

**BEFORE THE NORTH FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS**

**Findings of Fact and Order Establishing Pirz
Lake Project, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes
103D.745**

WHEREAS, a Petition was submitted by landowners requesting the establishment of a project affecting Pirz Lake involving the acquisition and operation of an Eco Harvester, as part of an aquatic management plan to control invasive species, especially curly leaf pond weed; and

WHEREAS, upon examination of the Petition, it met the requirements of Minnesota Statutes 103D.705; and

WHEREAS, Houston Engineering was appointed as the engineer, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 103D.711; and

WHEREAS, appraisers were appointed to determine benefits for the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, the Engineer's Report was filed with the North Fork Crow River Watershed District and the Appraiser's Report and Amended Appraiser's Report was filed with the North Fork Crow River Watershed District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to proper notice, a final hearing was held on August 29, 2019, in Roscoe, Minnesota, and continued until September 16, 2019, for a continued final hearing also located in Roscoe, Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, representatives of Houston Engineering gave the Engineer's Report, including their alternatives and recommendation and estimated cost for the implementation of this proposed project for Pirz Lake; and

WHEREAS, Ron Ringquist, one of the duly appointed appraisers, gave the Appraiser's Report, and Amended Appraiser's Report attached as **Exhibit A**, which deleted certain properties that did not have lakeshore; and

WHEREAS, at both public hearings, considerable evidence was submitted by members of the public, including a Petition opposing the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on all evidence presented and made part of the record and considered at the continued final hearing held on September 16, 2019, the North Fork Crow River Watershed District Board of Managers, makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That the project is conducive to public health.
2. That the project promotes the general welfare.
3. That the project is in compliance with Minnesota Statutes 103D.
4. The project results in benefits that will be greater than the cost of the construction or implementation and damages for the acquisition and operation of the Eco Harvester.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on all evidence presented and in compliance with Minnesota Statutes 103D.745, the North Fork Crow River Watershed District Board of Managers makes the following order:

ORDER

That the North Fork Crow River Watershed District Board of Managers confirms the Engineer's Report and the Amended Findings of the appraisers, attached as **Exhibit A**, and hereby establishes and authorizes the implementation of the Petition project known as the Pirz Lake Project. That further, the engineer is ordered to proceed with making the necessary documents that are needed to implement the project.

Dated this 16 day of September, 2019.

NORTH FORK CROW RIVER WATERSHED
DISTRICT BOARD OF MANAGERS

By Robert Brauch
Its President