

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT
Board of Manager's Minutes
July 25, 2013

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

The Board reviewed the agenda. A motion was made by Coe, seconded by Torgerson, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Knott, to dispense reading of the July 11, 2013 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Coe, seconded by Tiedemann, to dispense reading of the July 18, 2013 Board meeting minutes and approve them as printed. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated July 24, 2013. Motion by Knott, seconded by Ose, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the Financial Report dated July 24, 2013. Motion carried.

Engineer Jeff Langan, Houston Engineering, Inc. introduced Tony Nordby and Sam Umlauf who will be inspecting the construction of the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration, RLWD Project No. 60F. Langan stated that construction should begin the third week of August. Contract documents have been signed and submitted to Legal Counsel Sparby for review. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2013. Railcars have been ordered and will be delivered by the end of September, with construction of the abutments in mid-August. Administrator Jesme stated that he completed a semi-annual report to the Lessard Sam Heritage Counsel for funding received for the construction the Grand Marais Creek Channel Restoration Project.

The Board reviewed the Red River Watershed Management Board 2014 Levy Resolution.

The Polk County Commissioners acting as the Drainage Authority for Polk County Ditch No. 126 have scheduled a public hearing for August 13, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. at the University of Minnesota Crookston Youngquist Auditorium regarding the granting and assessment of an outlet to unassessed property into Polk County Ditch No. 126. Administrator Jesme stated that this area is downstream of the Parnell Impoundment and that several areas have never paid benefits into the ditch system and will now be included into the benefitted area.

The Board reviewed a Quarterly Performance Report for the Glacial Ridge Project, RLWD Project No. 152.

The Board reviewed the Enbridge Pipeline Sandpiper Pipeline Project that will begin in Tioga, ND to Clearbrook, MN and continue to the Enbridge terminal in Superior, WI.

The Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the University of Minnesota Extension office will be hosting a webinar on Emerging Conservation Practices and Challenges for Agricultural Drainage by Dr. Gary Sands on August 2, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Torgerson, seconded by Mandt, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 13067, Euclid Township, Polk County; No. 13068, Steve Goodwin, Keystone Township, Polk County; and No. 13070, Century Link, Esther Township, Polk County. Motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m., the final payment hearing for Wright Construction, Inc. concerning the construction of the Flage Erosion Control Project, RLWD Project No. 174 was called to order. President Nelson stated that the hearing had been properly advertised. Discussion regarding the final payment request was had and the opportunity for public comment was given. There was no one in attendance objecting to the final payment. Motion by Mandt, seconded by Coe, to approve the final payment in the amount of \$26,701.11 to Wright Construction, Inc. for the construction of the Flage Erosion Control Project, RLWD Project No. 174. Motion carried. The hearing was videotaped and is on file at the RLWD office.

Administrators Update:

- Jesme and Manager Knott attended the RRWMB meeting in Roseau on July 16 at which time they toured the Hay Creek-Norland Impoundment Project. The next RRWMB meeting will be held on August 20 in Ada.
- Jesme and Managers Tiedemann and Mandt presented the 2012 Annual Report to the Polk County Commissioners on July 23rd and then proceeded to the Red Lake County Commissioners meeting with Manager Knott. Upcoming county meetings include: Clearwater County on July 30th, Marshall and Beltrami County on March 6th and Pennington County on March 13th.
- Contract award documents have been submitted to Davidson Construction, Inc. for construction of the Grand Marais Creek Outlet Restoration.
- Jesme and Engineer Dalager met with Bygland Township officers to discuss their washout located in Section 4. It appeared that they may have an issue with the installation of the new culvert. Discussion was held on what they could do to protect their township roads from washing out.
- Jesme is in the process of completing necessary paper work to allow the City of Fosston to purchase and withdraw .186 acres of wetland banking credits from the District at a cost of \$12,149 per acre for a total of \$2,259.71. These acres will be withdrawn from Wetland Bank Account #1504 (Louisville Parnell Parcel A).
- Included in the packet was the June 2013 Water Quality Report.

At 9:30 a.m., President Dale M. Nelson recessed the general meeting and reconvened the Final Hearing for the Establishment of the Brandt Channel, RLWD Ditch No. 15, Project No. 175 to order. President Nelson addressed the public as to the hearing and its process. Nelson stated that the hearing is being videotaped and will be available for viewing at the RLWD office.

Administrator Myron Jesme stated that in the handouts available to those in attendance were

letters from landowner Steven Goodwin, Anthony Pulkrabek, Jay Johnston and Ken F. Kobetsky, P.E. Ken F. Kobetsky also participated in the hearing via conference call. Nate Dalager, HDR Engineering, Inc., and Engineer for the project discussed the Addendum to the Detail Survey Report. Jerry Bennett, Rodney Langaas and Roger Beiswenger, viewers for the project, discussed reviewing the benefited area using the hydrological datum shown in the Detailed Engineers Report provided by HDR Engineering, Inc. The Engineer and Viewers entertained questions from the Board and the audience. Landowners in attendance were given a chance to ask questions and/or make comments. Motion by Coe, seconded by Ose, to establish the Brandt Channel, RLWD Ditch 15, Project No. 175 according to the Engineers Report with a 10 Year Design; to adopt the Viewers Report of benefits and damages, as amended or corrected; finding that the statutory factors necessary to establish the drainage project were present and to direct staff to prepare Findings and Orders consistent with the motion for the Board's consideration and adoption. Motion carried. Motion carried with Manager Tiedemann abstaining. The hearing was adjourned.

Legal Counsel Sparby stated that he is working on the letter to landowner Joann Ferring.

Manager Torgerson discussed the Clearbrook Stormwater Runoff Project, Bagley Lake Water Quality Protection Project, and Four Legged Lake Project.

Manager Knott asked if any decisions had been made on the drainage in RLWD Ditch 10, Project No. 161. President Nelson stated that the District Ditch Inspector would be making recommendations.

Manager Tiedemann discussed the mowing of the Euclid East Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 60C.

Manager Coe discussed the meeting he attended along with Manager Ose and staff member Loren Sanderson in Grygla regarding Marshall/Beltrami County Joint Ditches.

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



LeRoy Ose, Secretary