

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
August 12, 2010

Present were: Managers Dale M. Nelson, Orville Knott, Lee Coe, LeRoy Ose, Gene Tiedemann, Kelly Nordlund, and Albert Mandt. Staff Present: Myron Jesme and Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel Delray Sparby.

The Board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Knott, seconded by Mandt, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Tammy Audette read the minutes of July 22, 2010. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the minutes with corrections.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated August 11, 2010. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Nordlund, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated August 11, 2010.

Bryan Malone, Pennington SWCD, presented information on a bank stabilization project located in Section 4, Rocksbury Township, Pennington County, on property owned by Tom Goddard. Malone stated that 250 feet of streambank along the Red Lake River had washed away from ice jams over the last few years. The estimated construction cost to repair the bank is \$37,000. The SWCD will contribute 25% of the accepted bid up to total cost share of \$8,500. Malone is requesting \$12,500 from monies allotted from the 2010 Erosion Control Project Funds, RLWD Project No. 164, with the landowner to pay the balance. Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to approve cost share of \$12,500 for the Tom Goddard Bank Stabilization Project with monies allotted from the 2010 Erosion Control Project Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the Jerome Street Bank Stabilization Project, RLWD Project No. 97B. Bryan Malone stated after installation of the willows, water levels were extremely high due to heavy rain events, so it is uncertain the outcome of the willows. The vegetation is coming along. Discussion was held in regard to the final payment to the contractor, Wright Construction, Inc. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to set the final payment hearing for Wright Construction, Inc. relating to the construction of the Jerome Street Bank Stabilization Project, RLWD Project No. 97B for 9:30 a.m., September 9, 2010.

Administrator Jesme stated that cleaning of the channel downstream of the Brandt Impoundment has been completed and that it was a huge success in draining down the Brandt Impoundment. Jesme attended a meeting with the local landowners to discuss a possible ditch petition. It was the recommendation of Legal Counsel Sparby that District staff complete the survey of the channel as approved by the Board prior to the submittal of a petition. Jesme stated that the Brandt Impoundment has been completely drained down after the summer rain events.

At 9:30 a.m. President Nelson called the hearing to order for Euclid East Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60C. Legal Counsel Sparby stated the purpose of the hearing. Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., discussed the proposed installation of two additional culverts near the inlet of the Euclid East Impoundment to increase the efficiency of inlet waters. Engineer Dalager answered questions from the Board. President Nelson closed the hearing. After further discussion of the Board, a motion was made by Knott, seconded by Mandt, to approve the recommendation proposed by Engineer Dalager for installation of two additional culverts, construct riprap spillway over a crossing, along with the construction of a berm at the inlet of the Euclid East Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60. Motion carried with Tiedemann abstaining.

Administrator Jesme stated that Jeff Olson Construction had submitted the low quote in the amount of \$16,613.00 for the construction of the Gary Stengl ring dike.

The Board reviewed a letter from the RRWMB to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers expressing their concerns relating to the Draft Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement for the proposed Fargo-Moorhead Diversion Project.

Legal Counsel Sparby presented a Resolution for the transfer of the Carnegie Library Building to the City of Thief River Falls. Sparby stated City of Thief River Falls will also be required to submit a Resolution for the proposed transfer. Motion by Ose, seconded by Tiedemann, to adopt the following resolution for the transfer of the Carnegie Library Building to the City of Thief River Falls:

WHEREAS, The Red Lake Watershed District owns certain real property located in the County of Pennington and State of Minnesota described as follows:

Lots Twenty-one (21), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-three (23), and Twenty-four (24), LESS the South 5 feet of the West 20 feet of Lot Twenty-four (24), all in Block Fifty-seven (57), Original Townsite of Thief River Falls, Minnesota, according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Register of Deeds in and for said County.

WHEREAS, The Red Lake Watershed District is no longer in need of the property to carry out the governmental program for which it was acquired as the Red Lake Watershed District has moved its offices to another location, and the Red Lake Watershed District is willing to transfer said property to the City of Thief River Falls,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the president and secretary are authorized to execute any all documents needed to transfer said property to the City of Thief River Falls for its use subject to the provisions of M.S.A. §16A.695. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme presented four quotes from dealerships for the purchase of a new vehicle. Motion by Coe, seconded by Nordlund, to approve the purchase of a 2011 Silverado from Thiberts Chevrolet in the amount of \$14,394 which includes the trade-in of a 2006 Chevrolet Silverado. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a Quarterly Performance Report for the Glacial Ridge Project - JD 66 Water Quality Study, RLWD Project No. 152.

Administrator Jesme stated that cost share reimbursement had been submitted from the Red Lake SWCD for construction of the Michael Knott Streambank Protection Project and from the Clearwater SWCD for the Eileen Horn Streambank Protection Project and the Winsor Township Streambank-Roadside Protection Project. Jesme stated that all three projects received cost share funding from the Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164 that had been previously approved by the Board.

The Board reviewed the Permits for approval. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permits: No. 10074, Rude Construction TRF, Inc., North Township, Pennington County; No. 10082, Vineland Township, Polk County; No. 10089, Bible Baptist Church, Crookston Township, Polk County; No. 10091, John Dyrdal, Numedal Township, Pennington County; No. 10092, John Dyrdal, Sanders Township, Pennington County; No. 10093 and 10094, Bruce Newhouse, Fisher Township, Polk County; No. 10095, Kyle Mehrkens, Rocksbury Township, Pennington County; No. 10096, Pennington County Highway Department, Highlanding Township; No. 10097, Pennington County Highway Department, Bray Township; No. 10098, Pennington County Highway Department, Smiley Township; No. 10099, Chester Yonke, Excel, Marshall County; No. 10100, Parnell Township, Polk County; No. 10101, Todd Evenson, Roome Township, Polk County; No. 10102, Jeremy Jeineu, Keystone, Euclid Township, Polk County; No. 10104, Steiger Farms, Inc., Black River Township, Pennington County; No. 10105, Maurice Stenseth, Smiley Township, Pennington County; No. 10106, Lester Vad, Mayfield, Deer Park Townships, Pennington County; No. 10107, Erik Nymann, Emardville Township, Red Lake County; No. 10108, Erik Nymann, Browns Creek Township, Red Lake County; No. 10109, Curtis Amundson, Northland Township, Polk County; and No. 10110, Dennis McGeary, Deer Park Township, Pennington County. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Permit No. 10086, Todd Evenson, Small Vineland Township, Polk County. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to table Permit No. 10086 for further review by District Staff. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed Permit No. 10090, Pennington County Highway Department, Reiner Township. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Ose, to table Permit No. 10090 for further review. Motion carried.

Administrators update:

- Nate Dalager, Randy Huelskamp, Paige Guetter, and Garry Bennett viewed the Tim and Carol Wagner ring dike in hopes of reaching a jurisdictional authority for permitting. This project consists of armoring the slopes of an oxbow to help stabilize the slopes of the proposed ring dike. The cost of the ring dike is very high and the landowner is asking for a few weeks to make a decision whether to proceed.
- Jesme and Manager Knott will attend the RRWMB meeting on August 17, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. in Moorhead. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Congressional signing ceremony for the Red River Joint Water Resources Board.
- Jesme attended a meeting on August 10, 2010 with a delegation from the MN DNR which viewed the Goose Lake Project as well as the Grand Marais Outlet Restoration Project. This meeting was an opportunity to show agency staff from St. Paul what the project consists of in hopes that they will offer their full support of the project. The same day, Jesme attended a meeting with BWSR and the West Polk SWCD to get a better understanding of where we are at with the RIM signup on this project. The meeting was held to work on setting up conservation plans on a few parcels that are the furthest along.
- On August 16 staff from the District, RLWD and other volunteers will be completing a Fluvial Geomorphology analysis throughout the Thief River Watershed. The information collected will eventually be incorporated into the Thief River Watershed Based TMDL project reports, protection plans, and implementation plans.
- Marshall County Commission Gary Kiesow requested Jesme and staff member Loren Sanderson meet with the Marshall/Beltrami County Joint Ditch Board in Grygla on August 16, 2010. The portion of the meeting we will attend is intended to give an overview of the general operation of the Moose River Impoundment and how it was operated this year to address the frequent rainfall events.
- Included in the packet is a Water Quality Report dated July 2010.

Jesme stated that he has an opportunity to attend the Governors Debate in Brainerd the week of August 16th, but would conflict with the RRWMB meeting. Jesme stated that he would pay his own expenses to attend. It was the consensus of the Board, that Jesme attend the Governors Debate at his own expense, with only using one day vacation.

Manager Ose discussed the Marshall/Beltrami County Joint Ditch Board meeting on August 16, 2010, that he will be attending along with Manager Coe and staff members Jesme and Sanderson.

Discussion was held on State Ditch 83 and the installation of side inlet pipes.

Manager Tiedemann discussed the tour Jesme attended on the Grand Marais. Administrator Jesme stated that it was his understanding that the MnDNR wanted to see the project as it may be a project that they would support for a future funding request from the Lessard Sams Outdoor Heritage Council funding.

President Nelson presented the proposed 2011 General Fund Budget to the Board of Managers for review. Nelson stated that the Budget/Salary committee members Nelson, Coe, and Tiedemann met to review the 2011 Budget and Salary recommendations. Discussion was held on the installation of a cold storage garage behind the office and an increase of Legal Counsel Sparby's fees.

Manager Tiedemann discussed the installation of a rain garden at the District office. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Ose, to authorize staff members to research the installation of a rain garden for the District office. Motion carried.

Upon considerable discussion, a motion was made by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to approve the proposed 2011 General Fund Budget; to publish for the August 26, 2010, 10:00 a.m. General Fund Budget hearing, and to approve a 2% pay increase for staff members Jesme, Sanderson, Lane, Novak, Audette and Blix and a 4% pay increase for staff member Hanson effective January 1, 2011 and the installation of a 32'x40' cold storage garage, and an increase in hourly rate for Legal Counsel Sparby to \$130 per hour. Motion carried.

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



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Orville Knott, Secretary