

**PELICAN GROUP OF LAKES IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
Board of Directors Minutes of Meeting
April 16th, 2005 9:00 am
CORMORANT TOWN HALL**

Directors Present: Crothers, Majkrzak, Robinson, Ostbye, Stueness, Engkjer

Directors Absent: Poolman, Meidinger, Duemeland

Also Present: Steve McComas, Blue Water Science, Bob Borash, RMB Labs., Dave Borash, and Roald Lund.

Literature Distributed: Financial report, Lake Management Plan for Pelican Lake, (previously sent by mail), the Attorney General's opinion response.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Crothers at 9:06am. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the body present.

The mosquito abatement board requested to make their report first to accommodate board member Stueness's schedule.

8. Mosquito Abatement Board-Stueness

a. Volunteers are needed for mosquito traps- A request for volunteers will be submitted to the newspaper.

b. HF0496- Rep. Paul Marquart has written the Bill HF0496. Currently this Bill is waiting for a hearing. If this Bill would pass, it would all but eliminate the mosquito spraying for Pelican Lake, and potentially eliminate other items for the District.

c. An additional proposal was submitted by D. Solum for application comparison. After comparison, a motion was made by Majkrzak, seconded by Robinson, not to use aerial spraying application. The board would like to extend a thank you for all the proposals submitted.

Stueness leaves

3. Approval of Agenda- The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Minutes of previous meeting- Minutes of the 12/04 were sent electronically by Engkjer. Robinson made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Majkrzak and passed for approval. The approved minutes will be posted to the website.

Agenda Item 5. Financial report- A copy of the financial report was previously distributed electronically and presented at the meeting. After discussion, the financial report was filed for audit.

a. Approval of interim expenditures- Pres. Crothers announced that all interim expenditures made by the treasurer to pay for matters previously authorized by the Board will be approved at the next regular meeting. A motion was made by Majkrzak, seconded by Robinson, and passed to approve the expenditures as presented in the financial report.

a. Echo Bay Development Status- Robinson stated that OTC has not yet determined whether or not the moratorium will be lifted.

b. Lake resource Coordinator and project status- Bob Borash, RMB Labs., introduced his brother, Dave Borash, who will replace Aletta Schultz for the intern position.

c. Attorney General's response- Crothers- In November of 2004 the Board requested an opinion from the Minnesota Attorney General regarding "voting procedures" and clarification of a "property owner/property voter", as well as other issues. The Attorney General's office responded in a letter received in early December that it would not render an "official" opinion, but nevertheless was willing to offer some general guidance. The guidance offered was that all natural persons who are owners of property in the LID can vote. Legal entities that own property, such as a partnership or corporation or trust get one vote, and minors who are owners can be restricted to vote through an adult.

d. OTC sewer inspections- Crothers- Sewer inspections will not be made by OTC until 2007. (This item will be on the May agenda.)

7. New business:

a. RMB Lab reports- Bob Borash gave a report on the work that will be done this summer. Borash presented several area maps identifying the inlets into Pelican Lake that will be monitored. A plan of priority will be made and presented at the May meeting.

b. Blue Water Science Final Report- McComas gave his final report on the onsite systems and shoreline conditions. McComas identified the localized problems and stated we are in a "protection mode". The next step is to implement the plan. The Lake Management Plan report was distributed by mail to all board members. McComas noted that curly leaf was a "recreational and navigational problem" in some areas, but not a water "quality " problem. When complete, a copy of the Lake Management Plan will be given to the public Library. At the boards request, a few minor corrections need to be made. A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Ostbye and passed to authorize McComas to finalize these corrections with compensation up to \$500.00 for expenses.

c. 2005 Lake projects- Majkrzak, Duemeland and Borash are to review the final report of Steve McComas, and propose the priority of projects for the summer of 2005 at the May 7th, 2005 meeting.

d. Buoy count, status and placement plan- Ostbye reported that Superior Lakeside will place the buoy's in and around the lake. This cost is approximately \$1200.00-\$1500.00 for spring and fall. There are 27 buoy's total. 2 buoy's have disappeared.

f. 2005 Minnesota Legislature Action re LID's- Crothers stated that he spoke to Rep. Paul Marquart regarding the Bill HF 0496. This Bill would:

a. Affect the voting procedures of the District

b. Eliminate the District for participating, subsidizing, or publishing a district newspaper or newsletter

c. Eliminate the District in participating in, subsidizing, or conduct mosquito abatement, unless specifically authorized by board order, in which case the cost must not constitute more than ten percent of

the annual budget of the District.

d. Notwithstanding assessments or obligations under chapter 429, or service charges, the tax rate or parcel assessment for purposes of operation of the district may not exceed two percent of tax capacity.

e. Lists several other changes and requirements for the District

7.g. 2005 Annual Meeting preparations- Robinson stated that he is overseeing the notification process and organization of the annual meeting. He stated he will present materials for review and approval at the May 7th, 2005 meeting.

9. Other Business:

a. Robinson stated that he has had a change of residency. A motion was made by Majkrzak, seconded by Ostbye, and motion passed to defer action until the annual meeting. Robinson abstained from voting.

b. The board members would like to acknowledge Dr. Mac Traynor who recently has passed away, for being such a strong advocate for Pelican Lake.

12:08 Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Engkjer
PGOLID Secretary

