

Minutes of Pelican Group of Lakes Improvement District (PGOLID)

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 – 4:00 pm

Cormorant Town Hall & online

Board members present: Paul Lykken, Dave Stene, John Cosgriff, Denise Lund-Smith (remote), Nick Valentine, Fred Hage, Greg Gustafson, Bob Leonard, Jim Poolman (remote)

Others: Dean Vetter (AE2S), Adrian Lund, Barb Zahaski (remote), Keith Berndt, Al Weigel, Moriya Rufer

The meeting was called to order at 4:01pm.

Announcements: Cosgriff discussed Fish Lake outlet development where DNR has reversed its position and allowed docks to be installed on properties for sale, considering the developer to be the property owner. There was also a request that PGOLID support the Get the Lead Out program.

The Agenda and minutes of the last meeting were approved. (Agenda: Poolman/Lykken; Minutes: Stene/Poolman)

Financial report was presented by Stene. First half of county tax receipts were deposited, leading to surplus of receipts over disbursements of \$44,000. Weigel asked for cost of mosquito spraying – answer \$45k for current year. Stene recommended raising budget for the tax levy from \$130k to \$150k given potential spending for swimmers itch and the board approved.

Lake Coordinator report: Rufer reported that the DNR has not yet responded as to curly leaf spraying this year. Flowering rush will be pulled in July or August from the Pelican River below Bucks Mill.

Board reports:

Mosquito spraying: Gustafson reported that this was proceeding as scheduled.

Swimmers itch: Stene reported that Margie Hance and Bill Ness met with USFWS and DNR, USFWS has approved euthanizing of mergansers, DNR has not responded. Repots of swimmers itch at time of dock installation, much earlier than last year. Poolman reversed his earlier position on euthanizing following firsthand reports from neighbors. Weigel reported that Hance and Ness had met with some legislators on the subject, including Rasmussen from Fergus Falls.

Drinking water study: Adrian Lund reported that the recently started contacts with selected residents for well water were underway, with 11 beaches completed within the first week representing 52 of the 250 randomly selected properties.

Cosgriff presented the contract to be signed with AE2S asking for approval for signing. Approved (M/S: Hage/Valentine)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:14pm.

Respectfully submitted, Nick Valentine