

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
April 11, 2013

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

The Board reviewed the agenda. Legal Counsel Sparby requested the addition of a Resolution for the Certification of Charges for the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction, Project No. 171A, Water Management District to the agenda. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda with the addition of a Resolution for the Certification of Charges for the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction, Project No. 171A, Water Management District. Motion carried.

Motion by Knott, seconded by Coe, to dispense reading of the March 28, 2013 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated April 10, 2013. Motion by Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated April 10, 2013. Motion carried.

Staff member Arlene Novak reviewed a Capital Fund Project Transfer for staff time and interest for the Glacial Ridge Project, RLWD Project No. 152 and 152A. Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to approve the Capital Fund Project Transfer for the Glacial Ridge Project, RLWD Project No. 152 and 152A. Motion carried.

Novak reviewed the 2013 General Fund Budget as of March 31, 2013.

The Board reviewed correspondence from Great Northern Transmission Line concerning an upcoming open house to gather input on route alternatives.

The Board reviewed the permits for approval. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 13010, Edward Weiland, Bray Township, Pennington County; No. 13011, Milton Burstad, Kratka Township, Pennington County; 13012, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Beltrami, Clearwater, Marshall, Pennington, Polk and Red Lake County's; and No. 13014 and 13015, Ryan Barth, Excel Township, Marshall County. Motion carried.

Staff member Corey Hanson requested assistance to complete river monitoring during the spring runoff for the Thief River TMDL Project No. 157B, Red Lake River Watershed Assessment, Project No. 157C and potentially the Grand Marais Creek Watershed Restoration and Protection Plan (WRAP), Project No. 157D. Due to a foot injury, Hanson will be unable to monitor all the sites required since the spring flood occurs in a small window of time. All the projects are funded through the Clean Water Legacy Funds. Hanson stated that the Red Lake DNR has river survey equipment which is extremely accurate during high flow readings. The Red Lake DNR budget has been hit hard by the recent sequester and the Red Lake DNR is available to assist the

District in spring monitoring. It was the consensus of the Board to ask the Red Lake DNR for assistance to complete river monitoring during the spring runoff.

Hanson stated he would like to acquire additional flow data on the Clearwater River. Hanson estimated it would cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000 for the Red Lake DNR to acquire flow data on the Clearwater River. Funding for the project would be allocated from the Stream Gaging Budget, Project No. 21. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Mandt, to approve the hiring of the Red Lake DNR to assist in flow data on the Clearwater River at an estimated cost of \$4,000 to \$5,000. Motion carried.

Viewer Rodney Langaas presented information on the Viewers Report on the Brandt Channel Establishment, RLWD Ditch 15, Project No. 175 and submitted the report for filing. Langaas discussed the two days of meetings held with landowners to discuss individual drainage patterns. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Torgerson, to accept for filing, the Viewers Report on the Brandt Channel Establishment, RLWD Ditch 15, Project No. 175. Motion carried.

Administrator Jesme stated that since the MnDNR Commissioners Report and the Viewers Report have been filed with the District for the Brandt Channel Establishment, RLWD Ditch 15, Project No. 175, the Board can set a date for the Final Hearing. Motion by Ose, seconded by Knott, to set the date for the Final Hearing for the Brandt Channel Establishment, RLWD Ditch 15, Project No. 175 for May 23, 2013 at 9:30 a.m. at the District office. Motion carried.

Brian Malone, Pennington SWCD presented information on the Erickson Group Stabilization Project to prevent erosion on 1500' of streambank on the Thief River. Malone stated that 8 stream barbs will be placed in the river to prevent additional erosion to the streambank. The project is located in the SW1/4 NE1/4 Section 16, North Township, Pennington County. The total project cost is \$30,500. The Pennington SWCD received a Clean Water Fund Grant in the amount of \$23,500. Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the request of the Pennington SWCD for cost share in the amount of \$7,000 for the Erickson Group Stabilization Project from the 2013 Erosion Control Funds, RLWD Project No. 164. Motion carried.

Malone also discussed the Ralph Engelstad Arena Rain Garden Project. The current Engineer's Estimate is \$97,000. The Pennington SWCD received a grant in the amount of \$75,000. The City of Thief River Falls will provide \$10,000 of in-kind work. Malone estimated that there is a \$12,000 funding shortfall. It was the consensus of the Board, to discuss this project at a future meeting.

Administrators Update:

- Manager Knott and Jesme will attend the RRWMB meeting in Warren, on April 16, 2013.
- FEMA will hold a Risk Mapping, Assessment, and Planning (Risk MAP) meeting on April 30, 2013 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at the City Council Chambers in Crookston. This meeting is part of the FEMA grant that the District was involved with through the

MnDNR which included a study to redefine the floodplain along the Red Lake River from East Grand Forks to Thief River Falls. This meeting is part of a public input process which allows local entities to view the information which may allow protection or prevention of flood prone areas along the Red Lake River.

- The District and Middle Snake Tamarac WD and EOR will be holding a Watershed Restoration and Protection plan meeting at Cabela's on April 18th at 1:00 p.m. There have been invitations and flyers mailed out to the public as well as newspaper ads.
- On April 12th, Jesme will attend the second meeting at the District office with local Watersheds and MnDNR permitting staff to focus on permitting general cleanouts on or within protected waters/waters of the state.
- Included in your packet is the February Water Quality Report. Civic Engagement meetings will be held April 9th and 10th for the Red Lake River.

Legal Counsel Delray Sparby presented a Resolution for the Certification of Charges Related to the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, Water Management District, RLWD Project No. 171A. Sparby stated that the Resolution will be given to the Pennington County Recorder's Office to be filed and tracted against all properties within the Water Management District assessment area. Motion by Coe, seconded by Mandt, to approve the Resolution for the Certification of Charges Related to the Thief River Falls Flood Damage Reduction Project, Water Management District, RLWD Project No. 171A. Motion carried.

Manager Torgerson discussed calls he had received regarding low water levels on the Upper and Lower Red Lake. Discussion was held on the summer elevation of both lakes, with very little precipitation and evaporation that took place.

Manager Nelson stated that a Budget and Salary Committee meeting would be held after the Board meeting.

Motion by Mandt, seconded by Torgerson, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.



LeRoy Ose, Secretary