

# **Pelican Group of Lakes Improvement District**

## **Board of Directors Meeting**

Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Jay Elshaug Residence, Pelican Lake

Board Members Present: Doug Oksendahl, Larry Kohler, Jay Elshaug, Arlan Swenson, Bill Kelsven, Doug Johnson, Paul Horstmann

Board Members Absent: Ed Johnson, Suzanne Lervick

Others Present: Moriya Rufer, Gary Hart

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 pm, and the meeting participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Agenda was reviewed, and Doug Johnson added an update on the Fish Lake Dam to "Other Business". Oksendahl moved to approve the agenda and Kelsven seconded. The motion passed.

The minutes from the September 10 meeting were reviewed and passed with a motion by Oksendahl and a second by Swenson.

Swenson presented the financial report. The DNR shoreline grant reimbursement was received. The checking account was changed from Wells Fargo to Bell State Bank in Pelican Rapids. D. Johnson made a motion to approve the financial budget and Kohler seconded it. The motion passed.

Rufer presented the lake coordinator report. The 2014 lake and stream monitoring summaries are posted to the PGOLID website (pgolid.org). There were no problems or surprises in 2014. PGOLID has been helping the University of Minnesota with their Zebra mussel research and sharing data. Zebra mussel veliger monitoring in the lake from 2012-2014 has been showing the same patterns with a peak density around the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Rufer also presented the results from the Lake Modeling project that incorporated all past data into an identification of phosphorus sources and where to focus efforts. That report will be available soon on the PGOLID website. Rufer discussed some future project ideas as well such as encouraging conservation easements. She will gather more information and supply it to the board.

Three requests for bids were sent out to private companies for the treatment of curly-leaf pondweed in 2015. The board discussed the proposals and Clarke was chosen as the applicator again for 2015. An RMB Plant Specialist and Rufer will conduct the pre-treatment curly-leaf pondweed survey.

Oksendahl reported that he had a discussion with Otter Tail County as to reviewing the LID taxation. There are only three ways the LID can tax 1) Ad lorum (based on value of property), 2) Special assessment district, 3) fee for services.

Oksendahl reported on the PGOLID Rules of Governance. D. Johnson and Oksendahl will work together to see if the rules can be further simplified before the annual meeting.

E. Johnson gave an update on the Fish Lake Dam. E. Johnson asked the DNR if PGOLID could fix the dam and the DNR said no because the dam is owned by the DNR. Rufer will talk to the DNR about the possibility of a habitat grant to install a natural rapids dam like what's at Dunton Locks.

Rufer noted that December marked her 8<sup>th</sup> year working with PGOLID.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Moriya Rufer