

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
November 10, 2016

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 Allan Page, Terry Sorenson, Lee Coe, Gene Tiedemann, Dale M. Nelson and LeRoy Ose. Absent: Les Torgerson. Staff Present: Myron Jesme, Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

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

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Sorenson, to dispense reading of the October 27, 2016 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated November 9, 2016. Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated November 9, 2016 as presented. Motion carried. It was the consensus of the Board to authorize staff to solicit quotes for the Certificate of Deposit that is set to expire on December 9, 2016.

Administrator Jesme stated that the District received the Executed Grant Agreement from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MnDNR) for the Blackduck Lake Dam Outlet, RLWD Project No. 50E. The District will need to obtain an easement from the landowner for access to the site.

Brad Johnson, Houston Engineering, Inc. stated that Davidson Construction, Inc. completed the repairs to the rock chute outlet structure on RLWD Ditch 10, RLWD Project No. 161. Johnson stated that the contractor installed a head wall and repaired damage done to the slope in the amount of \$17,500. Funding for the repairs will be allocated from the District's Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Johnson recommended holding off on completing any additional work to the outlet to determine how the repairs stand-up.

Administrator Jesme stated that he had been asked to participate in a telephone conference to discuss legislation for the Model Buffer Rules for the recently approved Buffer Strip Legislation.

The Board reviewed correspondence to landowner Dan Huot from the MnDNR in regard to the Goose Lake Marsh Management Plan Summary. President Nelson stated that he had received a phone call from a local landowner, expressing their concern over the lack of the MnDNR not operating the structure. Manager Page stated that when he viewed the area, the water is very high.

Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. discussed coordinating efforts with the MnDNR on public outreach and a potential press release describing on-going efforts for the Pine Lake Area Project, RLWD Project No. 26.

Dalager stated that a Four Legged Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 102A, Project Team meeting will be held on November 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the District office. Dalager discussed the recent lake elevations survey that HDR Engineering staff completed on Four Legged Lake. Discussion was held on the results of the survey. Dalager discussed that at previous project team meetings, the desired elevations of the four basins would ideally be set at 1425.0 with the thought that the elevation of the eastern basins would be approximately 1' foot above the lake bottom for vegetation and wildlife. It was determined by the most recent survey elevation data, that the water would be closer to 2.1 feet above the lake bottom versus the desired 1foot. Dalager stated that several local landowners have contacted the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in regard to obtaining higher lake elevations. Dalager stated that the results of the survey will be discussed at the Project Team meeting.

At 9:30 a.m., the final payment hearing for Brummund Excavating, LLC concerning the repairs to the Latendresse Dam, RLWD Project No. 50B was called to order. President Nelson stated that the hearing had been properly advertised. Discussion regarding the final payment request was had and the opportunity for public comment was given. There was no one in attendance objecting to the final payment. The hearing was closed. Motion by Page, seconded by Coe, to approve the final payment in the amount of \$5,805.22 to Brummund Excavating, LLC for the repairs to the Latendresse Dam, RLWD Project No. 50B. Motion carried. The hearing was videotaped and is on file at the RLWD office.

Jennifer Maleitzke, Public Affairs Consultant with Environmental Resources Management, appeared before the Board, representing Enbridge, to discuss the Line 3 deactivation and replacement, the EIS process, survey work, safety, and preventative maintenance. Maleitzke stated that the terminal in Clearbrook is a large hub for Enbridge, and if requested, tours of the site could be arranged. Discussion was held on land ownership of property located within the Four Legged Lake Project area.

The Board reviewed correspondence regarding the City of Goodridge regarding their Wellhead Protection Program.

The Board reviewed the following information from the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts (MAWD): Administration transition, 2016 Proposed Resolutions and Annual Meeting material. Manager Coe discussed the transition of the retirement of Ray Bohn stating that the MAWD Board of Directions is recommending splitting Mr. Bohn's duties into two positions: Executive Director and Lobbyist. Coe stated that the MAWD Board of Directors is recommending establishment of a formal MAWD office to include administrative staff. An information session will be held at the MAWD Annual Meeting with a vote by the MAWD Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting on Saturday. Discussion was held on the increase of dues.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Ose, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 16121, Richard Salentiny and Jon Wilson, Mayfield Township, Pennington County; No. 16133, James Reinbold, Equality Township; No. 16153, Gail Steinhauer, Holt Township, Marshall County; No. 16154, Robert Schmitz/Bill Cassavant, Louisville Township, Red Lake County; No. 16155, Kevin Wilde, Mayfield Township, Pennington County; No. 16156, Richard Krueger, Keystone Township, Polk County; No. 16158, Michael Gasper, Northland Township, Polk County; No. 16159, Richard Knott, Gervais Township, Red Lake County; No. 16160, Eric Sirek, Polk Centre Township, Pennington County; No. 16161, Gary Novak, River Falls Township, Pennington County; No. 16162, Gary Novak, Browns Creek Township, Red Lake County; No. 16163, Pennington County Highway Department, Cloverleaf Township, Pennington County; No. 16164, Judy Fraemke, Lambert Township, Red Lake County; No. 16165, David Bertils, Godfrey Township, Polk County; No. 16166, Mike Sundrud, Johnson Township, Polk County; No. 16167, John Frahm, Grand Plain Township, Marshall County; No. 16173, Douglas Peterson, Esther Township, Polk County; No. 16174, Douglas Peterson, Grand Forks Township, Polk County; No. 16175, Pennington County Highway Department, Smiley Township, Pennington County; No. 16176, Pennington County Highway Department, Mayfield Township, Pennington County; and No. 16177, Jared Peterson, Northland Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

President Nelson stated that agreements for a potential Flood Damage Reduction Project were signed with two landowners for the Option to Purchase and with one landowner for a Temporary Easement and Option to Purchase a Permanent Easement for Flood Water Damage Reduction, for a total of 723.48 acres on property located in Sections 3 and 4, Black River Township, Pennington County. This potential project would contribute towards the 20% Flood Reduction on the Red River. The District has until June 30, 2017 to execute the agreements with the landowners. The landowners will farm their land in 2017. Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board adopt the Black River Impoundment Project, and assign it as RLWD Project No. 176. Motion carried. Discussion was held on the appointment of an engineering firm to begin wetland delineations of the area, prior to snowfall. Motion by Page, seconded by Sorenson, to appoint Houston Engineering, Inc. as the Project Engineer for the Black River Impoundment Project, RLWD Project No. 176. Motion carried.

#### Administrators update:

- Jesme and Manager Ose will attend the RRWMB meeting in Ada on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Hearing notices were published for the Red Lake River 1W1P to be held on November 22, 2016 for Polk County at 9:20 a.m., Red Lake County at 11:00 a.m. and Pennington County at 5:30 p.m. Jesme participated in a Red Lake River 1W1P Planning group meeting to review public comments received. The draft document along with public comments will be presented to the Advisory Committee and then to the Policy Committee for their approval. The final steps will be the partner Boards approving the plan with submittal to BWSR in April 2017.
- MAWD has requested each Watershed to provide articles to MAWD highlighting work completed to help improve each Watershed. Jesme submitted articles on the Grand Marais Creek Project and the repairs to the Latendresse Dam.

Legal Counsel Sparby discussed the various MAWD Resolutions being proposed for the 2016 MAWD Annual Meeting.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that if the District exercises the Options, we will need to complete Title Opinions, and the landowners will need to update their abstracts for the Black River Impoundment Project, RLWD Project No. 176.

The Board reviewed a Thank You letter to Manager Coe, on behalf of the members of the League of Women Voters of the Bemidji Area. Coe attended their September 28<sup>th</sup> meeting and discussed various aspects of the District.

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



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LeRoy Ose, Secretary