

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
December 12, 2013

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

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

Motion by Mandt, seconded by Knott, to dispense reading of the November 26, 2013 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated December 11, 2013. Motion by Knott, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated December 11, 2013. Motion carried

Sam Umlauf, Houston Engineering, Inc. presented a project summary of construction completed for the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F. Umlauf stated that approximately 4,000 sq.yds. of riprap were installed at the outlet of the project. Construction/excavation of the restored channel is virtually complete with the exception of the upper 10,000 feet which will be completed in 2014. Temporary seeding and mulching was completed around the culverts. Permanent RIM seeding will take place in the spring, along with the installation of the control structure. Discussion was held in regard to the installation of reflective tape on the railroad car beds. It was the consensus of the Board, to have Administrator Jesme contact Davidson Construction, Inc. to have reflective tape placed on the railroad car beds.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. discussed the Expanded Distributed Detention study that was prepared for the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB). Dalager discussed goals that have been set for the District. It is the opinion of Dalager, that some of the goals are unachievable unless the District could do mainstem retention. The next step is to pick a location and form a Project Team.

Discussion was held on preparing a public notice for an informational meeting to address concerns brought to the Board from landowners on Pine Lake to study stabilizing the lake levels.

The Board reviewed a Well Agreement between The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the U.S. Geological Service (USGS). Administrator Jesme stated that observation wells were installed as part of the TNC property through the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Transfer of ownership will be turned over to the USGS. Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to approve the Well Agreement between the TNC and the USGS as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a project update from Enbridge Pipeline regarding the installation of the Sandpiper Project.

Administrator Jesme discussed a letter he drafted to Marshall County Highway Department regarding the District permit requirements. Marshall County received federal funding for maintenance on a county road, as part of the funding process all permitting agencies must be notified. Jesme stated that per the District's Rules and Regulations, a permit is not required through our office. Jesme stated that the letter he drafted will address the requirements that Marshall County needs for federal funding. Motion by Knott, seconded by Mandt, to approve

the letter to Marshall County Highway Department stating that no District permit is required. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to approve the following permit with conditions stated on the permit: No. 13155, Sean McKnight, Winsor Township, Clearwater County. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the agenda for the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Red River Basin Land & Water International Summit Conference to be held in Fargo, ND January 13-16, 2014.

Administrators Update:

- Manager Knott and Jesme will attend the RRWMB meeting in Fertile on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Included in the packet was the RRWMB October and November meeting minutes.
- Houston Engineering, Inc. continues to move forward with the development of the District's upgraded permit database.
- Managers Tiedemann, Coe, and Ose and Jesme attended the MAWD Convention in Alexandria December 4-7<sup>th</sup>. Jesme also attended a District Administrators meeting, along with a Drainage Law Seminar and a Communications Seminar.
- The Tile Drainage Sub-Committee will meet on December 16, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the District office. The committee members are Manager Tiedemann, Knott and Coe, with Torgerson as an alternate.
- A One Watershed One Plan meeting will be held at the District office at 2:00 p.m. on December 16<sup>th</sup> with various local units of government staff and BWSR staff to discuss the logistics of developing a One Watershed One Plan. The meeting is intended to get a handle on what is required should this concept move forward. It appears this plan will be developed using the 81 HUCs that have been presently defined as well as the opportunity to revise the boundaries of the sub-watershed should it be necessary.
- Included in the packet was the BuildMN a Senate Bonding newsletter that shows some of the projects that were bonded and visited this past year.
- The October 2013 Water Quality Report was included in the packet.
- Jesme will be on vacation the week of Christmas.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he would be submitting his billing to date. Sparby is also reviewing a letter that will be sent to a landowner for a 2<sup>nd</sup> violation of the District's Rules and Regulations.

Manager Tiedemann stated that he had attended the County Association meeting for the Redistribution of Managers in the Middle Snake Tamarac Watershed District.

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



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LeRoy Ose, Secretary