

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
October 27, 2011

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

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

Motion by Knott, seconded by Nordlund, to dispense reading of the October 13, 2011 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated October 26, 2011. Motion by Ose, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated October 26, 2011.

Administrator Jesme presented information on behalf of the Beltrami County SWCD for a slope stabilization plan on the shoreline of Clearwater Lake on land owned by Brad Bjerke. The Beltrami SWCD is recommending slope restoration to the bank to prevent sedimentation and vegetation from being deposited into Clearwater Lake. Landowner Brad Bjerke is committed to completing the restoration prior to freeze up to ensure further erosion does not occur, and will be responsible for all associated labor costs. Jesme stated that the total project cost is \$8,500, with the Beltrami County SWCD requesting \$4,000 from the 2011 Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion by Ose, seconded by Coe, to approve the request of the Beltrami County SWCD for cost share in the amount of \$4,000 for slope stabilization from the 2011 Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme presented the estimated project cost breakdown for the Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F. Jesme stated that the District is projected to spend approximately \$401,416 from District funds. Discussion was held on when a hearing for the project will be held.

Administrator Jesme stated that U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is completing a Hydrologic Modeling System of the District. Part of the process requires each watershed district to hire an engineering firm to review the Hydrologic Modeling System completed by the Corps with the costs covered by the Red River Watershed Management Board. Motion by Knott, seconded by Ose, to hire Houston Engineering, Inc. to complete the review of the Hydrologic Modeling System. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed correspondence received from the RRWMB for cost share payment in the amount of \$10,152.50 due for the USGS stream gage sites. Motion by Coe, seconded by Knott, to approve cost share in the amount of \$10,152.50 to the RRWMB for USGS stream gage sites. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the appointment of a citizen advisor on the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group. It was the consensus of the Board, to submit a letter to the District's

Advisory Committee members to inquire if there is any interest in being nominated for a Citizen Advisor position on the Red River Basin Flood Damage Reduction Work Group.

The Board reviewed a quote from Marco for a HP Server, scanner and Management Solutions software in the amount of \$27,601.13. Motion by Ose, seconded by Coe, to approve the purchase of a HP Server, scanner and Management Solutions software in the amount of \$27,601.13. Motion carried.

The Board continued their discussion from the October 13, 2011 meeting regarding the request from Polk County Highway Department to develop a mechanism consistent with other watershed districts concerning the permitting of tiling. Manager Knott discussed state wide rules for tiling and that the Red River Retention Authority already investigating a basin wide approach for tiling. After further discussion, it was the consensus of the Board, that Manager Knott will bring back future information on tiling from the Red River Retention Authority..

The Board reviewed Permit No. 11186, Matt Kolstoe, Garnes Township, Red Lake County. Staff member Loren Sanderson stated this permit is in regard to a drainage dispute between two landowners. Sanderson surveyed the area and determined that the existing private drainage system does not function well and agrees that the applicant could install a culvert and excavate a property line ditch to allow water to route to the township road ditch. Sanderson will monitor this area during a future runoff event. Motion by Knott, seconded by Ose, to approve Permit No. 11186, Matt Kolstoe, Garnes Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Nordlund , seconded by Knott, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 11166, Jeremiah Johnson, Popular River Township, Red Lake County; No. 11174, Pennington County Highway Department, Sanders Township; No. 11175, Leonard Huot, Gentilly Township, Polk County; No. 11176, Richard Schmitz, Louisville Township, Red Lake County; No. 11177 and 11178, Gerald Michealsen, Louisville Township, Red Lake County; No. 11179, Richard Schmitz, Red Lake Falls Township, Red Lake County; No. 11180, Brad Nelson, Sullivan Township, Polk County; No. 11181, Robert Miller, Goodridge Township, Pennington County; No. 11184, Keith Dahlin, Keystone Township, Polk County; No. 11185, Kevin Yaggie, Poplar River Township, Red Lake County; No. 11187, Mike Kraemer, Smiley Township, Pennington County; Motion carried.

Administrators update:

- Construction should begin this week on the last state funded ring dike located east of Crookston in Section 28, Crookston Township. No additional ring dike funding was appropriated from the State in 2012. The estimated cost for the ring dike is \$25,000 and will be constructed by Olson Construction.

- Manager Knott and Jesme attended the RRWMB meeting held on October 18th in Ada. Included in the packet was the September 20, 2011 RRWMB minutes. The November 15, 2011 RRWMB meeting will be held in the District office.
- The District was informed of a beaver dam located at the west end of the Brandt channel restoration in Section 11, Euclid Township. The beaver will be trapped and the dam removed this fall.
- Included in your packet is the "Fall Team Kick-Off" for River Watch Forum that will be held at three locations through the Red River Basin, sponsored by the International Water Institute. This forum is intended to share new resources, networking and other information that will assist schools in their participation with River Watch.

Administrator Jesme stated that the Moose River Impoundment was opened last week for winter drawdown and that it took only four days to get to winter levels.

Manager Ose inquired on maintenance activities on State Ditch 83. Administrator Jesme stated that work needs to be completed near the outlet of Marshall County Ditch 20.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Ose, to approve Permit No. 11194, Calvin Harmoning, Red Lake Falls Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Nordlund, to approve Permit No. 11196, Erick Sirek, Belguim Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed a survey information by District staff on Pennington County Ditch 75. It was the consensus of the Board to look further into this matter once the cross section information has been compared.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. presented draft plans for the Improvement to Pennington County Ditch 1/Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, RLWD Projects No. 171 and 171A. Dalager stated he plans to meet with the county and city to review the plans within the next week.

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



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Orville Knott, Secretary