

Pelican Group of Lakes Improvement District (PGOLID) Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 20, 2023 – 5:00 pm

RMB Environmental Lab and Online

Board members present: Bob Leonard, Karen Hart, Dave Haarstad, John Cosgriff, Dave Stene, Nick Valentine Erika Gilsdorf (remote)

Guest: Bob Borash, RMB Labs

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 5:01pm and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction & Announcements: Board members and guest introduced themselves.

Agenda: Agenda was approved as presented with one change to move up the New Business item with RMB Labs role discussion to first item following agenda approval. It was noted that there were no previous meeting minutes to approve as they had not been furnished by Steve Henry of RMB Labs.

New Business:

Lake Coordinator replacement and RMB situation:

Bob Borash discussed the history of RMB's involvement with PGOLID given the abrupt departure of Lake Coordinator Steve Henry from RMB Labs. The departure for another position was a surprise to RMB Labs. Borash explained that there was no one else available on RMB staff to fill the functions Steve performed for PGOLID as Lake Coordinator, recording of meeting minutes, maintaining the PGOLID website, publishing of agendas, meeting coordination, grant research and grant applications.

Borash further explained that RMB would be able to maintain lake and stream monitoring and testing, and the returning intern from the prior year, Emelia Thielman, could continue to maintain website and provide updated lake information for the annual meeting speaker.

Following Borash's departure from the meeting, Bob Leonard discussed that board members Stene, Haarstad and himself had met with Moriya Rufer of Houston Engineering regarding having Moriya and her firm take over all or some of the Lake Coordinator and other duties fulfilled previously by RMB Labs. A motion was made by Leonard to negotiate an arrangement with Houston Engineering and Rufer to take on some or all of RMB's previous functions for PGOLID. Seconded by Cosgriff, the motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's report: Stene delivered Treasurer's report and it was approved unanimously.

Annual meeting in August: Discussed preparations for annual meeting in August. It was decided that the 2024 proposed budget for approval at the annual meeting would be amended to include funding for pursuing grant funding and other sources for the nearly completed Sewer/water feasibility project once an estimate from SHE could be obtained.

The meeting was adjourned shortly after 6 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nick Valentine