications this year and draft an updated MOA after the respective ordinance and rules revisions are completed (anticipated early 2025 timeframe). Commissioner John Okeson left the meeting at 11:15 AM to attend another scheduled meeting.

4.2. Engineer – 11:31 AM - Moore Engineering – Chad Engels. Engineer Engels noted the PRWD work plan outlines the Otter Tail 1W1P /PRWD water management goals and encouraged the Managers to periodically review the goals and to think about how updating and clarifying the Rules can assist with reaching the water quality goals. He also reported permit plan reviews have transitioned from Stantec to Moore Engineering.

### 5. Discussion Items (10:00 AM)

- 5.1. Little Floyd Lake Rock Arch Rapids 11:30 AM. The bid specification for the project has been posted and advertised. Bid opening will be held on March 28, 2024 at 1:00 PM with Houston Engineering. After the bid opening, HEI will review and prepare a bid tabulation sheet. Managers will award the project bid/contractor at the Special Meeting on March 29, 2024.
- 6. Confirm upcoming meeting dates and times. 11:40 AM
  - 6.1. Special Meeting March 29, 2024
    - 6.1.1. 08:30 AM –Little Floyd Lake Rock Arch Rapids Bid Award; and Moore Engineering Service Agreement Task 3 Rules Update
    - 6.1.2. 09:00 AM Manager Workshop Education session
  - 6.2. April Regular Meeting and Rules Update Workshop Wednesday, April 17, 08:30 AM. Moving forward, the board concensus is to include the Rules Workshops as part of the regular monthly meetings.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:43 AM. (Kral, Chris Jasken) – roll call vote. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Jasken, Secretary

Meeting Approved

### Pelican River Watershed District Claims Paid - March 2024

Payee	Date	Num	Am	nount
*Guetter,Tera	3/21/2024	EFT2370	\$	356.40
*Rix-Bach, Shanna	3/21/2024	EFT2371	\$	159.70
	E	Employee Expenses Total:	\$	516.10
Bremer Bank	3/20/2024	EFT2375	\$	18.50
Loffler Companies, Inc.	3/20/2024	EFT2376	\$	176.91
	Vendor	Expenses - Autopay Total:	\$	195.41
Premium Waters, Inc.	3/20/2024	015209	\$	22.74
Ohnstad Twichell, P.C.	3/20/2024	015210	\$	58.00
Office of MNIT Services	3/20/2024	015211	\$	69.51
Loffler	3/20/2024	015212	\$	116.00
League of MN Cities	3/20/2024	015213	\$	5,070.00
Houston Engineering Inc.	3/20/2024	015214	\$	20,621.42
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Arvig	3/20/2024	015219	\$	69.79
Bank of America	3/20/2024	015220	\$	983.46
ESRI	3/20/2024	015221	\$	230.00
Forum Communications	3/20/2024	015222	\$	459.00
Column Software PBC	3/21/2024	015223	\$	458.56
Becker County	3/27/2024	015224	\$	100.00
	Vendo	or Expenses - Check Total:	\$	28,295.89
Lakes Computer, Inc.	3/22/2024	EFT2372	\$	190.00
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Wells Fargo-Office Lease	3/22/2024	EFT2373	\$	1,338.57
Stantec Consulting Services Inc.	3/22/2024	EFT2374	\$	200.00
	Ver	ndor Expenses - EFT Total:	\$	1,982.32
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Benefits	3/4/2024	EFT2353-EFT2355	\$	2,864.60
Bi-Weekly Payroll	3/14/2024	EFT2367-EFT2369	\$	4,812.81
Bi-Weekly Payroll	3/28/2024	EFT2377-EFT2379	\$	4,812.81
		Payroll Total:	\$	12,490.22
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	3/15/2024	EFT2367A	\$	1,881.76
Federal Tax	3/28/2024	EFT2377A	\$	1,881.76
MN Revenue	3/31/2024	EFT2383	\$	815.00
MN State Retirement System	3/31/2024	EFT2385-EFT2386	\$	4,676.00
PERA	3/31/2024	EFT2384	\$	2,606.14
		Payroll Liabilities Total:	<b></b>	14,626.14

*Total for Month:* \$ 58,106.08

### **Special Meeting Minutes**



Date:	Friday, March 29, 2024
Location:	Wells Fargo Building, Second Floor Meeting Room
	211 Holmes St. West, Detroit Lakes MN
Managers	Rick Michaelson, Dennis Kral, Chris Jasken, Phil Hansen, Laurie Olson, Charles
Present:	Jasken
Managers	Orrin Okeson
Absent:	
Staff:	Administrator Guetter, Kemper, Bach
Consultants	Lukas Croaker (Ohnstad Twichell), Chad Engels (Moore Engineering), Garrett
	Monson (Moore Engineering)
Others:	Birch Burdick (Sallie Melissa Lake Association), Liz Larson (Administrator,
	Cormorant Lakes Watershed District), Jeff Moritz (Board Manager, Cormorant
	Lakes Watershed District), Ellis Peterson (Chairman, Cormorant Lakes Watershed
	District)

Action Items in bold face

Call to Order – The Special Managers' meeting was called to order by President Michaelson at 08:35 AM.

### 1. Little Floyd Lake Rock Arch Rapids Project - Construction Bid Award

- 1.1. Administrator Guetter presented Houston Engineering's bid tabulations from the Little Floyd Lake Rock Arch Rapids Project Construction Bid.
- 1.2. Motion to accept the HEI recommendation and low bid from Hough, Inc in the amount of \$69,138.50 for the Base project bid for Little Floyd Lake Rock Arch Rapids Project and the Alternative 1 bid in the amount of \$1,676.80. (Hansen, Kral) carried unanimously (attached hereto).
- 1.3. Motion for the Pelican River Watershed district to cover the cost of the Alternative 1 bid \$1,676.80 for the homeowners. (Kral, Charles Jasken) carried unanimously. The alternative 1 bid item is to address excess water on lot and is not part of the MN DNR project or an eligible MN DNR Grant expense.
- 1.4. Motion to approve the payment of \$100.00 to Becker County for the Land Alteration Permit for the Little Floyd Lake Rock Arch Rapids Project (Olson, Charles Jasken) – carried unanimously. Permit fees are exempt on government land, but the project work is on private land and a permit fee is required.

### 2. Moore Engineering – Service Agreement for Rules Update/Meeting Date Schedule

2.1. Chad Engels and Garrett Monson presented Task Order No. 3 dated March 29, 2024 related to estimated cost and schedule of Rules Revision meetings and processes. The estimated fee for the process is \$51,200.00. It was noted by Manager Hansen that the cost does not include the attorney expenses.

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- 2.2. Motion to approve Moore Engineering Task Order No 3 dated March 29, 2024. (Charles Jasken, Olson) carried unanimously (attached hereto).
- 3. Manager Workshop Presented by Garrett Monson (Moore Engineering) 'PRWD Rule Revision Board Workshop #1 Goals & Objectives" [09:04 AM]
- 4. Meeting Adjourned by Manager Michaelson 11:06 AM.
- 5. Upcoming meeting dates and times.
  - 5.1. April Regular Meeting Wednesday, April 17, 08:30 AM with the Manager Workshop immediately following business.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Jasken, Secretary

Meeting Approved



1401 21st Avenue North | Fargo, ND 58102

March 28, 2024

Board of Managers Pelican River Watershed District 211 Holmes St. West, Suite 201 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Subject: Little Floyd Lake Rock Arch Rapids

Bid Tabulation HEI No. 6498\_0003

### **Dear Managers:**

The bid opening for the above referenced project was at 1:00pm on March 28, 2024. The low bid was submitted by Hough Inc. with a total base bid amount of \$69,138.50 and a total alternative 1 bid amount of \$1,676.80. The bid tabulation has been enclosed. We recommend awarding the contract to Hough Inc.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to give me a call at (701) 551-1927.

Sincerely,

HOUSTON ENGINEERING, INC.

to Gronrold

Victor P. Gronvold, EIT

**Enclosures** 

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Engineer: Houston Engineering, Inc. 1401-21st Avenue North Forgo, NE) 58102

BID TABULATION Little Poyd Lake Rock Arch Kapids Pelican River Watershed District Detroit Lakes, Minnusota

Bid Date: March 28th, 2024 1:00 PM

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### **Surface Waters Protection and Enhancement**

- 1. Capital Improvement Projects/Structural and Non-Structural Practices
  - a. **Rice Lake Capital Improvement Project (CIP). Phase 2- Lower Structure** Guetter will check with City to make sure all parcels on City property have an easement recorded. Next step is to advertise for bids.
  - b. **Campbell Creek Project (CIP**). The EPA approved the final work plan and we are working through the grant agreement contracting process. Upon finalization of the Grant agreement, Stantec and Becker SWCD can begin project work. At the May or June Meeting we will have Stantec make an update on the project to the Board.
  - c. **MN DNR FEMA Otter Tail River HUC8 Watershed on a "Risk Map" project**. Nothing further to report. Guetter and Stantec staff need to set up a time to review remaining work items to complete the project and grant.
  - d. Little Floyd Lake Rock Arch Rapids Nothing further to report.
  - e. Bucks Mill Dam Nick Kludt, MN DNR is providing a project update at the April board meeting.

### 2. Becker County Drainage Systems 11, 12, 13 and 14

- a. Ditch 11 No activity to report.
- b. **Ditch 12** No activity to report.
- c. DITCH 13 (Little Floyd Lake to Big Detroit)
  - i. Open Work Orders
    - 1. 8<sup>th</sup> Ave south of Tweeton Refrigeration Feldt Plumbing has removed dam. Work order closed.
    - 2. Jackson Avenue Open work order for Josh Campbell to trap.
- d. DITCH 14 and BRANCH 1 (HWY 10 to St. Clair Lake to Pelican River) No activity to report.
- e. MADI Conference Guetter attended the MADI Conference March 21 & 22 in St. Cloud. Updates at the meeting included Drainage Work Group/BWSR update; FEMA Floodplan Mapping Progress/MN DNR; Survey Technology and Applications for Drainage/Frontier Precision; Vegetation Establishment and Maintenance/MN DOT, Drainage Proceeding Happenings/Issue Rinke Noonan; Slope and Soil Instability/Braun Intertec & Moore Eng. The next MADI meeting is scheduled for August.

### 3. WATER MANAGEMENT RULES – see enclosed report.

- a. Becker County MOA. Kyle Vareberg, Becker County Zoning met with Commissioner Okeson and Interim County Administrator Carrie Smith and sent some guidance for the draft MOA to Attorney Croaker.
- **b.** Moore Engineering Master Service Agreement The Master Service Agreement between the Pelican River Watershed District and Moore Engineering has been reviewed by Attorney Croaker. The Master Service agreement and Tasks 1 and Tasks 2 will be on the April meeting agenda for board approval.
- c. Rules Revision Workshop #1 Garrett Monson (Moore Engineering) presented the first workshop outlining the rules revision process goals on March 29, 2024. The second workshop will be held April 17, 2024, immediately following the Regular Meeting. The topic will be general watershed background and science.
- **d.** Shared 1W1P Technician Utech has been following up on closing out past permits with site visits and photos of the completed projects. He is also shadowing Kemper on shoreline visits. Currently working on setting up a re-occurring meetings with Becker SWCD and Cormorant WD to coordinate efforts for shoreline work and cost share programs.

### 4. HABITAT PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

- a. <u>River/Stream Connectivity Barriers to Fish Movement.</u>
   Little Floyd Lake Structure Modification Project. Nothing further to report from last month's meeting.
- b. Aquatic Invasive Species Prevention and Management. CLP treatments will occur based upon favorable weather conditions in the May 8<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> timeframe. We will post updates on our website, <u>Facebook</u>, radio. We are working closely with MN DNR, Mankato State, and PLM to coordinate research, pretreatment surveys, and treatments.

c. <u>AIS Research Study Proposal – CLP Flumioxazin Herbicide Treatments</u>. The Mankato State University agreement has been signed (completed 3/22/2024). Research work will start May 6<sup>th</sup> timeframe.

### 5. <u>EDUCATION AND OUTREACH (Website, Social Media, and Workshops)</u>

a. Local Media/Mailings. Guetter and Kemper were interviewed on April 11<sup>th</sup> by Valley News for a TV segment on the sand ridges on area lakes.

### Hodge Podge Radio - Gina and Shanna were on Hodge March 21.

- i. Discussed low lake levels and potentially high in-lake vegetation growth due to the limited snow cover.
- ii. CLP Research Project
- iii. Reviewed Grant opportunities for schools and homeowners.
- iv. Social media LIKE our Facebook and Instagram sites!

### b. Social Media Posts (Facebook & Instagram) – Facebook Followers – 171, Instagram Followers - 7

Date	Description	Engagement
3/15/2024	Shared Becker Co Museum Pollination Investigation	0 likes, 0 comments, 0 shares
	Camp offering.	
3/15/2024	Posted Little Floyd Lake Rock Arch Rapids RFP	0 likes, 0 comments, 1 share
3/15/2024	Shared Friends of Tamarac Charitable Pint Night	1 likes, 0 comments, 0 shares
3/19/2024	Shared DL Online story about early ice out record	0 likes, 0 comments, 0 shares
	breaking.	
3/19/2024	Shared Lake Detroiters Detroit Ice Out History	0 likes, 0 comments, 0 shares
3/20/2024	Share Annual Refuge Cleanup Day	0 likes, 0 comments, 0 shares
3/20/2024	Posted AIS Treatment Notification	0 likes, 0 comments, 0 shares
3/27/2024	Posted Approval of Annual Work Plan	1 like, 0 comments, 0 shares
4/2/2024	Posted BMP Cost Share Program Summary	5 likes, 1 comment, 1 share
4/3/2024	Shared DL Online story about Invasive Carp	0 likes, 0 comments, 0 shares

#### c. Conservation Education Meeting:

- i. "No Child left Inside" Education Group Kemper and Bach attended a meeting on April 2 at the Becker Co Museum. Mike Swan, former White Earth Natural Resources Director, spoke about the intersection of Indigenous Culture, Science, Education, and Conservation.
- d. Lake Handouts- Work continues on lake association handouts for Detroit/Curfman, Sallie/Melissa, Floyds, and Long Lakes. We have contacted lake association heads about AIS treatments and distributed a 1-page flyer summarizing some upcoming activity to be included in their spring newsletters.
- e. **Lake Association Newsletter Page** A newsletter insert for Lake Associations was distributed to presidents for inclusion in spring correspondence (attached).
- f. **Ice Damage Flyer** A flyer summarizing permitting requirements and information about ice damage was developed and distributed to lake associations, contractors, Becker County Zoning and Detroit Lakes Planning. (attached)
- g. **Tree Service Reminders** Working on a flyer to remind tree service companies of the rules for tree removal in the SIZ.
- h. **Summer Fishing League Coaches** PRWD staff will attend tournaments as available to help. Board Managers are welcome to come and meet some fisher-teens, too!
  - i. Local Lake Tournament Dates:
    - 1. 5/14 Lake Sallie
    - 2. 6/8 Big Detroit Walleye Tournament
    - 3. 6/11 Big Detroit Tournament
    - 4. 8/6 Lake Melissa

- i. Grant Programs:
  - i. Education Dollars
    - 1. Cost Share Program: Budget \$15,000, Remaining unencumbered: \$11,059.50
      - a. Approved to date: Becker County Museum (\$3000) pending
      - b. Paid out: Becker County Museum (approved FY23) \$940.50
- j. Shoreline Landscaping Education Class Shanna is working with a few landscapers to develop a landscaping seminar / class for summer. She has been in contact with Becky Mitchel at the Museum and Lance Akers of Natures One Design for potential partnership.
- k. Ottertail 1W1P Education and Outreach Group See 1W1P Section.

### 6. <u>DISTRICT OPERATIONS/ADMINISTRATION</u>

- **e. Storage Building at Dunton Park** Staff will continue dialogue with County staff and explore options this summer.
- f. 2023 Annual Report The report will reviewed for approval at the May meeting.
- g. Grant Oversight Campbell Creek Watershed Restoration (MPCA Section 319 Small Watersheds Focus Group C Grant Funding), FEMA Grant, BWSR Clean Water Rice Lake Project – Phase 1 & Phase 2. MN DNR – Conservation Partners Legacy Grant, Otter Tail 1W1P Implementation Grant.
- h. Gathering Partners UofM Extension. A summary of the events for the Gathering Partners meeting (May 17-19, 2024, at Fair Hills Resort) was sent to the Board Managers. PRWD staff will host a tour of the Rice Lake Phase I project site and the Highway 10 Overlook. This will be followed by a trip to the Detroit Lakes Wastewater Treatment Plant for a tour by Rob Bredeson of the City.
- i. Quarter 1 2024 Quarterly financial documentation (IRS 941, MN Department of Revenue filings, MN unemployment filings) are complete and ready for treasurer signature.

### Otter Tail River 1W1P Partnership – WEBSITE: <a href="https://www.eotswcd.org/ot1w1p/">https://www.eotswcd.org/ot1w1p/</a>

- **a. 1W1P Grant Feasibility Study West Area** ("**Willow Pond"**) **Stormwater Treatment** –Study started by Stantec Engineering. No further updates.
- **b. OTW TAC Committee** (Guetter). The next TAC is on May 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm.
- c. OTW Education/Outreach Committee Gina and Shanna attended the first meeting of the OTW Education and Outreach Committee on March 18, 2024. Representatives from BCSWCD, CLWD, East Ottertail SWCD, & Wadena SWCD were present. The first meeting consisted of sharing what each group does for Education and Outreach and setting some goals for collaborative projects. Initial projects included a pontoon tour of a lake in each county to highlight healthy shoreline practices followed by an education session at a local bar/brewery and production of a new lakeshore education handout. Staff met with Claire from Becker County Soil & Water to update our shoreline booklet for use in the entire OT 1W1P area.

#### DATA COLLECTION AND MONITORING PROGRAM

Lakes and Streams – Kemper is now preparing materials and equipment for the 2024 Monitoring Season.

### Weather

### **March 2024 Temperatures**

What a month! Completely different weather patterns prevailed for the first half versus the second half of the month. Warm and dry the first half, followed by cool and wet the second half. Overall, most climate stations will report a mean monthly temperature that ranges from 2°F to 5°F above normal.

During the first half of the month temperatures averaged 10°F to 14°F above normal, while 196 daily maximum temperature records were set or tied, along with 34 warm daily minimum temperature records within the state climate network. Many climate stations reported daytime highs from the upper 50s to low 70s F and there were reports of many ice-out dates on area lakes. Conversely, during the second half of March temperatures averaged 5°F to 8°F colder than normal, though no new daily cold temperature records were set.

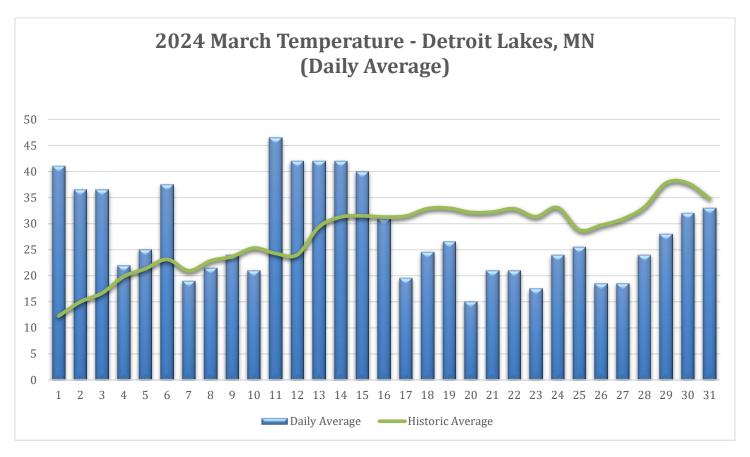
The March temperatures for Detroit Lakes were warmer than average the first half of the month with the exception of 3 days. The second half of the month remained below the historic average. Detroit Lakes reported 13 days well above the historical average and 18 days below the historic average.

Hottest Day: 66°F, March 11<sup>th</sup>

Daily average High for Detroit lakes: 37°F

Coldest Day: 7°F, March 20<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>

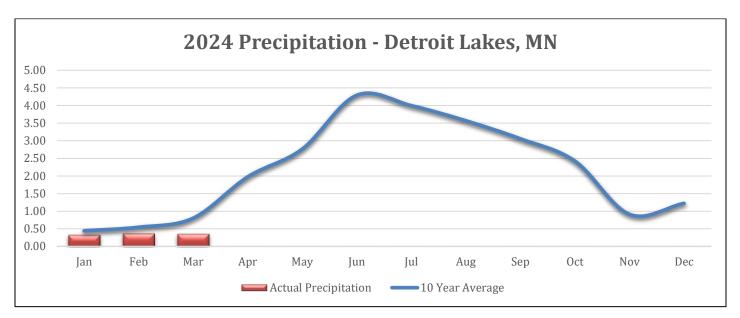
Monthly average temperature: 28°F Daily average low temperatures: 19°F

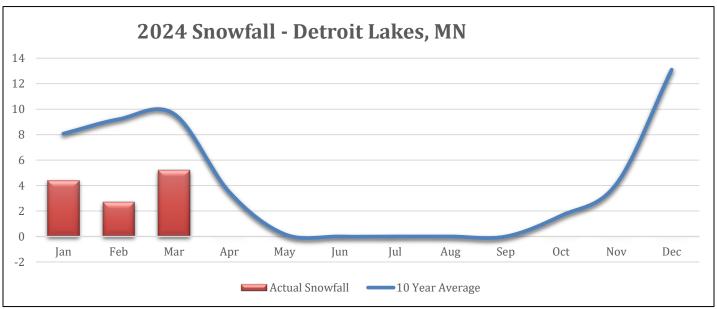


### March 2024 Rainfall / Snowfall

Moisture-wise, the first half of March was very dry, with many climate stations reporting zero precipitation and drought worsening in the state. The second half of the month brought measurable precipitation on several days, especially with back-to-back winter storms during March 21-27. Except for portions of northwestern and north-central Minnesota, most climate stations will report monthly precipitation between 1.50 and 2.50 inches. A few places will report over 3 inches. For monthly total snowfall most observers report between 6 inches and 16 inches.

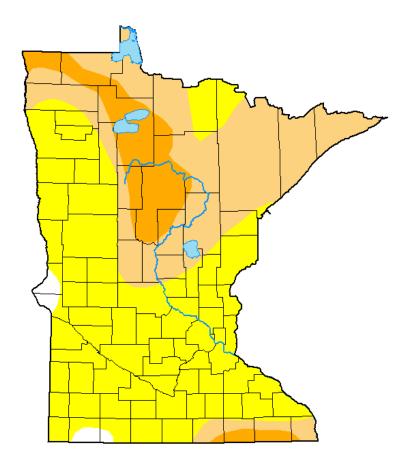
In Detroit Lakes the total rainfall was 0.35 inches which is 0.45 inches less than the 10-year average of 0.80 inches. Most of the rain fell between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup> (0.20 inches). We received a total of 5.20 inches of snow, which is down 4.43 inches from the 10-year average (9.63 inches).





This was much needed for most of the Minnesota landscape, helping to alleviate the drought condition, especially in the southern half of the state. Areas of Moderate to Severe Drought which were nearly 75 percent in the state last week were reduced to just 43 percent this week. The only major agricultural area of the state that missed out on the extra heavy precipitation was the Red River Valley in northwestern Minnesota.

# U.S. Drought Monitor Minnesota



### March 26, 2024

(Released Thursday, Mar. 28, 2024)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.38	98.62	43.37	11.43	0.00	0.00
Last Week 03-19-2024	0.52	99.48	74.74	12.42	0.25	0.00
3 Month's Ago 12-26-2023	14.82	85.18	40.24	12.42	0.25	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2024	14.82	85.18	40.24	12.42	0.25	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-26-2023	0.00	100.00	82.65	46.65	8.03	0.00
One Year Ago 03-28-2023	58.59	41.41	12.86	0.00	0.00	0.00

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None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drough

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx

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# AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES TREATMENTS

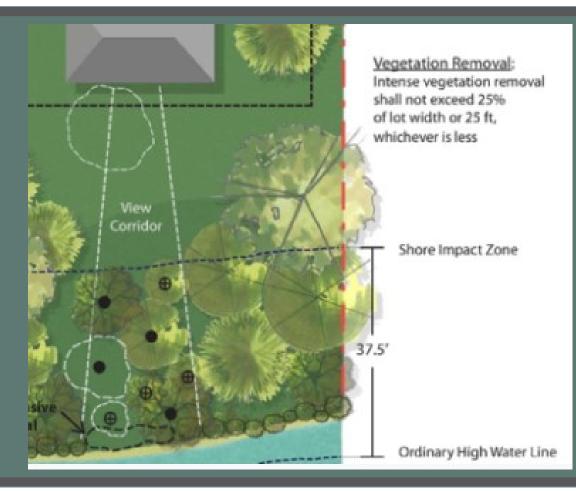
With our snowless winter, we are expecting denser growth of Curly-leaf Pondweed this summer. PRWD has scheduled AIS treatment on Muskrat, Big and Little Detroit, Curfman, North Floyd, Sallie and Melissa.

For more information on our treatments and maps of treatment locations see our website:

https://prwd.org/resources/public-notices-ais-treatments/

We are excited to announce that this summer PRWD is partnering with Minnesota State University Mankato on a research project to investigate new methods for treating Curly-leaf Pondweed in Minnesota lakes. Staff is hopeful that this will give us another tool in the toolbox for fighting AIS in our lakes.





## **PERMITS**

As your dreaming of your yard improvements this summer, don't forget your city, county, and/or watershed permits. If you're planning on doing any work in the Shore Impact Zone, give us a call and our staff will be happy to walk you through PRWD's permit process. We can give you ideas to make your shore functional, beautiful and healthy!

We will also chip in up to \$1000 to offset the costs of native plantings or tree placement on your shore as part of our Best Management Practices Cost Share program.

For more info on PRWD's permits see: <a href="https://prwd.org/permits/">https://prwd.org/permits/</a>

For more info on PRWD's Cost Share Program see: https://prwd.org/resources/watershed-stewardship-grants/

# LAKE AND STREAM MONITORING

PRWD is happy to welcome our summer interns Sheldon and Jon to our staff. These two will be out around the district performing water quality testing.

Vegetation Survey

Big Detroit

Curfman

Little Detroit

- Water Chemistry and Clarity
  - Big FloydReeves
  - North Floyd
     Curfman
  - Little FloydFox
  - Big DetroitPearl
  - Little Detroit
     Munson
  - Long Saint Clair
    - If you see us on the lake, give a wave and a thank you.
  - Sallie
- Those interns work hard in the summer to make sure
- Melissa
- Abbey
- Johnson

Shoreline Survey

Long

Pearl

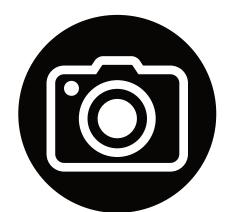
Munson

- our lakes and streams are ready for the next generation
- of lake life!

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# CHECK US OUT ONLINE!

We are so much more than permits and sampling. Did you know:

- We are in the middle of a \$1.5 million capital improvement project that will significantly decrease legacy phosphorus contamination in Detroit Lake and down stream.
- We have a grant to restore miles of stream banks on Campbell Creek that will reduce sediment and nutrient contamination in Floyd lake.
- We are working to replace the 1930's weir at the Little Floyd Lake Outlet with a state of the art fish passage to improve the safety and habitat in the northern district.

To keep up with our projects, check out the 'Our Work' section of our website OR follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

# 2024



### What should homeowners do about ice effects to their shoreline?

The combination of low water levels and ice movement has caused lake bottom sediments to be piled up near the shoreline. Because of this unique situation, landowners will not be required to obtain a permit for the spring of 2024 for beaches that resemble the pictures below.

### You DO NOT Need A Permit IF:

The sand and/or aquatic vegetation has been pushed onto the beach area, but it does not impact the shoreline (riprap or grade).







Unsure if your shore falls under the stipulations above?

Snap a picture that includes the lake and the shore. Send it to prwdpermit@arvig.net. Our permit staff will have a look and let you know what your next steps should be.

### **How to Fix:**

- 1. Clean up any vegetation on the surface of the sand.
- 2. Grade the sand or gravel to conform to the original cross section and alignment of the lakebed.

# 2024



Natural ice-ridges are normal and important features of the shoreline of lakes; they serve as a component of the shoreline habitat for birds, and other animals and plants. They also help to prevent shoreline runoff from reaching the lake. In other words, ice-ridges are good, and should be preserved whenever possible.

### Permits are Required for the following Shoreline Actions

- Shoreline alterations (installation, repair or replacement of riprap or other shoreline erosion management practices)
- Vegetation alterations (shoreline buffers; trees, shrubs, ground cover alterations, landscaping)
- Pre-existing Ice Pressure Ridge repairs
- New beach or perched sand blanket installation
- Structures, Impervious surfaces (sidewalks, lake access paths, stairs, landings, accessory structures)
- Retaining walls (installation, repair, or replacement within in Shore Impact or Bluff Impact Zones)
- Land Alterations (landscaping projects, grade changes, fill placement)



# For Ice Damage Repair Permits the following is required.

- The work is related to ice activity occurring during the previous winter.
- A ridge of no less than eight inches is maintained parallel to the shore or ice ridge repaired to previous height (whichever is higher). The 8-inch difference shall be measured between the ridge top and 3 feet landward of the ridge.
- All ice ridge material that is composed of sand or gravel is removed as provided above or graded to conform to the original cross-section and alignment of the lakebed; the work will restore or maintain the original pressure ridge elevation as the topography/condition allows.
- If more than 200 feet of shoreline is affected, a MN DNR permit is required.
- All exposed areas are immediately stabilized as needed to prevent erosion and sedimentation.

#### CALL US! EMAIL US! STOP BY AND VISIT!

211 Holmes Street West – Wells Fargo Building – Suite 201, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

218-846-0436 – <u>prwdpermit@arvig.net</u> <u>www.prwd.org</u>

### Rules Report - April 2024



#### **PERMITS ISSUED**

No.	Name/Address	Description		
24-03	Danielson, Wallace &	Impervious Surface – Stormwater mitigation for 29.09%.		
	Renee	Addition of three season porch 16 feet x 14 feet. Mitigate for		
	685 South Shore Drive,	4.921 ft² with installation of raingardens.		
	Detroit Lakes			
24-04	Roberts, Jeff	Near shore alteration - Removal of existing retaining wall and		
	26587 Paradise Point Rd,	dead tree. Regrade shoreline, addition of riprap and native		
	Detroit Lakes	plantings, installation of edgerblock behind sand blanket, and		
		installation of lake access pathway and steps.		
24-05	Smoley, Chad	Near shore alteration – Removal of trees in the shore impact		
	13281 West Lake Sallie	zone. Planting of eight native species trees in the shore		
	Drive, Detroit Lakes	impact zone.		
24-06	Reski, Kevin & Joy	Impervious Surface – Stormwater mitigation for 25.75%.		
	1559 East Shore Drive,	Construction of a 92 foot x 40 food shed. Mitigate for 7340 ft <sup>2</sup>		
	Detroit Lakes	with installation of two 10 foot x 92 food rock/raingardens.		
24-07	Zorbas – Hanzon	Stormwater Management: Commercial >25% Impervious		
	Properties	Surface – Construction of covered seating area. Installation		
	402 West Lake Drive,	of infiltration areas beneath the new deck. Plan approved by		
	Detroit Lakes	Moore Engineering 3/28/2024.		
24-08	Pelican River Watershed	Near shore alteration & changes to Waters of the State – Little		
	District	Floyd Lake Rock Arch Rapids Installation. Modification of		
	27368 Little Floyd Lake	existing DNR outlet structure. Plan approved by Houston		
	Road, Detroit Lakes	Engineering.		
24-09	Karen Blum	Near shore alteration – Ice damage repair. Regrade		
	404 South Shore Drive,	damaged shoreline and riprap repair.		
	Detroit Lakes, MN			
24-10	Sunderland, Derek &	Near shore alteration - Regrade damaged shoreline and riprap		
	Tammy	installation.		
	512 S Shore Drive,	Impervious Surface – Stormwater mitigation for 26.99%.		
	Detroit Lakes	Impervious surface decrease from existing 31% to 26.99%.		
		Mitigate for 5879 ft <sup>2</sup> with installation of raingardens and drain basins.		
24-11	Willhelm Schaleben	Near shore alteration – Ice damage repair. Regrade		
Z4-11	Family Trust	damaged shoreline and riprap repair. Regiaue		
	939 N Shore Drive,	admaged shoretine and riprap repair.		
	Detroit Lakes			
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### PERMITS APPLICATIONS PENDING

• Soo Pass Ranch – Residential > 10,000 ft2 – Subdivision – Changes to infrastructure - Development of Lake Sallie Bluff on Lake Sallie. Project will include grading, road construction, 16 residential homes, multi-unit storage buildings, and stormwater management. Initial review by Moore Engineering will be sent to Apex Engineering with conditions on 4/11/2024.

### Rules Report-April 2024



### PERMIT APPLICATIONS EXPECTED

- Brad Wimmer Impervious Surface
- Detroit Lakes Country Club Impervious Surface Golf cart storage shed.

#### **MEETING COMMENTS**

- City of Detroit Lakes City Council
  - o March 12th Meeting No comment
  - o April 9th Meeting No comment
- City of Detroit Lakes Planning Commission
  - o April 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting comment will be sent on Brad Wimmer property
- City of Detroit Lakes Development Authority
  - March 26<sup>th</sup> Meeting No comments
- Becker County Planning and Zoning
  - March 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting
    - Jay Boeddecker Trust 13617 260<sup>th</sup> Ave, Detroit Lakes Request for a conditional Use Permit for a Shoreland Multi-unit Development consisting of 10 unit. If approved, they would need to obtain a PRWD Stormwater Mitigation Permit.
- Becker County Board of Adjustment
  - March 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting
    - John W. & Tracy L Alin (23797 County HWY22): Update. The contractor contacted the office 4/11/2024, their impervious surface plans are now under 25%. However, due to their variance for the structure located in the SIZ they will need to obtain a permit for conducting work in the SIZ.
  - o April 11th Meeting -
    - Dana E & Rita K Tomlinson (24420 Riverside Rd Detroit Lakes Request a variance to replace an existing home with a dwelling and attached garage to be located thirty-five (35) feet from the OHW due to setback issues. We recommend that all structures including decks and patios be constructed outside of the shore impact zone (setback 37.5 feet from the OHWL).

### **Pelican River Watershed Board of Managers**

Rev 04/10/2024

	January	
1/1/2024	PRWD Office Closed - New Years	
1/15/2024	PRWD Office Closed - MLK day	
1/17/2024	08:30 AM Regular Board Meeting	
	Election of Officers	
	Selection of Official Publication & Bank	
	Selection of Attorney and Engineer/Firm	
	Advertise for Summer Interns	

	April
4/17/2024	08:30 AM Regular Board Meeting
4/17/2024	Workshop with Moore Engineering after Reg Meeting
4/19/2024	Deadline to notice District to "opt out" of treatments
	CLP Treatments April - early May

July	
PRWD Office Closed - Independence Day	
08:30 AM Regular Board Meeting	
FR Treatments (late June/early July)	
Project Tours?	
Rules Revision Stakeholder meetings July/Aug	
(to be scheduled)	
	PRWD Office Closed - Independence Day  08:30 AM Regular Board Meeting  FR Treatments (late June/early July)  Project Tours?  Rules Revision Stakeholder meetings July/Aug

	October
10/16/2024	08:30 AM Regular Board Meeting
10/16/2024	Workshop with Moore Engineering after Reg Meeting
	MN WD Delegate Selection
	MW Resolutions - submit to MW
	Call office to book hotel rooms for MW Conference
	as soon as announcement is made
	Goal - Publish Draft Revised Rules
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### 2024

	February
2/5/2024	09:00 Engineer and Legal Interviews
2/6/2024	09:00 Engineer and Legal Interviews
2/19/2024	PRWD Office Closed - Presidents Day
2/22/2024	3:00 PM Brenda's Retirement Party
2/28/2024	08:30 AM Facilitator Work Sessions
2/28/2024	12:30 PM Regular Board Meeting
	Advertise for Summer Interns
	MW Legislation -review as needed

	May
5/15/2024	08:30 AM Regular Board Meeting
5/15/2024	Workshop with Moore Engineering after Reg Meeting
5/15/2024	Reservation/Registration MW Tour (June 25-27)
5/27/2024	PRWD Office Closed - Memorial Day
	Becker County Manager Appointments
	CLP Treatments April - early May

	August
8/7/2024	Becker County Fair/Booth in DNR Bldg (opens)
8/21/2024	08:30 AM Regular Board Meeting
8/21/2024	Review 2025 Preliminary Budget,
	Levy, Assessments, Fees
	FR Treatments #2 (by mid-August)
	MW Resolutions - identify any needs
	Rules Revision Stakeholder meetings July/Aug
	(to be scheduled)
	Project Tours?

	November
11/11/2024 I	PRWD Office Closed - Veterans Day
11/20/2024	08:30 AM Regular Board Meeting
	MCIT Liability Resolution
11/28/2024	PRWD Office Closed - Thanksgiving
11/29/2024	PRWD Office Closed - Thanksgiving

### **Calendar of Events**

Rules Revision Tasks in Green

	March
3/6/2024	MW Legislative/Day at Capitol
3/7/2024	MW Legislative/Day at Capitol
3/21/2024	08:30 AM Regular Board Meeting
3/29/2024	08:30 AM Special Board Meeting
	Annual Otter Tail Policy Committee Meeting
	CLP and FR public notice - Website,
	Newspaper, Lake Association groups

•	June
6/19/2024	PRWD Office Closed - Juneteenth
6/20/2024	Thursday 08:30 AM Regular Board Meeting
6/20/2024	Workshop with Moore Engineering after Reg Meeting
6/25/2024	MW Summer Tour
6/26/2024	MW Summer Tour
6/27/2024	MW Summer Tour
	FR Treatments (late June/early July)
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	September
9/2/2024	PRWD Office Closed - Labor Day
9/11/2024	08:30 Public Hearing & Regular Board Mtg
	Workshop with Moore Engineering after Reg Meeting
9/11/2024	Approve Budget, Levys, Assessments, & Fees
	send to Auditors by 9/15
	MW Resolutions - identify any needs
	Project Tours?

	December
12/4/2024	MW - Annual Conference
12/5/2024	MW- Annual Conference
12/6/2024	MW- Annual Conference
12/18/2024	08:30 AM Regular Board Meeting
	Approve Final Budget, Levys, Assment and Fees
	send to Auditors after approval
12/25/2024	PRWD Office Closed - Christmas
	Goal - Compile and Address Rule Comments
	Goal - Review Final Rules and Set Public Hearing