

# **Pelican Group of Lakes Improvement District**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, May 23, 2012

RMB Environmental Laboratories, Inc

Board Members Present: Doug Oksendahl, Denny Tollefson, Gary Hart, Larry Kohler, Jonal Uglem, Nick Valentine, Ed Johnson, Suzanne Lervick

Board Members Absent: Doug Johnson

Others Present: Moriya Rufer

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, and the meeting participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The agenda was presented and Hart requested to amend the agenda to include discussion on dock address numbers. Uglem moved to approve the amended agenda; Hart seconded and it passed.

Hart made a motion to approve the April meeting's minutes as presented. E. Johnson seconded and it passed.

Valentine presented the financial report. Not much for financial transactions. Lervick suggested looking into the bank checking fees to see if it can get waived. Valentine will look into this with the bank.

Rufer presented the Lake Coordinator Report. Pelican Lake has experienced record water clarity this spring so far. The previous record was 26 feet, while this spring it has been as high as 35 feet. Clarke treated four acres for curly-leaf pondweed in Little Pelican Lake where the Pelican River drains into the lake. The DNR grant will pay for the full cost of treatment. The shoreline restoration projects are all set to go for planting the first week of June.

Rufer put together a report comparing the plant survey from 2003 to the plant surveys from 2010-2011. Results show that the plant density is lower in the 2010-2011 survey, although that survey was done with different methods. Rufer believes the different methods and different surveying companies is the reason for the lower diversity, not that the plant community is declining.

Tollefson reported on land use changes in the taxing district. The county will send a letter out to residents that will be added to the district. This will be 103 parcels, and will go into effect in 2013. Anything classified as agriculture will not go into the district. In the future, when land gets reclassified, the county will notify PGOLID when people need to be added to the district.

Tollefson made a motion to move forward in updating the land use taxing district to the LID, in addition, this will be reviewed by the county annually in accordance with the Dec. 27, 2001 order. Kohler seconded and the motion passed.

Oksendahl reported from the nomination committee that Bill Kelsven will run for Uglem's seat in the August election. All nominees must submit bios to Uglem for the election letter.

Uglem reported that she is editing the 70 day letter and absentee ballot application. She will have Otter Tail Power do the mailing. Lervick will pursue doing electronic notices to save money. At this time, that is not possible by law. Rufer and Oksendahl will work on the PGOLID annual report. PLPOA will pay for refreshments at the PGOLID Annual Meeting.

Hart reported on the mosquito spraying. Treatment began May 24, and will continue every Thursday until Labor Day. There will be an extra treatment on 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend.

Hart also reported that there have been some sightings of tent caterpillars. PGOLID feels that the mosquito treatment will keep the caterpillars at bay. Residents should report to Hart if they have a nuisance amount of tent caterpillars. This information will be put into PLPOA's e-communications and Pelican Brief.

Kohler reported that water levels are 7.24" down from last year. The Cormorant Lakes Watershed District is still working on the water agreement with Bob Merritt.

E. Johnson reported that PGOLID is 9<sup>th</sup> on the DNR's dam replacement list, up from 16<sup>th</sup> last year. No work will likely occur on the dam this year.

E. Johnson reported that we received the contract from the DNR, and PGOLID will have 515 hours of DNR watercraft inspections this year at their access, which will cost \$3,991.

Hart reported that at the PLPOA meeting they discussed having dock address signs. The Sheriff Department recommended these signs for safety. They will be red numbers on a white reflective background. They need a 200 sign minimum to order, and there have been many residents interested.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Moriya Rufer