

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
November 10, 2022

Vice President, Gene Tiedemann, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District Office, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present: Managers: Gene Tiedemann, Terry Sorenson, Allan Page, Tom Anderson, and LeRoy Ose. Absent: Managers: Dale M. Nelson and Brian Dwight. 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.

The Board reviewed the October 27, 2022, minutes. Motion by Ose, seconded by Anderson, to approve the October 27, 2022, Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated November 9, 2022. Motion by Page, seconded by Anderson, to approve the Financial Report dated November 9, 2022, as presented. Motion carried. Staff member Ann Joppru noted that the current interest rate at American Federal Bank-Fosston increased from 1.75% to 2.0%.

Engineer Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, Inc., stated that patching of the asphalt on CSAH 3, as part of the construction of Black River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 176, was completed and approved by the Pennington County Highway Department. It was also stated that CC Steel has to install a bracket on the Sluice Gate prior to project closeout. The bracket is supposed to be installed this week or early next week. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to schedule the Final Payment Hearing to R.J. Zavoral and Sons, Inc., for construction of the Black River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 176, for 9:30 a.m., December 8, 2022, at the Red Lake Watershed District office. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate No. 2-Final, for Taggart Contracting Inc., for replacement of the Knutson Dam, RLWD Project No. 50F in the amount of \$21,661.40. Engineer Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, Inc., recommended that the contractor present a warranty letter due to the late timeframe of planting the grass. Motion by Page, seconded by Ose, to approve Pay Estimate No. 2-Final, for Taggart Contracting Inc., for replacement of the Knutson Dam, RLWD Project No. 50F, contingent upon receipt of a warranty letter for planting of the grass. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Pay Estimate No. 2-Final for the Demarais Hanson Repair, RLWD Project No. 149 in the amount of \$28,724.32. Engineer Tony Nordby, Houston Engineering, Inc., recommended Final Payment contingent upon the receipt of the IC134 Form and payroll records. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Page, to approve Pay Estimate No. 2-Final, for Quality Spray Foam DBA Anderson Excavating, for the Demarais Hanson Repair, RLWD Project No. 149, contingent upon receipt of the IC134 Form and payroll records. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Clearwater River 1W1P, RLWD Project No. 149B, Memorandum of Agreement. Administrator Jesme reviewed minor changes that he had requested to be made to the document. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Sorenson, to approve authorizing the signature of the Clearwater River 1W1P, RLWD Project No. 149B Memorandum of Agreement with the revisions recommended by Jesme. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a letter from Beltrami County requesting funding assistance to update Beltrami County's GIS imagery. Jesme indicated that Brian Dwight met with Kevin Trappe, GIS Director for Beltrami County to discuss the Beltrami County request for cost share funding from the District in the amount of \$10,000, with an estimated total project cost of \$76,000. Administrator Jesme indicated that with the development of the Upper and Lower Red Lake 1W1P, the updated imagery could be beneficial for the development of the upcoming plan. Motion by Ose, seconded by Page, to approve cost share in the amount of \$10,000 to assist in updating Beltrami County's GIS imagery. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the final cost of the Nelson Ring Dike, RLWD Project No. 129AU in the amount of \$44,489.54, which brings the amount of the landowner portion to be a credit in the amount of \$4,604.15, which will be refunded to the landowner.

The Board reviewed the final cost of the Sorum Ring Dike, RLWD Project No. 129AW in the amount of \$134,933.23, which brings the amount of the landowner portion to be a credit in the amount of \$900.35, which will be refunded to the landowner.

Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Anderson, to approve a one-year permit extension for RLWD Permit No. 19181, Wayne Vettleson, Equality Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Ose, seconded by Page, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 22242-22246, Brandsvold Township, Polk County; No. 22248, Reed Engelstad, Veldt Township, Marshall County; No. 22249, Marshall County Highway Department, Holt Township, Marshall County; No. 22250, Garnes Township, Red Lake County; No. 22251, Viking Gas Transmission, Sullivan Township, Polk County; No. 22252, Luke Kaushagen, Veldt Township, Marshall County; 22253, Star Township, Pennington County; No. 22254, Louisville Township, Red Lake County; No. 22255, Browns Creek Township, Red Lake County; No. 22256, Clayton Johnsrud, Star Township, Pennington County; No. 22257, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Wyndotte Township, Pennington County; No. 22258, Matthew Kehn, Emardville Township, Red Lake County; No. 22259, Pennington County Highway Department, Numedahl Township, Pennington County; No. 22260, Mike Gasper, Nesbit Township, Polk County; No. 22261, Joe Chiplinski, Whiteford Township, Marshall County; No. 22263, Louisville Township, Red Lake County; No. 22264, Randy Myhre, Poplar River Township, Red Lake County; and No. 22265, Claire Berberich, Poplar River Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that after gathering further information from the District's IT company, Corporate Technologies, it was determined that the District should update their Barracuda backup device to a Barracuda 390 (4TB) with 3-year support and subscription at a

cost of \$11,117.13. Jesme recommended using funds from the District's 2023 budget as the device will not be installed until January. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Page, to approve the purchase of a Barracuda 390 (4TB) with 3-year support and subscription at a cost of \$11,117.13 from Corporate Technologies. Motion carried.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme will participate in the RRWMB meeting on November 15, 2022 via Teams, with Manager Ose participating in person.
- Jesme and Hanson attended the Thief River 1W1P Policy Committee meeting held October 28, 2022 at the District office. Included in the packet was the agenda for the meeting which included a one-year extension of the grant that is set to expire December 31, 2022.
- The Clearwater River 1W1P Policy Committee met on October 31st in Bagley.
- The Red Lake River 1W1P Policy Committee met on November 9, 2022. The 2020 Watershed Based Funding Grant which expires December 31, 2022, was extended to December 31, 2023.
- Jesme attended the Minnesota Association of Watershed Administrators' meeting in Fergus Falls on November 4th.
- Jesme and Manager Ose met with the Marshall County Board on November 1st to present the 2021 Annual Report.
- Included in the packet was a MnDNR "Notice of Intent to Adopt Expedited Rules Without a Public Hearing" for Invasive Species.

Administrator Jesme stated that landowner Kelly Dahlen stopped in to discuss the Good Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 67 and the need to operate the impoundment in the future. Jesme indicated with no current "Special Land Permit" with the Red Lake Tribal Nation, the District is not able to gain access to operate the impoundment. Jesme indicated that Mr. Dahlen may be willing to assist the District in the operation of the impoundment, if an agreement can be reached with the Red Lake Tribal Nation. Additional information will be presented to the Board at a later time.

Manager Ose stated that he attended the Red River Basin Commission Board meeting representing the RRWMB.

Manager Ose informed the Board that he had flown over Agassiz NWR and it appears Agassiz Pool is drained completely and there is only some minor ponding within the complex. It appears the only ponding of water appears to be where sediment will not allow the water to get out. Ose also stated that water levels on the Good Lake Impoundment have dropped from his last fly-over. Ose also reported that construction to repair the KeWaSay dike, located along the Clearwater River on Red Lake Tribal Nation property, has been completed.

Manager Anderson stated that the approval of the Clearwater River 1W1P Comprehensive Plan is complete and that the Memorandum of Agreement for the implementation of the plan has been finalized which will allow partners to start working on projects in 2023.

Manager Anderson questioned what the current levels are on the Pine Lake and Little Pine WMA projects.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "LeRoy Ose". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the text.

LeRoy Ose, Secretary