

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Originating Department
Administration Department

Requested By:
Rena Weber

Date:
1/7/09

ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

2009

1. ENGINEERING FIRM - SEH
2. OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER – *Cold Spring Record*
3. OFFICIAL DEPOSITORY – 1ST National Bank, Plaza Park Bank, Smith Barney, Bremer Bank, & 4M Fund
4. ACTING MAYOR –
5. AUDITOR/ACCOUNTANT – ABDO, EICH & MEYER
6. ATTORNEY –
7. WEED INSPECTOR – Mayor Jeff Hagen
8. ASSISTANT WEED INSPECTOR – Rick Hansen
9. COUNTY AGRICULTURAL INSPECTOR – John Waldorf
10. PROCESS SERVER – Stearns County Sheriff's Department

Motion by _____ Second by _____ Vote _____

Date: December 15, 2008
Re: Committee List Recommendations
To: City Staff, Councilors, Firemen, Committee Members, etc.
From: Jeff Hagen

Many experts say we are in the midst of the worst recession since the Depression. Rockville is losing approximately \$40,000 in LGA and MVHC, plus another approximate \$60,000 in tax revenues from the seceding 6 sections to Maine Prairie Township; a total of \$100,000. Add to that the rejection by voters in 2008 to levy for \$100,000 to take of the city's roads, and the City faces the need to reduce approximately \$200,000 in expenses and it is my goal to take \$100,000 of that and target it for road maintenance and/or repairs. It is very evident to me from the recent election in the City of Rockville and a 100% turnover in the makeup of the mayor and council for this city that the residents want a serious change in the way their tax dollars are being spent. We need to prioritize our spending and only deliver those that the majority of residents require and those that we can afford to pay for. It is my opinion that there are no "sacred cows" and other than statutory debt obligations and any other mandates, everything else is open for reduction or removal. These reductions, and consolidations of committees, will require more work for the council but I am confident they are up to the challenge

To meet that challenge, a task force was established soon after the November 4th election to analyze and make recommendations to the city council to meet that objective. That task force are all volunteers, include two citizens at large, and that task force has made several initial recommendations, which I have incorporated below and the task force will continue to make recommendations in the early months of 2009. I want to thank those individuals for offering their time and efforts in this task. I encourage everyone's cooperation with this task force and trust that you will understand and support the goals of this task force, realizing that many of the details of these changes will be worked out as we move forward with them.

TASK FORCE

Randy Volkmuth
John Koerber
Jeff Hagen
Citizens-Roger Schmidt, Dick Nieters
Alternate-Duane Willenbring

NEGOTIATING TEAM

Randy Volkmuth
Duane Willenbring
Jeff Hagen
Alternate-Sue Palmer

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Randy Volkmuth
Duane Willenbring
committee
Jeff Hagen
Jerry Schmidt
John Koerber
Alternate-Bill Becker

APO

Bill Becker
John Koerber-will also cover executive

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Jeff Hagen
Randy Volkmuth
Duane Willenbring
Alternate-Jerry Schmidt

TRI-CITY CABLE

Roger Schmidt
Dick Nieters

FINANCE

Randy Volkmuth
Sue Palmer
Jeff Hagen
John Koerber
Alternate-Duane Willenbring

The following additional changes will be made:

1. The Planning Commission will be reduced to 5 members, with the members being asked to decide who remains on the Commission, and if that is not successful, the council will decide.
2. The parks/trails board/committee will no longer exist but the oversight of those areas will be handled by the Public Works Committee. We will look for volunteers to carry forward the parks/trails projects.
3. The EDA board/committee responsibilities will be assumed by the Public Works Committee and the goal is reduce its expenditures to \$1,000 or less.
4. All capital expenditures over \$500 must be reviewed and approved for recommendation to the council by the Public Works Committee. Any education, travel, per diem expenditures over \$100 must be approved by the Public Works Committee. Any education or training paid for by the city will require a summary report by the attendee of what was learned and will be shared with the other employees or councilors that could benefit from it.

Other non-committee related changes, goals, objectives, etc., effective January 7, 2009 and forward:

1. The city administrator will take a seat at the staff table. This is being done to reduce the amount of discussion among the council table and to encourage councilors to speak towards the audience.
2. No staff, attorney, engineer, county sheriff, etc. will take seat at the staff table unless they have requested to do so and it is necessary that they be there to discuss their request/issue. To every extent possible, all requests, issues, etc., will be carried forward by the city administrator. Approval to have any legal, engineering, consultant, etc. person that is an expense to the city must be approved by the mayor and/or council prior to their engagement.
3. At the beginning of each meeting I will allow a very quick public forum for citizens to bring forward items they would like discussed that evening or included in our consideration for items already on the agenda. A public forum will also be held at the end of the meeting.
4. I intend to run council meetings significantly different than they have in the past. I remind all councilors that we have what is termed a “weak mayor” system, which means the mayor has but one vote and it is typically best that the mayor makes very few, if any motions. My responsibility is to help guide policy, run the meetings and try to help councilors give proper due diligence to issues prior to making their votes. I will encourage active participation from all councilors and try to encourage councilors to voice their opinions on how they vote. I think it is important that your constituents know why you voted a particular way on important decisions.
5. I firmly believe in timely performance reviews and I feel 4 years is too long for the citizens to weigh in on the performance of its mayor. I plan to open my mayor seat up for re-election when the city holds its next election in 2010.
6. The Personnel Committee will meet very shortly after January 7, 2009 to discuss recommendations from the Task Force regarding changes to the personnel policy, staffing levels, hours, procedures, pay, etc.
7. A separate email account called iwillhelprockville@rocketmail.com has been established, will be announced in the city newsletter and residents will be encouraged to use that to offer volunteer labor/services, offer for-pay labor/services, questions, concerns, comments, etc. I received many offers of free assistance during my recent campaigning that indicate to me significant interest in helping this city to succeed. The city shall have a goal of using volunteer help, 3rd-party contract help to reduce its overall cost of providing services whenever possible.
8. This task force, or possibly a 2nd task force, will look at the city’s ordinances, processes, fees, etc. in order to make the city more developer/consumer friendly in order to encourage development and improvement of people’s properties.

9. The task force will also look at ways to generate additional revenue to the city such as the leasing of space in the city's buildings, renting of space on water towers, etc.

Drastic times require drastic measures. The new council's goal is to create a culture of efficiency, good and friendly customer service; which I feel will go a long way in bringing this community together, making the consolidation successful and reducing the likelihood we will see further petitions for secession from the city. We cannot afford to have anything like this happen again.

January, 2009



Dear Grand Lake Residents,

We are once again working with Lake Management, Inc. of Marine on St. Croix in our efforts to manage and treat curlyleaf pondweed and swimmer's itch. If you have curlyleaf pondweed in your shoreline area and would like it treated, or you would like your area treated for swimmer's itch, the time to sign-up for the 2009 season is now.

What is curlyleaf pondweed? Curlyleaf pondweed is considered a non-native, invasive exotic plant that blocks out native vegetation and is a significant source of phosphorous that contributes to algae blooms and poor water quality when the plant dies off in early July. Curlyleaf pondweed is an annual plant that reseeds itself each year.

Why should Grand Lake spend money to manage curlyleaf pondweed? Without an effective management and treatment plan, curlyleaf pondweed produces turions (seed pods) that dump millions of seeds in our lake that cause the plant to spread and eventually take over the lake. In some cases, lakes have become difficult to navigate. The goal of an effective management plan is to reduce and eventually eliminate the turions so the plant does not reseed in the spring.

What are other lakes doing? In 2008, residents of NW and SW Anderson Lake in Bloomington saw their lake drained with the hope of freezing out much of the curlyleaf pondweed and then treating areas with remaining water with chemicals to destroy the plant. This method, however, does not eliminate the seeds in the bottom sediments, and eventually the curlyleaf pondweed will grow back. Other methods of managing curlyleaf pondweed include mechanical harvesting to improve navigation, yet this method does not eliminate the turions and the plant continues to reseed itself and spread. In 2008, one of our Minnesota lakes is attempting to reduce the spread of curlyleaf pondweed by putting iron filings in their water. The effectiveness of this program is being monitored by the DNR.

What are the plans for Grand Lake? For those who would like to have shoreline treatment of your *individual property*, please complete the enclosed permit form from Lake Management, Inc. Please note that our permit pertains only to the treatment of curlyleaf pondweed, considered by the DNR to be an invasive. If you feel your property has other aquatic vegetation that is excessive, you will need to work with the DNR and obtain permits before any vegetation can be removed. Lake Management, Inc. can help you with this permitting process. Be sure to sign the Lake Management, Inc. permit form at the bottom of the page, and return this form and your payment promptly by Friday, February 6th to Lake Management, Inc.

The costs of *offshore treatment* will be paid for by the Grand Lake Improvement District. In 2008, Grand Lake Area Association worked with Lake Management, Inc. and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to treat just over 22 acres of our lake.

What is the future for water quality on Grand Lake? As we look into our future, we are excited to inform you that the city of Rockville passed a shoreline ordinance that will further reduce phosphorous and nutrient levels in our lake. With the passing of this ordinance, more of our stormwater runoff will be filtered before it reaches our lake or water table. Thank you to the city for passing this ordinance that will make our lake healthier for our children.

We are excited that in 2008 Grand Lake had its third best overall clarity rating since we began monitoring our water in 1977, and our 2008 secchi disk readings averaged 3.3 meters or 10.8 feet. During the month of June and before the curlyleaf pondweed began to die off, our average secchi disk reading on June 9th was the highest recorded at 6.55 meters or 21.5 feet.

Please know that the management of curlyleaf pondweed is an important step in maintaining our water quality. If you have curlyleaf pondweed on your individual property, please sign up for the 2009 treatment program. Thanks all!

Board of Directors, Grand Lake Area Association and Grand Lake Improvement District

LAKE MANAGEMENT, INC.

Minnesota Operations
10400 185th Street North
Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047
(651) 433-3283 Phone Fax # (651) 433-5316

PROPOSAL FOR AQUATIC NUISANCE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM 2009

Submitted to:

Grand Lake Improvement District
City of Rockville
C/O Scott Palmer
21108 Fowler Rd.
Cold Spring, MN 56320

Date: January 2009

Phone: (320) 253-8191 Hm
(320) 255-5796 Wk

Lake Management, Inc. proposes to furnish at it's expense, all of the necessary materials, subject to state and federal regulations, equipment and labor as well as to direct and administer treatment as needed for the control of the excessive growth of Curlyleaf Pondweed in the water area described as follows:

Grand Lake - Stearns County

Early season application for curly-leaf pondweed control

0-5 acres \$366.00/acre

5-10 acres \$340.00/acre

10+ acres \$32000/acre

DNR Permit Fee \$35 per homeowner to a maximum of \$750.00

In consideration of the goods and materials furnished, use of equipment and services rendered, payment is to be:

To be determined Dollars (\$ TBD)

Terms: Net June 30, 2009 — Finance charge 1 1/2% month

Questions about our program or special requests should be directed to: Mike O'Connell at (651) 433-3283.

Lake Management, Inc. will post such signs as may be required to restrict the use of treated water. It is the responsibility of the customer to remove the signs at the end of the restriction periods.

The state permit, when required, will be acquired by Lake Management but permit and processing fees will be paid by the customer with a check to MDNR or Lake Management, unless otherwise agreed above. The DNR permit fee is non-refundable and is \$35.00 per property with a \$750.00 maximum. All work, when a permit is required, is contingent upon DNR approval.

Lake Management, Inc. carries insurance for both liability and property damage and workers' compensation and will, upon request, confirm that coverage by certificates issued to the customer.

This proposal may be withdrawn by Lake Management, Inc. if not accepted within 30 days.

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL

The above payment and conditions are satisfactory and are accepted. Lake Management, Inc. is authorized to conduct the management program described above. Payment will be made as indicated above. If you have any questions regarding the effectiveness of the treatment, please call us between the 14th and 18th day following treatment.

Signature _____ Date _____

Representing _____



APPLICATION FOR A PERMIT TO CONTROL: AQUATIC PLANTS, ALGAE, SWIMMER'S ITCH, AND LEECHES
(This application does not constitute a permit)

(Print or type)

I. APPLICANT INFORMATION		
(First, MI, Last) Grand Lake Improvement District, City of Rockville C/O Scott Palmer		Day Time Telephone Number 320-255-5796
Lake Home Address (# and street, RFD, Box #, City, State, Zip Code) 21108 Fowler Rd., Cold Spring, MN 56320	Fire # or 911 #	Lake Residence Telephone Number
Permanent Mailing Address (Indicate if it is the same as above) Same		Email Address
Have you ever applied for an Aquatic Plant Control Permit at this address before? No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, Permit# 08E-3B329		

II. LAKE INFORMATION	
Lake Name (and bay if applicable) Grand Lake (73005500)	County Stearns
Length of Shoreline Owned. I own <input type="checkbox"/> feet of shoreline on the above lake.	

III. TREATMENT INFORMATION	
1. Type of Treatment Proposed. (check all that apply)	
Mechanical Tools/Harvester <input type="checkbox"/>	Chemical <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
An Automated Device: Weed Roller <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Groomer <input type="checkbox"/> Lakemaid <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Explain: _____	
2. Type of Vegetation / Organism to be Treated (check all that apply)	
Submerged Vegetation X	Filamentous Algae X
Floating-leaf Vegetation	Chara X
Emergent Vegetation	Plankton Algae X
	Floating Bog Snails (swimmer's itch) X Leeches Duckweed
3. Dimensions of Proposed Treatment Area. I propose to control vegetation in an area that extends: <u>offshore treatment</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> feet along shore and into the lake a distance of <input type="checkbox"/> feet where the lake is approximately <input type="checkbox"/> feet deep, and/or a channel which is <input type="checkbox"/> feet wide and extends <input type="checkbox"/> feet into the lake to open water.	
4. Who will be doing the treatment? The Applicant <input type="checkbox"/> A Commercial Applicator/Harvester <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
If the applicant is treating what chemical(s) or mechanical device (give brand name) - do you intend to use? _____	
If a commercial applicator / harvester will be treating, what is the name and address of the company? <u>Lake Management, Inc.</u> 10400 185 th St. N., Marine on St. Croix, MN 55047	

IV. JUSTIFICATION: (explain reason for control) Excessive vegetation interferes with swimming, boating, fishing, and/or other aquatic recreation.

V. FEE INFORMATION: If two or more treatment types are requested, only the largest fee shall apply.	
Individual property applications	Fee Total
Submerged, emergent or floating leaf control \$35.00	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duckweed \$20.00 per property (\$200.00 maximum)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Snails, Filamentous Algae, Chara, or Leech control \$4.00 per 100 feet of shoreline, or any portion thereof. (\$200.00 maximum Fee) (Fee for 150 feet = \$8.00)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Multiple party applications	
Plankton Algae \$20.00 plus \$0.40 per acre, \$200.00 maximum fee. (Acres to be treated x \$0.40) + \$20.00 = Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
All other types of control \$35.00 per property (maximum fee \$750.00). \$35.00 x number of properties to be treated = Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>
Offshore Harvest of Submerged Vegetation (Offshore >150 feet from shore)	
Mechanical Control of Submerged Vegetation \$35.00 for the first acre plus \$2.00 each additional acre to a maximum of \$750.00 (Total # acres to be harvested - 1) x 2 + \$35.00 = Fee	<input type="checkbox"/>

This application is two-sided. Please complete both sides.

Sketch of treatment area. Include: North arrow, treatment area location, dock – distance from nearest property boundary or nearest identifiable land mark.

See attached maps for 2008 offshore treatment areas

Please provide clear driving directions and show the location of your property on the lake with any significant intersections or landmarks:

VI. ENCLOSURES	<input type="checkbox"/> Sketch/Map	<input type="checkbox"/> Signature	<input type="checkbox"/> Check or Money Order for Fee	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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I hereby make application for a permit to destroy or control aquatic vegetation or aquatic nuisance as described above. I understand that the control of aquatic nuisances, including destruction of aquatic plants and algae, is subject to rules of the Commissioner of Natural Resources. I understand that an Aquatic Plant Management Specialist may wish to inspect the proposed treatment area before, during, and/or after work is completed and that by making this application I give permission to the specialist to enter my property to make such inspection at reasonable times. I understand that an annual report will be required on results achieved. Completion of this form and processing of the accompanying application fee does not constitute obtaining a permit.

Applicants Signature	Date
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Grand Lake Year End Application Summary 2008

First Application Date 5/19/08
Second Application Date 6/18/08

Aquatic Plants Present First Application

Whole lake shoreline was inspected on 5/19/08 and no curlyleaf pondweed was found on the shoreline at the time of inspection.

Aquatic Plants Present Second Application

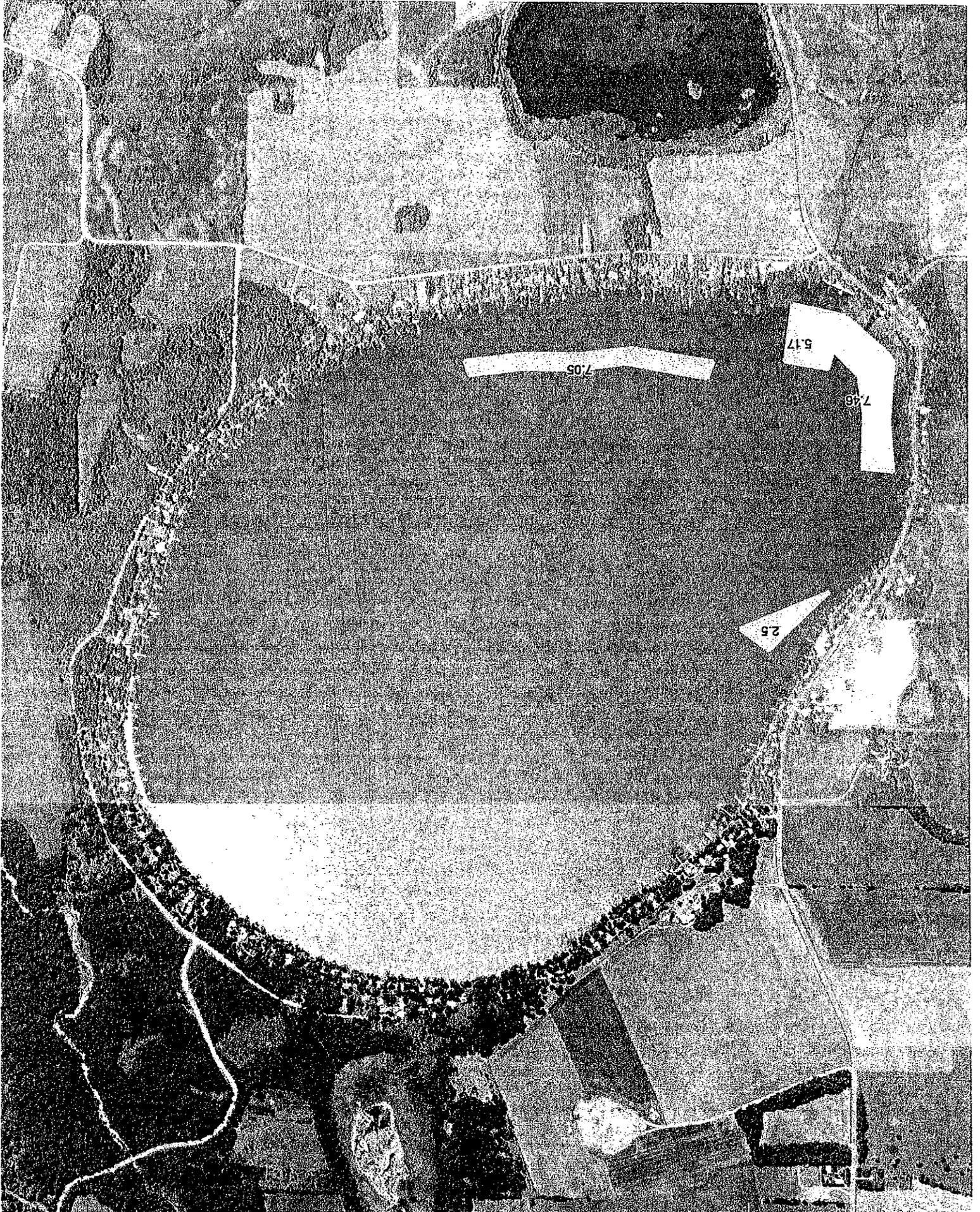
Second application was swimmers itch only

Filamentous Algae
Plankton Algae
Chara

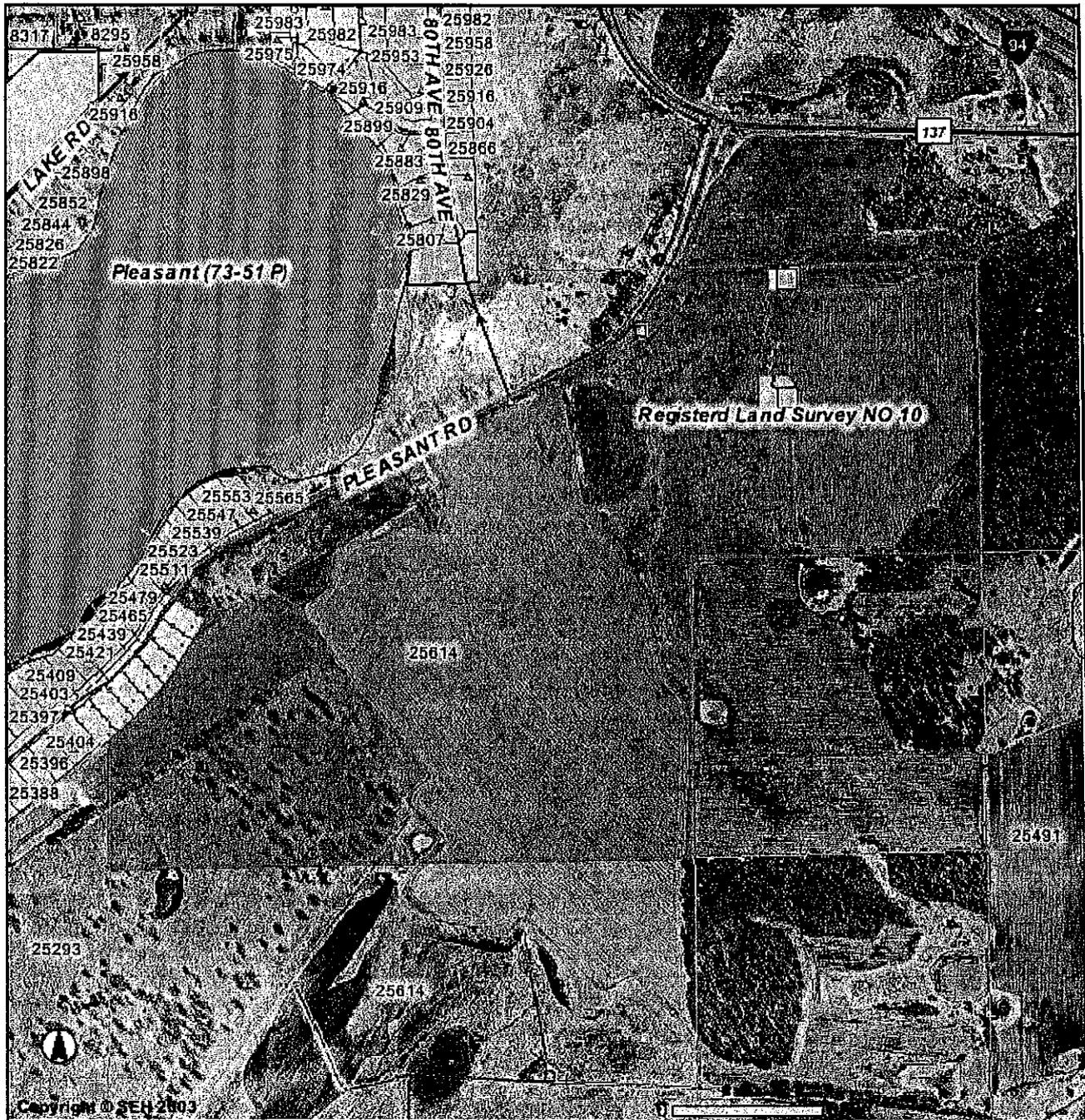
Offshore Application Summary

Offshore Acres Treated: 22.18 acres
Offshore Treatment Date: 5/19/08

2008 Grand Lake Curlyleaf Application Areas



James Voigt



Disclaimer: This map is neither a legally recorded map nor a survey and is not intended to be used as one. This map is a compilation of records, information and data from city, county, state and federal offices, and is to be used for reference purposes only.