

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
August 14, 2008

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 Dale M. Nelson, Gene Tiedemann, Orville Knott, Arnold Stanley, Jim Votava, and Vernon Johnson. Absent: Lee Coe. Staff Present: Myron Jesme and Tammy Audette.

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

Tammy Audette read the minutes of July 24, 2008. A motion was made by Votava, seconded by Stanley, and passed unanimously that the Board approve the minutes as printed.

The board reviewed the Financial Report as of August 13, 2008. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated August 13, 2008.

Water Quality Coordinator Corey Hanson presented the following activities update: District monitoring, Clearwater River Dissolved Oxygen and Fecal Coliform TMDL Study, Silver Creek E. Coli Impairment, Poplar River Low Dissolved Oxygen, Lost River E. Coli, Walker Brook and County Ditch 57 Low Dissolved Oxygen. Hanson stated other project's that he has been working on are the Tile Drainage Study and Standard Operating Procedures book.

Administrator Jesme discussed the maintenance issues on the Moose River Impoundment identified in the Dam Inspection Report completed by JOR Engineering. Jesme stated that the Board asked the staff to bring back recommendations and costs for repairs. Staff members recommend filling areas at a .03 fill or greater with Class 5 Gravel and gravel the access road/top of dike from the North Outlet Structure to the Moose River Road at an approximate cost of \$29,969.00. A motion was made by Stanley, seconded by Tiedemann, to authorize staff members to proceed with the recommended repairs for the Moose River Impoundment at an approximate cost of \$29,969.00. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme discussed the Inspection and Evaluation Report prepared by the MnDNR for structural repairs on the Elm Lake/Farms Pool Outlet Structure. Various options of using wood stoplogs versus steel stoplogs have been discussed. RLWD staff members recommend Option 5 with the use of wood stoplogs. Repairs would be a cooperative effort of the District, MnDNR, and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. A 1/3 cost share agreement is being drafted. A motion was made by Stanley, seconded by Knott, with motion carried to enter into a one third cost share agreement with the MnDNR and

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Option 5 or other alternatives which may be satisfactory to the long term goals of the structure.

Discussion was held on a letter received from Pete Waller, BWSR, in regard to the state's easement payment to Floyd & Jeannette Kliner on Phase I of the Brandt Channel Restoration Project. Due to easement processing and recording timeframe the state's easement payment has not been paid to the Kliner's. BWSR is asking the RLWD to consider making a payment to the Kliner's for a payment totaling \$9,064.97, the State would then list the Red Lake Watershed District as a co-payee on the check which would be sent to the Kliner's. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote to authorize payment to the Kliner's in the amount of \$9,064.97, with payment forthcoming from the State of Minnesota.

Administrator Jesme discussed a quote he received for the RLWD sign. The cost for lettering is approximately \$1200.00 and an additional \$1900.00 for the brick and concrete foundation. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Johnson, with motion carried to authorize Jesme to proceed with construction of the RLWD sign.

Correspondence from the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD) regarding the timeline for the 2008 Resolutions for the MAWD Annual Meeting were reviewed. Resolutions are due to MAWD by October 10, 2008.

Permit No. 08054, Enbridge Energy was discussed. Jesme stated that the permit application is for various sites throughout the District for installation of temporary crossings during construction of the pipeline. Staff recommends the following conditions; all crossings should comply with county and township authority and culverts shall be sized in accordance with downstream/upstream culverts. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Votava, with motion carried to approve permit No. 08054, Enbridge Energy, with conditions stated on the permit application.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval: A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Stanley, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 08051, Pennington County Highway Department, Goodridge Township; No. 08053, Brian Solberg, Reiner Township, Pennington County; No. 08055, Richard Bjerklie, Hickory Township, Pennington County; No. 08056, Monte Casavan, Black River Township, Pennington County; No. 08057, Nature Conservancy, Tilden Township, Polk County; No. 08058, Tim Bergstrom, Godfrey Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

Manager Stanley discussed a complaint he had received in regard to a culvert in a county ditch system. Administrator Jesme stated he had spoken to the Marshall County Engineer and it appears the culvert was not permitted by the county or the District.

#### Administrators Update:

- Construction on Phase II of the Brandt Outlet Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60E has started and is progressing well. The project should be completed by the end of the month with the ditch plugs removed next spring after the vegetation

- in the new channel has been established. In the near future we may exercise the option we have which allows us to purchase the property within the project area.
- Spot seeding on the buffer strips along our legal drainage systems has been substantially completed. Mowing along the existing buffer strips has also been completed.
  - The RRWMB will be meeting at our office on August 19, 2008. Mike Carroll, MnDNR Regional Director and Dave Holmbeck, MnDNR Con-Con Lands' Ditch Coordinator will update the RRWMB Board on Con-Con issues.
  - Final Hearing notices have been published and property owner's reports mailed to landowners for the Improvement to and Lateral of Polk County Ditch 53, RLWD Ditch 12, Project No. 169. The hearing for this project will be held on Monday, August 25, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Youngquist Auditorium, UMC-Crookston. The MnDNR permit has been received for construction of the project, should it proceed.
  - Mowing quotes were received for the Moose River Impoundment. The low quote was received from Wes Smith in the amount of \$2,499.00. Staff is also investigating brush spraying on a portion of the project.
  - The District was contacted by the Red Lake Department of Natural Resources in regarding to brush spraying on the Good Lake Impoundment Project. They have asked us to administer the spraying and they will reimburse the District.
  - Ditch Inspector Gary Lane has been in contact with landowners along State Ditch No. 83 for spot cleaning portions of the ditch system upstream of Marshall County Ditch No. 2 and in the vicinity of Marshall County Ditch No. 20. Upon approval of landowners, we hope to proceed with spot cleaning this fall.

President Nelson presented the proposed 2009 General Fund Budget and schedule for the General Fund Budget hearing to the Board of Managers for review. Nelson stated that the Budget/Salary committee members Nelson, Coe and Johnson met prior to today's meeting to review the 2009 Budget and Salary recommendations.

Upon considerable discussion, a motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to set the following pay increases effective January 1, 2009 as follows: Myron Jesme, Loren Sanderson, Arlene Novak, Gary Lane and Jim Blix 4%; Tammy Audette 4% plus an additional \$1.00 per hour; Corey Hanson 4% plus an additional 10% upon a favorable review after 6 months as of August 14, 2008 and to set the General Fund Budget hearing for September 14, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Johnson, seconded by Stanley, with motion carried to adjourn the meeting.

  
Vernon Johnson, Secretary