

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
March 24, 2022

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: Managers: Dale M. Nelson, LeRoy Ose, Gene Tiedemann, Terry Sorenson, Allan Page, Brian Dwight, and Tom Anderson. Staff Present: Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel, Delray Sparby.

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

The Board reviewed the March 10, 2022, minutes. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Anderson, to approve the March 10, 2022, Board meeting minutes with correction. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the March 21, 2022, minutes. Motion by Ose, seconded by Dwight, to approve the March 21, 2022, Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated March 23, 2022. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Page, to approve the Financial Report dated March 23, 2022, as presented. Motion carried.

Staff member, Ann Joppru, discussed minor revisions to wording within the District's Personnel Policy and Procedures. Joppru noted that the Juneteenth holiday, which was previously approved by the Board, was added, along with the new procedures for payroll due to the QuickBooks implementation. It was the consensus of the Board that these items were already previously approved by the Board and therefore can be added to the Personnel Policy and Procedures without any further formal motion by the Board.

Staff member, Nick Olson, discussed the most recent snow survey sample taken as of March 14, 2022, ranging from 3.5" to 4.4" of snow depth. Manager Dwight stated that he measured 4-5" inches of moisture content near Waskish, MN. Olson reviewed information from the National Weather Service showing approximate crests at the Red Lake River and Red River of the North.

Discussion was held on a crossing that was washed out on the Black River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 176, and minor erosion that occurred along County Road 12. Engineer, Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, Inc., stated that the soil is sandy, recommending that this pipe should be armored upstream and downstream to prevent washout. President Nelson suggested cleaning out a pipe near the Craig Swanson residence. Two additional areas west of the County Road 12 had water go over the road. Staff member Nick Olson recommended in the future we may want to remove snow from the ditch near the Paulson property and around the Black River Church, where water overtopped the roadway due to the ditch being plugged with snow. Nordby discussed erosion that took place on the backside of the sheet pilings at several

sites. Olson stated that we did not store water in the dry impoundments. Gates are currently closed at the Moose River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 13. Pine Lake, RLWD Project No. 35, which is at summer elevation of 1,283.5, with little inflow. Stoplogs will be installed today. The catwalk and gates have been built and will be installed when the weather is warmer.

The Board reviewed a funding agreement for replacement of the Knutson Dam, RLWD Project No. 50F, with the Red Lake County SWCD in the amount of 75% share of the project cost. Motion by Page, seconded by Ose, to approve the Percent Based Conservation Practice Assistance Control Agreement with the Red Lake County SWCD for replacement of the Knutson Dam, RLWD Project No. 50F. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel Sparby reviewed the Stipulated Facts for the Appeal to the Improvement of Polk County Ditch 39, RLWD Project No. 179.

The Board reviewed RLWD Permit No. 2021-121, Gary Roisland, Kratka Township, Pennington County. Staff member Nick Olson stated that this was a previously tabled permit to allow additional time to review the request. Motion by Ose, seconded by Sorenson, to approved RLWD Permit No. 2021-121, Gary Roisland, with conditions stated on the permit. Motion carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve RLWD Permit No. 2022-013, Pennington County Highway Department, Smiley Township, with conditions stated on the permit. Motion carried.

Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Page, to approve RLWD Permit No. 2022-017, Garden Valley Technologies, Euclid Township, Polk County, with conditions stated on the permit. Motion carried.

Staff member, Tammy Audette, reviewed the Job Posting for the Ditch Inspector/Engineering Technician. Applications will be received until April 19, 2022. Discussion was held amongst the Board, regarding the Budget and Salary Committee meeting, prior to the posting of the position.

Staff member, Tammy Audette, stated that she had reached out to Les Torgerson and Dan Stenseng regarding serving on the District's Advisory Committee. Both individuals declined the invitation. Audette stated that Administrator Jesme recommended appointing Robyn Dwight, President of the Upper Red Lake Area Association, to serve on the Advisory Committee. Motion by Page, seconded by Anderson, to approve the appointment of Robyn Dwight, President, Upper Red Lake Area Association, to serve on the District's Advisory Committee. Motion carried with Manager Dwight abstaining from discussion or voting.

Manager Dwight discussed the Joint Conference held in Moorhead and discussion regarding bonded projects and additional stipulations on using the money. Dwight stated that the FDR Work Group Technical papers had been updated, further discussing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers presentation he sat in on. Dwight stated that he spoke to Steve Hoftstad, BWSR,

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regarding the potential of Wetland Banking Credits on the Black River Impoundment Project, RLWD Project No. 176. Hofstad requested that the District inform BWSR and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on what the Board's decision is on proceeding with the creation of the Wetland Banking Credits. Engineer, Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, Inc., stated that he has put together a summary of what was completed.

Manager Tiedemann asked questions of Engineer, Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. on fish passage on the Pine Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 35.

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



LeRoy Ose, Secretary