

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
February 23, 2012

Present were: Managers Lee Coe, Orville Knott, Dale M. Nelson, Gene Tiedemann, Albert Mandt and Les Torgerson. Absent: LeRoy Ose. Staff Present: Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

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

Motion by Coe, seconded by Torgerson, to dispense reading of the February 9, 2012 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated February 22, 2012. Manager Coe stated that two CD's will expire in the near future. It was the consensus of the Board to solicit quotes for the two maturing CD's. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated February 22, 2012.

Nathan Nordlund, Clearwater SWCD presented information on the Bagley Lake Water Quality Protection Project which is a joint project between the NRCS, SWCD and the landowner located in Sinclair and Clover Townships, Clearwater County. Mr. Nordlund stated that they are working with the landowner for establishment of a natural filter strip around Bagley Lake and two other smaller lakes/ponds to exclude cattle access and help improve water quality, prevent further damage to the lakeshore and prevent disruption of sediments. The total project cost is \$29,583.00, with the Clearwater County SWCD requesting \$3,500.00 from the 2012 Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to approve the request of the Clearwater County SWCD for cost share in the amount of \$3,500.00 for the Bagley Lake Water Quality Protection Project from the 2012 Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion carried.

Manager Nelson asked Mr. Nordlund the status of the installation of a culvert in Eddy Township that the District had cost shared on. Nordlund stated that the culvert will be installed this spring.

Jennifer Olson, NWRDC, Rose Aune, Clerk, and Richard Mosher, Mayor from the City of Grygla, presented information for a Mitigation Project local cost share request for the City of Grygla. Olson explained that when the current ring dike was constructed, two pumps were installed to handle interior drainage. Currently the pumps are undersized causing flooding problems within the city limits. The City of Grygla is applying for a grant through the State of Minnesota that would require a 25% local match. Olson asked upon approval of the grant, if the District would contribute 50% of the required 25% local match, approximately \$13,500 with the City of Grygla funding the remaining 50% or approximately \$13,500.00. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Coe, upon award of the State grant, to approve cost sharing by the RLWD of 50%

of the required 25% local match needed to help fund the installation of two pumps with attached generator structure for the City of Grygla Mitigation Project. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a request on behalf of The Nature Conservancy for a 6 week extension on the Final Report for the Glacial Ridge/JD 66 Water Quality Project, RLWD Project No. 152A. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to grant a 6 week extension for the Final Report from The Nature Conservancy for the Glacial Ridge/JD 66 Water Quality Project, RLWD Project No. 152A. Motion carried.

The Board discussed project funding and Notice of Award to the apparent low bidder, Spruce Valley Corporation, for construction of the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch1/Thief River Falls FDR Project, RLWD Project No. 171/171A.

The Board reviewed a request from Clearwater County Highway Department to amend Permit No. 12007 in Section 36, Pine Lake Township. Staff member Loren Sanderson stated that the counties original request was for the placement of a double line of 8'x5' RC box culverts, the county would like to amend the permit to a single line of 16'x6' RC box culvert. Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the request of Clearwater County Highway Department for amendment of Permit No. 12007. Motion carried.

Administrators Update:

- Manager Knott attended the RRWMB meeting at the District office on February 21st. Included in the packet is various handouts from Ron Harnack that the Board may want to review prior to the MAWD Legislative Breakfast.
- Jesme and Manager Knott attended the Flood Damage Reduction Work Group meeting in the District office on February 22nd. The Work Group was informed that Paul Wannarka is leaving his position for another position within the MnDNR.
- Jesme attended a WRP and RIM/FDR meeting on February 10th with Dave Jones, Glen Kajewski and Tim Kohler, NRCS and Nate Dalager and another meeting in Detroit Lakes on February 13th with Watershed District Administrators in the Red River Valley and NRCS staff. These meetings were intended to get Watershed Districts and NRCS better involved and to get a better understanding of how WRP/RIM funding can assist in developing FDR projects.
- A meeting has been scheduled for March 28th at 9:00 a.m. at Thief Lake WMA to meet with Thief Lake (MnDNR) and Agassiz (USFWS) staff to discuss yearly operations of the impoundments.

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Manager Torgerson discussed the request of Clearwater County SWCD for the Bagley Lake Water Quality Protection Project. Manager Tiedemann explained the standards put in place when funding is received from EQUIP.

Motion by Mandt, seconded by Torgerson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



Orville Knott, Secretary