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MONTHLY MEETING February 17, 2026

1.0 CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Chairman Webb called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Rochester Village Hall. Commissioners present were Doug Webb, Joseph Kolosso, Shelley Hildebrandt, Nick Ahlers and Sharon Travis. Tim Slavin, the newly appointed commissioner from the Town of Spring Prairie, was also present. The District's maintenance person and resident, Keven Schneider, the Honey Lake Association's treasurer and resident Mike Chvala, and resident Ann Marson were also in attendance.

2.0 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - Chairman Webb asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting, which had previously been presented to the commissioners. No corrections were noted, and a motion to approve the minutes as read was made by Commissioner Travis, seconded by Commissioner Ahlers and carried.

3.0 APPROVAL OF TREASURERS REPORT - The treasurer's January 2026 report was read. Chairman Webb asked if there were any corrections. No corrections were noted, and a motion to approve the treasurer's report as read was made Commissioner Ahlers, seconded by Commissioner Travis and carried.

4.0 REPORTS

4.1 Dam Structures/Dikes – Chairman Webb announced that after discussion with Commissioner Kolosso it was determined that all the trees and brush present on the berm between Honey Creek and Delmonte Lake should be removed, with gravel and rip-rap then being placed on the top and sides of the berm, respectively, to create a road to be maintained. Chairman Webb will obtain a quote for the cost of the vegetation removal. Commissioner Hildebrandt indicated that she objected to the proposed actions, and also stated that it was likely that permits would need to be obtained for this work. The board requested that Commissioner Hildebrandt research alternatives.

Commissioner Hildebrandt reported that the DNR was still reviewing the proposed changes to the Emergency Action Plan and the Operation and Maintenance Plan for the dam structures.

4.2 Roads and ROWs – Potholes have been observed in the gravel portion of Nevada Avenue, southeast of Delmonte Lake. Chairman Webb will obtain bids to place gravel or recycled asphalt, or possibly chip and seal. The company that patched the District's roads is now out of business, so a new contractor will need to be found.

Chairman Webb reported that a resident had requested the District replace several road markers she had placed in the ROW adjacent to her property that had been destroyed by a snowplow. Following a discussion, the District decided not to replace the markers. She also requested that a "Not a Thru Street" sign be placed; however, there is already such a sign in place.

4.3 Beaches/Parks/Trees – Commissioner Hildebrandt reported that the North Kiosk needs repair. Commissioner Slavin reported that one of the picnic benches at the north beach also needed to be repaired. The District has permission from a local property owner to temporarily store brush on a small portion of their land. However, Commissioner Ahlers reported that illegal dumping is also occurring on that private property. Following a discussion, it was decided to get a quote to place No Dumping/Private Property signs.

4.4 Lakes – Chairman Webb reported that he had met with Keenan Leonard, the new representative for Marine Biochemists. He reported that the new representative had met with Heidi Bunk, the DNR biologist for Honey Lake, regarding the application(s) for the 2026 aquatic weed treatments.

4.5 Town/Village/County News – Commissioner Slavin gave a summary of recent actions taken by the Town of Spring Prairie. He reported that there were 74 emergency calls last month in the Town. He also reported that a contract with Sieglar Grading had been approved for road maintenance, but that decisions concerning hiring a private company for municipal code enforcement, consideration of a public nuisance ordinance, a recycling ordinance, a winter response policy, proposed records destruction and appointing a new Fire District representative had all been tabled.

5.0 UNRESOLVED BUSINESS - None

6.0 NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Introduction of new Town of Spring Prairie Appointed Commissioner – Due to the recent resignation of Commissioner John Lutz, the Town of Spring Prairie elected to appoint District resident Tim Slavin to the Honey Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District board. The board welcomed Mr. Slavin.

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6.2 Discussion of updated Chapter 33, dated Jan. 30, 2026 – Commissioner Hildebrandt presented the revised Chapter 33 to the board. She reported that the only substantive change that she read was that the District was given the additional option of notifying District residents by email, in addition to a mail or newspaper notice.

Commissioner Hildebrandt asked for the opinion of the board and residents in attendance regarding addressing mail notifications from the District to “Occupant” or “Current Resident”. Several people were concerned that the notification may be thrown away if labeled as such.

7.0 MONTHLY BILLS

FEBRUARY BILLS SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS

Doug Webb	Commissioner compensation	\$300.00
Shelley Hildebrandt	Commissioner compensation	\$300.00
Joseph Kolosso	Commissioner compensation	\$300.00
Tim Slavin	Commissioner compensation	\$50.00
Nick Ahlers	Commissioner compensation	\$50.00
Bitco Insurance Companies	Annual Workers Compensation Additional amount due to audit	\$392.00
Town Web Design, LLC	Annual Website Management Office Supplies/Mailings	\$620.00
Shelley Hildebrandt-Reimbursement	Adobe Software	\$12.99
	Microsoft 365 Office Software	\$99.99
	Office Supplies	

A motion to approve the monthly bills for February 2026 was made by Commissioner Ahlers, seconded by Commissioner Hildebrandt, and carried.

No employee time sheets were submitted for approval.

8.0 PUBLIC COMMENT - Mike Chvala, the treasurer for the Honey Lake Improvement Association, reported that Racine County had requested the Association file paperwork related to their tax-exempt status regarding 3 properties within the District for which they are listed as owner (tax keys 18-085-000, 18-110-000, 18-152-000). Treasurer Kolosso will assist the Association with filing the required paperwork. In addition, following further research it was determined that 2 of the properties (18-085-000, 18-110-000), were supposed to have been transferred to the District when ownership of numerous properties and roadways were transferred from the Association upon creation of the District. It was determined that the District will take over ownership of these parcels, as well as an adjoining parcel (18-109-000) owned by the Village of Rochester.

Resident Marson inquired about the difference between the Honey Lake Improvement Association and the Honey Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District, and when the Improvement Association fees were due. She also raised the issue of the growing population of feral cats within the District, which spread disease and kill birds and other wildlife, and the cats suffer from disease, injury and difficult living conditions. Following a discussion, Chairman Webb stated that the District is not responsible to address the issue but would appreciate any interventions taken by residents.

9.0 ADJOURN (Next monthly meeting March 17, 2026)

A motion to adjourn, subject to recall, was made by Commissioner Travis, seconded by Commissioner Ahlers, and carried at 7:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Hildebrandt
Secretary