

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
January 26, 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, Allan Carlson, Vernon Johnson, and Gene Tiedemann. Staff present: Myron Jesme and Arlene Novak and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

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

A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, and passed unanimously to dispense of reading of the minutes of January 12, 2006. Motion carried. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Johnson, and passed unanimously that the Board approve the minutes as printed.

The board reviewed the Financial Report as of January 25, 2006. A motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated January 25, 2006.

Administrator Jesme requested of the Board a review of the operating plan of Farnes Pool to gather more information in regard to the term *significant flooding* in the plan. Houston Engineering has completed some engineering on the Farnes Pool in the past, and Administrator Jesme requested of the Board to have Jeff Langan or Ron Adrian of Houston Engineering be retained to assist in the gathering of more information with an estimated cost of \$5,000. A motion was made Tiedemann, to proceed with the engineering information of Farnes Pool, seconded by Stanley. Motion carried.

A memorandum from the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) regarding the petition filed by Clearwater County and the RLWD regarding boundary changes to the RLWD was reviewed. The memorandum states the petition was filed for the withdrawal of territory from the RLWD of approximately 3,638 acres in parts of Copley, Shevlin, and Moose Creek townships in Clearwater County. The land being withdrawn is part of the Mississippi watershed and not part of the RLWD. Any person who objects to the proposed withdrawal of territory may submit a written request for hearing to the BWSR Board. If no written requests for a hearing are submitted by February 25, 2006, the BWSR Board will consider all of the comments and information pertaining to the petition and make a decision on the withdrawal of territory at a regular BWSR Board meeting without conducting a public hearing.

A notice was included in the manager's packet of a meeting of the Parnell Township Board regarding the adoption of a resolution for the recording of their unrecorded

township roads. The RLWD was notified of this hearing because of ownership of lands in the Parnell Impoundment site.

A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Carlson to approve RLWD Permit No. 06004, Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District, Woodside Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Upon recommendation of staff member Loren Sanderson to table RLWD Permit No. 06003 applied for by Wallace Rutkowski, Gully Township, Polk County and No. 05160 applied for by Roome Township, Polk County, a motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Tiedemann to table the permits until spring runoff has occurred and more information can be obtained. Motion carried.

Staff member Corey Hanson appeared before the Board to present a proposal for the Grand Marais Flood Damage Reduction and Natural Resources Enhancement Project Monitoring Plan. The Grand Marais Creek Subwatershed Project Work Team (PWT) had met previously and compiled a set of project goals and objectives for this project plan. The goals address flood damage reduction, water quality, and natural resources maintenance and enhancement. Mr. Hanson reviewed the project budget which includes purchasing continuous flow monitoring equipment from the Challenge Grant. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott to proceed with this water monitoring plan and assign it RLWD Project No. 60E and name it Grand Marais Creek Challenge Grant. Motion carried.

A request was made from Beltrami County Highway Department for an extension on their RLWD permit application No. 05035. A motion was made by Stanley, seconded by Coe, and passed unanimously to approve a one year extension on RLWD Permit No. 05035, Beltrami County Highway Department.

Administrator Jesme and staff member Loren Sanderson presented a request from Roger Hille of the Minnesota Department of Transportation regarding a proposed "general" permit for what would be considered routine "types of work/maintenance". The consensus of the board was to draft a proposed general permit document and present at a future board meeting.

Administrator Jesme updated the Board on the land purchase proposal in the City of Thief River Falls for the purpose of building a new watershed office. School District 564 has accepted the offer of \$42,000 for the land and the contingency that the land could be rezoned. The Planning Commission meets on February 21 for the hearing on the rezoning of the land. Discussion was held on the size of the proposed new building, architectural firms to draw plans, and building companies. The Building Committee will meet following the zoning hearing in February to work on plans for a proposed building.

Administrator Jesme read his written report:

- Funeral for Richard (Dick) Nelson will be held on January 27, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. in Warren. Following discussion of a memorial, the Board approved a \$50 memorial be given.
- A Viewers/Appraiser's meeting for RLWD Ditch No. #11 (Polk County Ditch No. 40 Improvement) scheduled for January 24, 2006 was cancelled because of weather conditions and rescheduled for Friday, January 27, 2005.
- In the process of entertaining quotes for a 2006 vehicle which will replace the 2002 Chevrolet pickup that has over 100,000 miles on odometer. If three quotes have been received by February 9, 2006 Board meeting, they will be presented at that time.
- The draft version of the Ten Year Comprehensive Plan will be presented to the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group (FDRWG) on February 2, 2006 at the Northland Inn, Crookston, MN.
- Presently advertising for bids on the 30'x 50' Agsco Wonder building the RLWD owns in Section 24 of Euclid Township. Bids will be accepted on the building until 9:00 a.m., February 23, 2006.

Legal Counsel Sparby is in the process of getting the trusts on the land acquisitions of the Euclid East and Brandt sites of RWLD Proj. Nos. 60C and 60D in order.

Manager Tiedemann stated he and Manager Carlson attended the Polk County Commissioner's meeting on January 24, 2006.

Manager Coe attended the MN Viewers Association meeting held on January 19, 2006 at Morton, MN and reported to the Board that drainage issues such as storm sewers in cities draining into old systems and buffer strips were the main topics discussed. The next scheduled meeting will be held in April.

Manager Knott reported on the Red River Watershed Management Board meeting held on January 20, 2006. Following the death of Richard Nelson, Ray Bohn, MAWD, is temporarily assisting RPN Consulting with lobbying efforts of the RRWMB.

Motion was made by Carlson, seconded by Coe, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.


Vernon Johnson, Secretary