CALL TO ORDER
President Preiner called the meeting to order, a quorum being present, at 12:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL
Present: President Patricia Preiner, 1st Vice-Pres. Barbara Haake, Secretary Michael Bradley, Treasurer Steve Wagamon, and 2nd Vice-Pres. John Waller (arrived at 12:37 p.m.)
Absent: None.
Staff Present: Administrator Phil Belfiori, Public Drainage Inspector Tom Schmidt, Office Manager Theresa Stasica.
Consultants: District Engineer Chris Otterness and Larry Kramka, Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI).
Visitors: Scott Anderson.

ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION
1. Consider a supplemental resolution regarding the repair of Washington County Judicial Ditch 2 (JD 2) to establish an open water channel upstream of the Department of Natural Resources sheet pile weir in the channel of JD2 at the outlet of Rice Lake, Public Waters #82-146P.

District Administrator Belfiori informed the Board that today’s special meeting was being held to consider the resolution 2015-29 which was distributed to the Board at their 9/9 meeting for the review. The resolution authorizes the Board President to sign a JPA with the DNR for 50% cost share of alternative 2 which is herbicide treatment and physical excavation of the channel, it accepts the DNR aquatic and public works permits, it authorizes the Administrator to enter into a contract with low bidder and only qualifying vendor for herbicide treatment, authorizes Administrator to enter into a contract for mechanical excavation per alternative 2, and allows for further excavation of the channel after 3 years if the herbicide treatment has not worked. Administrator Belfiori also informed the Board that a few minor changes to the resolution.

Manager Waller recused himself from the meeting.

Larry Kramka (HEI), informed the Board of the DNR permit highlights which have moved significantly in meeting the District’s goals and objectives of the project. The DNR has separated the District’s alternative 2 project which includes both herbicide treatment and physical exaction into two permits. The first permit is an Aquatic Plant Management (APM) permit for aquatic/herbicide treatment which has an annual renewal and the second is a public waters permit for the physical excavation of the channel. Alternative 2 includes approximately 300 ft of excavation upstream of the weir. The public waters permit also allows the District to conduct additional physical excavation of the channel (complete alternative 3) if the herbicide treatment is not successful. The District only...
needs to notify the DNR 14 days before proceeding with the additional excavation. Mr. Kramka did inform the Board that future maintenance excavation of the authorized work will require an amendment to the public waters permit.

District Engineer Otterness gave background information to the Board regarding lowest bidder and only qualifying vendor PLM Lake & Land Management Corp. He also reviewed with the Board the herbicide treatment they will be using and answered Board questions.

Drainage Attorney Kolb reviewed with the Board the minor changes that were made from the resolution distributed on 9/9.

Motion by Manager Haake, seconded by Manager Wagamon, to approve Resolution 2015-29, SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION REGARDING THE REPAIR OF WASHINGTON COUNTY JUDICIAL DITCH 2 (JD 2) TO ESTABLISH AN OPEN WATER CHANNEL UPSTREAM OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES SHEET PILE WEIR IN THE CHANNEL OF JD2 AT THE OUTLET OF RICE LAKE, PUBLIC WATERS #82-146P.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Managers:

1. The Joint Powers Agreement is approved and the President is authorized to sign on behalf of the District.
2. The PW Work and APM Permits are acceptable to the District.
3. The Administrator is authorized to enter a contract with the low quote vendor for herbicide application to be initiated before the end of the growing season in 2015.
4. The Administrator is authorized to enter into a contract for the mechanical excavation of the channel for Alternative 2 (a distance of no more than 300 feet upstream of the weir) either upon quotation or in the open market, provided the estimated cost falls under the appropriate threshold found in statute. The contract shall include all conditions found within the PW Work permit.
5. The provision of Resolution 2015-12 calling for the monitoring of herbicide application is modified to require monitoring for success of open channel through the third year. If after three years the Board determines that herbicide application is not effective in establishing the open channel, the Board shall exercise its option to excavate the remaining channel to the open water of Rice Lake.

ROLL CALL:
Manager Waller – Abstain
Manager Haake – Aye
Manager Bradley – Aye
Manager Wagamon – Aye
President Preiner – Aye
Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Manager Haake, seconded by Manager Bradley, to adjourn the meeting at 12:55 p.m. Motion carried 4-0-1, Manager Waller abstained.