

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
June 27, 2013

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

The Board reviewed the agenda. President Nelson requested the addition of the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60D to the agenda. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda with the addition of the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60D. Motion carried.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Torgerson, to dispense reading of the June 13, 2013 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated June 26, 2013. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated June 26, 2013. Motion carried.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. discussed the outlet of the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60D and the enhancement of several reaches of the outlet for better ditch capacity that the District completed in 2010 during a summer flood event. Dalager indicated that should the ditch petition not proceed, the Board in all likelihood would have to spend additional funds to not only clean up areas that were previously constructed but also improve flow capacity in other areas of the Brandt Channel. President Nelson asked Dalager in his opinion, what would the cost be for such a project. Dalager indicated that the cost could be anywhere from \$100 to \$300 thousand depending upon what the Board elected to do. Upon further discussion, motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, that the District contribute \$200,000 towards the construction and establishment of the Brandt Channel, RLWD Ditch 15, Project No. 175 to help provide a better outlet for the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project No, 60D. Motion carried with Manager Tiedemann abstaining.

Administrator Jesme stated that landowner Paul Hoff has several CRP contracts that up for renewal that are located within the Louisville/Parnell Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 121. Mr. Hoff presently pays \$15.00 per acre for land enrolled into older CRP contracts within the impoundment area. Discussion was held in regard to increasing the land rent based on the fact that CRP rates have increased significantly. Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Mandt, to increase the rental rate to \$19.50 per acre for land enrolled in CRP within the Louisville/Parnell Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 121. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that the Flood Damage Reduction Grant for the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project expires June 30, 2013. Jesme stated that the project has been completed and recommends setting a Final Payment Hearing. Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to set the Final Payment Hearing for Spruce Valley Corporation for construction of the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, Project No. 171A at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 30, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the District office. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that Phase 2 of the Chuck Flage Erosion Control Project, RLWD Project No. 174 is complete. Phase 1 was completed in 2012, with the Red Lake SWCD

receiving additional funding to complete Phase 2 in 2013. Invoices will be submitted to the Red Lake SWCD for reimbursement.

The Board reviewed a letter from the Widseth Smith Nolting representing the City of Fosston in regard to a request to purchase wetland banking credits. The City of Fosston is constructing a multi-use trail around the city softball complex that will require replacement of 0.186 Type 3 wetland banking credits. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to approve the sale of 0.186 Type 3 Wetland Banking Credits at the 2013 rate determined by the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources for banking credits within Polk County to the City of Fosston. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the 2012 Annual Report. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the 2012 Annual Report. Motion carried. County Commissioner meetings will be scheduled to present the report.

The Minnesota Viewers Association will be having a seminar on Public Drainage System design and capacity considerations in determining benefit values on July 18, 2013. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the cost of mileage and expenses for the Viewers to attend the Minnesota Viewers Association seminar. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to approve the following permits for approval with conditions stated on the permits: No. 13040, Nyle Kline, Belguim Township, Polk County; No. 13041, Lyle Anderson, Grand Plain Township, Marshall County; No. 13043, Del Determan, Poplar River Township, Red Lake County; No. 13044, David Grothe, Norden Township, Pennington County; No. 13045, Aaron Baldwin, Holt Township, Marshall County; No. 13046, 13047, 13048 and 13049 Gully Township, Polk County; No. 13050, Lessor Township, Polk County; No. 13051, George Hanson, Inc., Fairfax Township, Polk County; No. 13052, Marshall County Highway Department, Excel Township; No. 13054, Kiel Corporation, Hammond Township, Polk County.

Administrators Report:

- Jesme and Manager Knott attended the RRWMB meeting on June 18, 2013. There will be a rules and regulation committee meeting on July 8, 2013 in conjunction with the Red River Retention meeting in Fargo. The next RRWMB meeting will be July 16th in Roseau at which time a tour of the Hay Creek-Norland Impoundment Project will be held.
- Documents are being finalized to award the construction of the Grand Marais Creek outlet Restoration Project to Davidson Construction, Inc. There was a slight delay as we wait for the State of Minnesota to reinstate Davidson Construction, Inc. as a corporation. Davidson plans to start construction the 2nd week in August.
- Staff member Arlene Novak participated in webinar joint training by Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR), Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, and DNR Grants Unit staff for MN Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund and Outdoor Heritage Fund pass-through appropriation recipients. This webinar

will assist us in the process that is required to submit funding requests for the Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration Project.

- On June 26th, BWSR and NRCS signed an agreement outlining each agency's role in the operation of an agricultural wetland mitigation bank, defining the circumstances in which the bank can be used and simplifying the process for landowners using the bank. Included in the packet was a news release.
- Caleb Loeslie was hired as a Water Quality Summer Intern to replace Alisha Mosloff.

At 9:30 a.m., President Dale M. Nelson recessed the general meeting and reconvened the Final Hearing for the Establishment of the Brandt Channel, RLWD Ditch No. 15, Project No. 175 to order. President Nelson addressed the public as to the hearing and its process. Nelson stated that the hearing is being videotaped and will be available for viewing at the RLWD office. It was also noted that the appropriate notices had been given. Administrator Myron Jesme read a letter from landowner Ken F. Kobetsky, P.E., who was also participating in the hearing via conference call. Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., and Engineer for the project discussed the design of a 10 year design versus of 5 year design. Jerry Bennett, viewers for the project, discussed reviewing the benefited area using the hydrologic modeling provided by HDR Engineering which was included in the Detailed Survey Report dated February 14, 2013. The Engineer and Viewers entertained questions from the Board and the audience. Landowners in attendance were given a chance to ask questions and/or make comments. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to adjourn the hearing to July 25, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the District office. Motion carried. The hearing was adjourned.

President Nelson stated that the Tile Drainage Study item on the agenda will be discussed at the July 11, 2013 Board meeting.

Manager Tiedemann discussed a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Nitrogen Study on water in tile drainage.

Manager Knott discussed the concerns that the Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources and Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts have with the Red River Watershed Management Board structure.

Manager Tiedemann discussed a Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources meeting he attended.

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



LeRoy Ose, Secretary