

RED LAKE WATERSHED DISTRICT  
Board of Manager's Minutes  
November 20, 2017

President, Dale M. Nelson, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Red Lake Watershed District Office, Thief River Falls, MN.

Present were: Managers Dale M. Nelson, Les Torgerson, Terry Sorenson, Allan Page, Brian Dwight, LeRoy Ose, and Gene Tiedemann. Staff Present: Myron Jesme and Tammy Audette and Legal Counsel Sparby.

The Board reviewed the agenda. Manager Torgerson requested the addition of Alternate on the Project Work Team for the Four Legged Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 102A to the agenda. A motion was made by Tiedemann, seconded by Dwight, and passed by unanimous vote that the Board approve the agenda with the addition of the Alternate on the Project Work Team for the Four Legged Lake Project, RLWD Project No. 102A. Motion carried.

Tammy Audette read the November 9, 2017 minutes. Motion by Ose, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the November 9, 2017 Board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Financial Report dated November 17, 2017. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the Financial Report dated November 17, 2017 as presented. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Investment Summary dated November 20, 2017. Manager Sorenson recommended the renewal of the maturing Certificate of Deposit with First National Bank-Bemidji. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Tiedemann, to approve the renewal of the Certificate of Deposit with First National Bank-Bemidji. Motion carried.

Engineer Jeff Langan, Houston Engineering, Inc. (HEI), discussed the meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for the Black River Impoundment Project, RLWD Project No. 176. The TAC recommended investigating additional storage for the proposed project. HEI determined that by raising the gated storage by 1.5', it will increase the cost to the project by approximately \$200,000, but will improve the Star Value rating for the project, thus reducing the percentage project costs to the District. The TAC also requested exploring the downstream effects as it relates to the Schirrick Dam. Langan stated that they determined that the Black River Impoundment will increase the benefits to the Schirrick Dam, by reducing the peak event. HEI submitted a memo to the TAC with the pertinent information as related to the increase of storage and the Schirrick Dam. Comments have been received from the MnDNR and BWSR, which will be forward to the RRWMB as required in their Governing Documents. HEI will respond to the MnDNR, BWSR and TAC comments. A meeting has been scheduled for this week to review wetland impacts.

Discussion was held on land rental for the real property purchased for the proposed Black River Impoundment, RLWD Project No. 176. It was the consensus of the Board to address this item in March/April, 2018.

Administrator Jesme stated that he received the following quotes for the purchase of a 2018 Chevrolet Traverse to replace the 2005 Chevrolet Suburban: Northern Motors quote,

\$28,714.81; Thibert Chevrolet quote, \$28,861.75. Jesme recommended advertising the 2005 Chevrolet Suburban for sale, rather than trading it in. Motion by Sorenson, seconded by Torgerson, to approve the purchase of a 2018 Chevrolet Traverse in the low quote amount of \$28,714.81, from Northern Motors. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed an agreement from the Middle Snake Tamarac River Watershed District (MSTRWD) pertaining to a MSTRWD permit application on the boundary of the Red Lake Watershed District (RLWD) and the MSTRWD. Motion by Ose, seconded by Page, to approve the agreement for a MSTRWD permit on the boundary between the RLWD and the MSTRWD. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the following permits for approval. Motion by Tiedemann, seconded by Page, to approve the following permits with conditions stated on the permit: No. 17168, Timothy Brule, Gentilly Township, Polk County; No. 17169, Minnesota Department of Transportation, Knute Township, Polk County; No. 17170, Minnesota Department of Transportation, North Township, Pennington County; and No. 17171, Nathan Wahlin, Equality Township, Red Lake County. Motion carried.

The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Red River Basin Land & Water International Summit Conference will be held January 23-25, 2018 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

#### Administrators Update:

- Manager Ose will attend the RRWMB meeting in Ada on November 21, 2017.
- Jesme participated in a Red Lake River 1W1P Planning Committee meeting on November 14, 2017, to discuss the priority concerns that will be used as a basis to move forward with potential projects in preparation of funds to be distributed by BWSR.
- Jesme will attend a Judicial Ditch 72 meeting with the Polk County Engineer and Viewers that were hired for the redetermination of benefits of this system.
- Jesme will leave for the MAWD Convention on November 28 to attend the Administrators' meeting, and return after the morning sessions are over on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Jesme will participate in a Thief River Falls Westside FDR Project meeting with Mike Flaagan, Mark Borseth, Nate Dalager and John Kolb on November 22<sup>nd</sup> to get an update of some of the planning changes upon completion of the survey and discussion with MnDOT.

Manager Torgerson requested that in his absence over the next several months, Manager Dwight replace him on the Four Legged Lake Project and Pine Lake Project Work Teams. Manager Dwight is the alternate for both projects.

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



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LeRoy Ose, Secretary