

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
May 24, 2012

Present were: Managers Lee Coe, Orville Knott, Dale M. Nelson, LeRoy Ose and Gene Tiedemann. Absent: Les Torgerson 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 Tiedemann, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda.

Motion by Ose, seconded by Coe, to dispense reading of the May 10, 2012 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated May 23, 2012. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report and Investment Summary dated May 23, 2012.

Administrator Jesme updated the Board on construction activities for RLWD Ditch No. 14/Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction, Project No. 171/171A. Discussion was held on the crossing requested by Mr. Nygaard. Jesme has been working with the Minnesota Housing Development Authority in regard to the location of the crossing. The District has not received the Corps' permit application therefore no work can be completed on the outlet.

Administrator Jesme stated that a preconstruction meeting will be held on the Grand Marais Creek Cut Channel, RLWD Project No. 60FF on May 31st. Construction is expected to begin the first part of June. To date the District has not received the Corps' permit application and the cultural study is still progressing. Jesme stated that he is still working on easement agreements with the local landowners and hopes to get easements signed soon.

The prescribed burn on the Parnell Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 81, was completed by staff from the Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge. Administrator Jesme stated that if the District would have had to pay for the burning, it would have cost the District \$4,861.36. The Board reviewed a map showing lateral ditches within the east pool of the Parnell Impoundment. Jesme stated it would cost approximately \$5,000 to \$8,000 to construct the lateral ditches for improved drainage. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Coe, to authorize the staff to spend up to \$10,000 for construction of lateral ditches within the east pool of the Parnell Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 81. Motion carried.

A request was received from Clifford Schultz for haying the Euclid East Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60C. Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve haying by Clifford Schultz for the Euclid East Impoundment, on the same terms as in the past. Motion carried.

A request was received for haying from Mark Askeland for the Brandt Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60D. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to approve haying by Mark Askeland for the Brandt Impoundment, on the same terms as in the past. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the minor corrections made to the 2011 Annual Report. Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to approve the 2011 Annual Report and authorize the staff to set up meetings with the respective county commissioners for presentation of the report. Motion carried.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve Permit No. 12019, Merle Kolstad, Badger Township, Polk County, with conditions stated on the permit. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Knott, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 12054, Jeff Monroe, Bray Township, Pennington County; No. 12055, John V Houske, Wyandotte Township, Pennington County; No. 12056, Mike Bienek, Norden Township, Pennington County; No. 12057, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Emarville Township, Red Lake County; and No. 12058, Pennington County Highway Department, Wyandotte Township, Pennington County. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that he had a conversation with Red Lake County Highway Department Engineer Corkey Kleven in regard to District permit applications.

#### Administrators Update:

- Manager Knott and Jesme attended the RRWMB meeting held at the District office on May 15, 2012.
- Jesme and Engineer Nate Dalager toured the Chuck Flage Erosion Control Project on May 18th to view alternatives to the project. Dalager will present two alternatives to the Board at a future meeting.
- Jesme and staff member Corey Hanson attended a workshop organized by Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge to develop a mutual and clear understanding of the sedimentation issues affecting Agassiz Pool.
- Included in the packet is a recent legislative update from Ray Bohn, MAWD, which also includes funding that BWSR received from the constitutional amendment.
- The District has been receiving various Value Certifications from counties over the past week. It appears that there is a slight increase in valuations from that of 2011.
- Included in the packet was the April 2012 Water Quality Report.

Engineer Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc. discussed the Chuck Flage Erosion Control Project, RLWD Project No. 174. Dalager stated that they are looking at rerouting the water. The current outlet is a huge gorge causing high turbidity and sediment in the river.

Engineer Jeff Langan, Houston Engineering, Inc. stated that a preconstruction meeting for the Grand Marais Creek Cut Channel, RLWD Project No. 60FF will be held May 31st. Langan discussed the issues involved since Houston hired a certified archaeologist to comply with the requirements of permitting through the Corps of Engineers.

Administrator Jesme stated that the District will receive a \$120,000 grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service which can only be used for fish passage on the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration Project, RLWD Project No. 60F.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he had reviewed the contract documents with R.J. Zavoral and Sons, Inc. for construction of the Grand Marais Creek Cut Channel, RLWD Project No. 60FF. Sparby recommended several changes that should be made to the documents.

Manager Knott stated that at the last RRWMB meeting, discussion was held on the 20% flood retention on the Red Lake River that the RRWMB is requesting from the District. Knott stated that Chuck Fritz, International Water Institute, and the new administrator from the Red River Retention Authority will be attending Watershed District meetings to discuss the matter.

Manager Tiedemann asked about the status of the Brandt Channel, RLWD Project No. 175. Administrator Jesme and Engineer Nate Dalager discussed the preliminary engineering.

Manager Nelson asked about construction on County Ditch 20/State Ditch 83 Channel Stabilization, RLWD Project No. 14D. Administrator Jesme stated that the culverts will be delivered in the near future and once the water levels recede construction can begin.

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



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Orville Knott, Secretary