

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
January 9, 2020

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

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

The Board reviewed the December 30, 2019 minutes. Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Page, to approve the December 30, 2019 Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated January 8, 2020. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Ose, to approve the Financial Report dated January 8, 2020. Motion carried.

Marshall County and Beltrami County confirmed the reappointment of Managers Ose and Dwight, respectively, for an additional 3-year term on the Board.

Election of officers was conducted with President Nelson turning the meeting over to Vice President, Gene Tiedemann.

Manager Tiedemann called for nominations for president. Manager Ose, nominated Dale M. Nelson. Upon calling for further nominations three times, no further nominations were made. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, for nominations to cease and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Dale M. Nelson for president of the Board. Motion carried.

Vice President Tiedemann turned the meeting over to President Nelson to conduct elections for the remaining Board positions.

Nominations were opened for Vice-President. Manager Page nominated Gene Tiedemann. Upon calling for further nominations three times, no further nominations were made. Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Dwight, for nominations to cease, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Gene Tiedemann for vice-president of the Board. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for Secretary. Manager Torgerson nominated LeRoy Ose. Upon calling for further nominations three times, no further nominations were made. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Page, for nominations to cease, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for LeRoy Ose for secretary of the Board. Motion carried.

Nominations were opened for Treasurer. Manager Ose nominated Terry Sorenson. Upon calling for further nominations three times, no further nominations were made. Motion by Dwight,

seconded by Torgerson, for nominations to cease, and that the secretary cast a unanimous ballot for Terry Sorenson for treasurer of the Board. Motion carried.

President Nelson reviewed the Advisory Board members. Motion by Ose, seconded by Dwight, to approve the Advisory Committee members as listed. Motion carried.

The position of Delegate and Alternate to the Red River Watershed Management Board (RRWMB) was discussed. Manager Nelson stated that Manager Ose is currently the Delegate and will begin the third year of a 3-year term, with Manager Torgerson and Manager Nelson as Alternates. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve Manager Ose as the Delegate to the RRWMB, and Managers Torgerson and Nelson as Alternates. Motion carried.

Delegates and Alternate to the Minnesota Association of Watershed Districts were discussed. Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Dwight, to appoint Managers Ose and Tiedemann as Delegates and Manager Page as an alternate. Motion carried.

The Budget/Salary Committee was discussed by the Board. A motion was made by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to appoint Managers Dwight, Sorenson and Nelson to serve on the Budget/Salary Committee. Motion carried.

The Board discussed representatives on the Grand Marais Creek Joint Powers Board. A motion was made by Dwight, seconded by Ose, to appoint Managers Nelson, Tiedemann and Page to the Grand Marais Creek Joint Powers Board, with Manager Sorenson as an alternate. Motion carried. Administrator Jesme stated that the By-Laws of the Grand Marais Creek Joint Powers Board stated that a yearly meeting shall be called of the Joint Powers Board members. It was the consensus of the Board, to schedule a Joint Powers Board meeting.

The committees for the JD 2 and JD 72 Joint Ditch Boards were reviewed. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Dwight, to appoint Managers Sorenson and Torgerson to the JD 2 and JD 72 Joint Ditch Boards. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the appointment of representatives to the Pine Lake Area Project Work Team. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to appoint Managers Sorenson and Torgerson as Delegates and Manager Dwight as Alternate to the Pine Lake Area Project Work Team. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the appointment of representatives to the Four-Legged Lake Project Work Team. Motion by Ose, seconded by Page, to appoint Managers Sorenson and Torgerson as Delegates and Manager Dwight as Alternate to the Four-Legged Lake Project Work Team. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the appointment of representatives to the Black River Impoundment Project Work Team. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Ose, to appoint Managers Nelson and Page as Delegates and Manager Tiedemann as Alternate to the Black River Impoundment Project Work Team. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the appointment of representatives to the 20% Flood Reduction Committee. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Sorenson, to appoint Managers Nelson, Ose and Torgerson to the 20% Flood Reduction Committee. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the appointment to the Policy Committee and Advisory Committee for the Red Lake River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P). Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Ose, to appoint Manager Tiedemann as Delegate and Manager Nelson as Alternate to the Policy Committee and Managers Nelson and Page to the Advisory Committee for the Red Lake River 1W1P. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the appointment to the Policy Committee and Advisory Committee for the Thief River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P). Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Tiedemann, to appoint Manager Ose as Delegate and Manager Nelson as Alternate to the Policy Committee and Managers Nelson and Dwight to the Advisory Committee for the Thief River 1W1P. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the appointment of representatives to the Blackduck Lake Structure Joint Powers Board. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Page, to appoint Managers Dwight and Torgerson to the Blackduck Lake Structure Joint Powers Board. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the appointment to the Permit Rules and Regulations Committee. Motion by Ose, seconded by Torgerson, to appoint Managers Dwight, Page and Tiedemann to the Permit Rules and Regulations Committee. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Dwight, and passed by unanimous vote that the regularly scheduled Board meetings be held at 9:00 A.M. at the Red Lake Watershed District Office on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month for 2020.

A motion was made by Sorenson, seconded by Tiedemann, that the following institutions be designated as depositories for the RLWD: Northern State Bank, Border State Bank, American Federal Bank, Unity Bank North-Certificate of Deposit Account Registry Service (CDARS) through Promontory Interfinancial Network, LLC, Bremer Bank, Ultima Bank, Edward Jones, with the following signatures on the signature cards at the financial institutions: Dale M. Nelson, Gene Tiedemann, LeRoy Ose, Terry Sorenson, Myron Jesme and Arlene Novak. Motion carried.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., reviewed the agenda for the January 17, 2020 Pine Lake Project Work Team. Dalager stated that the Project Team will look at the potential of replacing the existing dam, which would allow the District to lower the lake level to get more Flood Damage Reduction benefits. Lowering the lake level would also help with less oxygen degeneration. Dalager noted that if the existing dam was replaced, a new Operating Plan would need to be put in place. Administrator Jesme reminded that Board that the current structure is a petitioned for project, with a benefitted area that pays for any maintenance and operating cost. The Board suggested that Administrator Jesme and Legal Counsel Sparby research the legalities of replacing a structure that is currently a petitioned project, should the project team recommend an alternative which could involve the existing structure. Dalager stated an example that the lake

level could be lowered after Labor Day or a time agreed to by the property owners. Manager Torgerson discussed the concerns of the landowners regarding the ability to replenish the water released in the fall. Additional discussion was held on the potential of ring dikes/cabin flood proofing program.

Administrator Jesme stated that Pennington County and Pennington SWCD Boards approved the Thief River 1W1P, RLWD Project No. 149, Memorandum of Agreement and approval to submit the plan to BWSR. Marshall and Beltrami County and SWCD's are scheduled to review the documents this month.

Administrator Jesme updated the Board on the status of the Improvement to Polk County Ditch No. 39, RLWD Project No. 179. Jesme has been working with permitting folks representing the Wetland Conservation Act and at this point is not anticipating permitting delays. The final hearing will be held in early March.

Administrator Jesme stated that when conditions allow this spring, construction on Ditch 16, RLWD Project No. 177 will proceed.

The Board reviewed correspondence from the RRWMB regarding cost-share payments due for USGS Stream Gages, in the amount of \$11,352.50 for Fiscal year 2020. Motion by Ose, seconded by Dwight, to approve the cost-share payment in the amount of \$11,352.50 for the District's portion of cost-share for USGS Stream Gages. Motion carried.

Minnesota Viewers Association dues for 2020 were presented to the Board. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Torgerson, and passed unanimously to approve paying \$200 for the 2020 Minnesota Viewers Association dues. Motion carried.

Staff member Tammy Audette updated the Board on the advertising for the District Engineer Senior Position. Audette stated that there have been 2,542 hits on our ad, but no applications have been received to date. Discussion was held on the potential of changing the job description.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme and Manager Ose will attend the RRWMB on January 14, 2020 at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center in Moorhead.
- Jesme and Managers Ose, Tiedemann, Page, and Sorenson will attend the 37th Annual Red River Basin Land and Water Institute Annual Conference on January 14-16, 2020. Included in the packet was the brochure for the conference.
- Included in the packet was a photo of Jesme and Managers Page, Ose and Tiedemann accepting a recognition plaque from MAWD for the 50-year anniversary of the establishment of the RLWD.
- Jesme and Staff member Tammy Audette are working on receiving additional quotes for renewal of the District's IT that will expire March 30, 2020. Audette has also been working with Budget Electronics concerning the purchase of technology for the Board Room.

- Staff member Corey Hanson attended a MPCA Civic Engagement meeting on January 7, 2020.
- Staff member Corey Hanson will attend the Pennington County WRAC meeting in the District office on January 13, 2020.
- The Red Lake River 1W1P Planning Workgroup will meet on January 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Pennington SWCD to finalize the Workplan for submittal to BWSR for approval.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., reviewed an email from Larry Puchalski, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, indicating that he is working on the permit documents for the Thief River Falls Westside Project, RLWD Project No. 178 and hopes to run it up the ladder for review by management with the hope of a permit by the end of January. Dalager indicated that he is planning for a February approval of the Plans and Specifications with a March bid opening.

Discussion was held on acquiring additional information for improvements to the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60D and the outlet of the Euclid East Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60C. Administrator Jesme stated that Staff member Nick Olson has spoken to an area landowner regarding the installation of a berm through Lois Glass property and tie it into the existing township roadway. Discussion was held on purchasing additional property or perpetual easement from landowners Dennis and Brian Schultz on the Euclid East Impoundment. Manager Tiedemann and Jesme will meet with the landowners in the future.

Manager Ose stated he spoke to RRWMB Executive Director Rob Sip regarding permitting issues with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Jesme indicated that Rob had called him to discuss permitting questions or delays we are seeing on our projects.

Legal Counsel Sparby discussed the Drainage Manual that Administrator Jesme sent him to review. Jesme stated that Al Kean had retired from BWSR but has come out of retirement to finish revisions on the Drainage Manual.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he will keep the Board informed, of any outcome from the courts for JD 5/Four-Legged Lake, RLWD Project No. 102.

Engineer Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, Inc., are gathering additional information for officials from the Wetland Conservation Act for the Black River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 176.

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



LeRoy Ose, Secretary