

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
February 23, 2006

President Dale M. Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District office, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present were: Managers Orville Knott, Lee Coe, Arnold Stanley, Dale M. Nelson, Vernon Johnson, and Gene Tiedemann. Absent: Allan Carlson. Staff present: Myron Jesme and Arlene Novak and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

The board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Arlene Novak read the minutes of February 9, 2006. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Stanley, and passed unanimously that the Board approve the minutes.

The board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary as of February 22, 2006. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated February 22, 2006.

The bids for the sale of a 30x50 Agsco building located in Section 24 of Euclid Township were opened. The following persons/businesses provided a bid for the purchase of the building with the amount of bid: Roger Love Trucking, \$525.50; Dennis Schultz, \$77.77; Jim Bilden, \$400.00; Scott's Auto Sales, \$1,157.00; Craig LaPlante, \$508.50; Richard Olson, \$777.00; Frank Brda, \$375.00; Jon Mankie, \$1,311.11; Dick A. Wittenburg, \$1,001.00; Dean Adams, \$227.05; Tim Guillemette, \$869.99; Jeff Holmgren, \$750.00; and Bernard Blawat, \$351.00. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Stanley to accept the apparent high bid to purchase the 30x50 Agsco Wonder building located in Section 24 of Euclid Township, Polk County, from Jon Mankie in the amount of \$1,311.11. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme presented a funding request for teachers in the River Watch program for attending the Red River and You Teachers Institute on July 16-20, 2006 at Lake Region State College, Devils Lake, North Dakota. The registration is \$200 per attendee or \$350 if attending the course for college credit. Motion by Stanley, seconded by Coe, to approve the payment of \$200 for the registration of a teacher from each school participating in the River Watch program and if the teacher wishes to attend for credit, the additional \$150 will need to be paid by the teacher or school district. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that he and Legal Counsel Sparby had met the previous day to complete the paperwork for completing the land acquisitions for the Brandt and Euclid East Site Impoundments. The permits for the sites have been completed and submitted to the appropriate agencies.

HDR, Inc. and Grand Marais Creek Subwatershed Project Engineer Nate Dalager presented some potential design changes and associated costs for the Brandt

Impoundment site of the Grand Marais Creek Subwatershed Project. Additional permanent easements will need to be obtained from respective landowners in order to complete the design change as recommended by Mr. Dalager. The consensus of Board is to move the dike on the Brandt Impoundment an additional 60 feet on the west side or distance to be determined by the engineer and direct Administrator Jesme to contact the landowners to obtain additional easements. Mr. Dalager stated that the next step is the final engineering reports for bidding of the impoundments in April.

Permit No. 06005 applied for by Garden Valley Telephone Company was approved on a motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann and unanimously carried.

The Board meeting date of March 30, 2006 is a conflict with the Red River Watershed Management Board's training session in Crookston. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Johnson to change the Board meeting to March 28, 2006. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme read his written report:

- RLWD Ditch No. 11, Polk County Ditch #40 Improvement- Administrator Jesme attended a meeting with the appraisers/viewers and the project engineer on Friday, January 27, 2006 to answer questions and get updated on their progress of the project. Polk County Auditor Gerald Amiot informed Administrator Jesme that the Polk County Board of Commissioners had issued an order to re-determine benefits for the remaining portion of the ditch system that may not be included in the improvement portion of this project. Mr. Amiot also stated that the representatives from Sullivan and Keystone Townships have indicated to the Board of Commissioners that they do not wish to have the portion of the ditch system that is not in the improved area turned over the RLWD.
- Ten Year Comprehensive Overall Plan – A meeting is scheduled for February 28, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the timeline for the hearing process as well as review the comments which have been received by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR). Brian Dwight from BWSR will lead the meeting with Managers Knott, Tiedemann and Stanley, and Administrator Jesme attending the meeting.
- Overall Advisory Committee meeting – The Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet on March 15, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. at the RLWD office. Items on the agenda include Impaired Waters in the RLWD and a summary discussion of 2005 projects. Board members are invited to attend.
- The MAWD Legislative Breakfast is scheduled for March 23, 2006 in St. Paul.
- Staff members Corey Hanson and Jim Blix will be attending the Shallow Lakes Forum III in Willmar on April 5-6, 2006. The purpose of the forum is to review shallow lake management as part of a watershed and landscape approach.

Manager Knott reported on the RRWMB meeting held on February 21, 2006 stating that Ray Bohn of MAWD will be continuing with RPN Consulting through the legislative session and following that time, the RRWMB will be seeking a replacement. Discussion was held on various recommendations that Manager Knott could present at the next

meeting. The consensus of the Board was to have Manager Knott present the opportunity to have office space in the new, proposed watershed building, potentially continue the contract with Ray Bohn during the legislative session in the coming years and the Administrator would accept the duties the remainder of the year, or a legislative committee be initiated to handle the duties.

Administrator Jesme stated that the building committee was meeting with an architect at 1:00 p.m. today to provide information for the new watershed building.

Motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.


Vernon Johnson, Secretary